



**MD5 Council Meeting Minutes
Whitecap, Saskatchewan
May 29, 2025 – 4:00 PM**

COG Attendance:

CC LeeAnn Haisch, Secretary Lois Reiersen, Treasurer John Emmett,

State/Provincial Reps: SK Rep Don Morris, ND Rep Rick Stark, SD Rep Dave Pigors

DGs: 5SKN Ray Tatro, 5SE Dennis Bohmont, 5NE Kirk Tingum, and 5SKS Heather Vermeersch

Absent DGs: 5SW Francis Waits, 5NW Lynn Helms

DGEs: 5SKN Brian Starkell, 5SKS Page Newton, 5NW Karen DaSilva, 5NE Paula Swanson, 5SE Reid Christopherson

Absent DGEs: 5SW Daryl Moll

1st VDGEs: 5SE Jackie Cerkowniak, 5SKS Shelly Carroll, 5SKN Randy Braaten

Absent 1st VDGEs: 5NW Jacob Thrailkill, 5NE Kristi Swenson

2nd VDGEs: 5SKN Nancy Bonyai

GAT Team: GET Chair Lynn Grabow, GMT Mark Koller, GLT Tim Haight

Committee Chairs: New Voices Chair Crystal Dueker, Canada LCIF Chair Rob Hill

PIDs: Pat Vannett and Garnett Davis

Others in Attendance: CA2 GAT Gail Haight, PCC Rick Pockett, PDG Beryl Bauer

Meeting called to order at 4:15 PM by CC LeeAnn Haisch.

National Anthems were sung by PDG Robyn Tyler

Eligible to Vote – District Governors, State and Provincial Rep, Council Secretary and Treasurer and CC can vote to break a tie.

Adopt Agenda – Motion by DG Kirk and seconded by DG Dennis to adopt the agenda with the addition of Training Funds under New Business, item e. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

March 22, 2025, meeting minutes were emailed and posted on the MD5 Council of Governors One Drive by Lion Lois Reiersen. Motion by DG Heather and seconded by DG Dennis to approve March 22, 2025, meeting minutes as emailed and posted. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

PCC John Emmett emailed his report. The Balance Sheet shows a -\$20 balance after closing the savings so working to resolve that. The Accounts Receivable shows \$6269.44, which is due to one of the district's dues that were not paid until last week and the check hasn't cleared.

Budget vs actual – \$36,400 was the net income which is partially due to the March meeting held via Zoom and the council chose not to do the calendars so the \$6,000 budgeted for LCIF was not spent. The commitment to LCIF for Campaign 100 was fulfilled.

Designated funds – \$21829.78 balance under Youth Exchange from previous year's camps. There is \$3,000 designated for RLLI.

The convention committee received \$12,000 which shows on profit and loss statement. The convention income is what was returned from the 2024 MD5 convention committee.

MD5 may want to talk about the money in the Convention Deficit Reserve Fund in the upcoming year. #310 on Profit and Loss is the \$5,000 given to the Orlando Convention and the \$950 is registration fee paid to the Orlando convention for five MD5 Lions. MD5 committed to paying the registration for up to 25 Lions.

Motion by DG Dennis and seconded by DG Ray to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted and presented. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Mission 1.5/GMA Approach – PID Pat Vannett thanked Lions for their hard work in building membership. We are seeing progress using the GMA process.

There was a cost analysis on continuing the training in St. Charles for VDGs and a decision was made to move MD5 VDG training to Las Vegas. VDGs believe there is value in having all VDGs together.

Motion by DG Ray and seconded by DG Heather to accept the Mission 1.5/GMA Approach report.

Motion carried.

State and Provincial Representatives

PDG Dave Pigors (GST) – PDG Dave submitted a report. The importance of defining roles was stressed.

VCC Don Morris (GLT and Convention) – VCC Don submitted his report. The Multiple District Grant Application was reviewed with suggestions for change. The grant application will be moved to an action item to be voted on. The state/provincial representatives would review the application, and it will then be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

PDG Rick Stark (GMT) – PDG Rick submitted his report.

Motion by DG Ray and seconded by DG Kirk to accept the State and Provincial Representatives reports. Motion carried.

Long Range Planning – PID Pat Vannett reported the council should discuss having positions filled earlier in the year. When should CC and GAT team be appointed? Earlier appointments allow for seamless transition from one year to the next. Motion by DG Heather and seconded by DG Ray to approve the LR Planning report. Motion carried.

GLT – PCC Tim Haight provided information previously at the summit. Motion by DG Kirk and seconded by DG Dennis to approve the GLT report. Motion carried.

GST – No report

GMT – PDG Mark Koller submitted his report. He recognized 5SKS, 5NW and 5NE for chartering one new club each and possibly two more coming in 5NW prior to the end of June. 5SKN is close to chartering in Melford. Motion by DG Heather and seconded by DG Dennis to approve the GMT report. Motion carried.

GET – PDG Lynn Grabow submitted a report. He thanked the district GETs for their efforts to expand membership. There could potentially be one more club chartered in 5NE as a rodeo club. Lions are

encouraged to think about specialty clubs. Motion by DG Kirk and seconded by DG Dennis to approve the GET report. Motion carried.

Orlando Convention -

2025 LCI Orlando Convention Update – PID Pat Vannett and PCC John Emmett

Orlando convention registration confirmation should be sent to PCC John Emmett and the registration fee will be refunded. The breakfast will be at the Rosen Plaza Hotel at a \$45 cost. Attendees will meet the ID candidates. CC LeeAnn is the parade marshal. Lion Crystal has volunteers lined up for the breakfast. CC LeeAnn will take flags. PCC John is looking for light weight flag poles for ease in transporting to conventions.

Parade Attire – DGE Paula said they are looking at white polo shirts with MD logo. See DGE Paula if you are planning to walk in the parade. Motion by DG Heather and seconded by DG Dennis to accept the convention report. Motion carried.

International Liaison - PID Pat Vannett passed along greetings from PID Bruce and Julie Schwartz who weren't able to attend as PID Bruce is awaiting surgery. PID Robert Littlefield's book, Resilience and Renewal, is for sale at the MD5 convention and all proceeds go to LCIF. Motion by DG Ray and seconded by DG Kirk to accept the International Liaison report. Motion carried.

LCIF – PDG Dave Czywczynski and PDG Rob Hill submitted their reports. PDG Rob added he is sending information directly to clubs and the Lions Pride. Donations jumped significantly from 11% to 59%. Motion by DG Ray and seconded by DG Heather to accept the LCIF report. Motion carried.

2025 MD5 Convention – PCC Marianne Kramchynsky and PCC Tim Haight

The committee raised about \$10,000 in sponsorships and they will be close to breaking even. The registration is about 110. Comments about the facility have been outstanding. The Saskatoon Lions are attending to the registration table.

Governor Jacket (DG Team) Luncheon – CC LeeAnn Haisch – The DG and DGE will be called forward and the DG will jacket the DGE. Individual and group photos are needed for the final convention report. PCC John has patches and name tags.

Senior Counselor Award Luncheon – Lion Lois Reiersen – Three PDGs will be awarded at the Friday luncheon with two requesting a donation to LCIF and one requesting a clock. The DG from the district will read a bio with information since they served as DG.

State/Provincial Breakfasts and election of Reps – CC LeeAnn Haisch – Lions voting at the breakfast must be Lions in good standing. The DGs will report at the business meeting on Saturday who was voted in as their state or provincial representative.

Memorial Service – CC LeeAnn Haisch – A slide show will play, and a bell rung as each name appears in the slide show.

Motion by DG Dennis and seconded by DG Kirk to accept the Convention reports. Motion carried.

2025 MD5 International Youth Camp – DG Ray reported there are sixteen registered out of continent, four from Saskatchewan, uncertain on the number from ND, and one from SK. The camp is July 6 – 12. Many activities are planned. The cost is \$400 US. This is the first out of continent camp since before COVID. Motion by DG Ray and seconded by PCC John to approve the Camp report. Motion carried.

Convention Resolution Committee – DG Kirk Tingu – Three resolutions will be presented on Saturday to honor some individuals. Motion by Lion Lois and seconded by DG Dennis to approve the Resolutions Committee report. Motion carried.

New Voices – Lion Crystal Dueker – Lion Crystal Beckman will be taking over as the New Voices chair. Motion by DG Heather and second by DG Kirk to approve the New Voices report. Motion carried.

CAI and CAII Area Leader Reports – PDG Gail Haight submitted her report.

Final DG and CC Reports were submitted.

5SKN is close to chartering a new club. Lions leaving positions are encouraged to come back and help MD5 in any way they can. MD5 is part of the team.

Motion by DG Dennis and seconded by VCC Don to accept the DGs and CC reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Venue and Date for August COG Meeting – August 15 – 16, 2025 at the Bismarck Radisson Hotel with 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and COG training.

MD5 Grant Committee – VCC Don Morris – The committee met and the state and provincial representatives put together a multiple district grant application that was previously reviewed in the meeting and moved to an action item under new business.

IT Coordinator/Calendar Chair Position separate from Marketing Chair – A marketing chair is needed.

RLLI 2025-2026 – PCC Tim Haight will be working on an RLLI.

MD5 Council Orientation Meeting – CC LeeAnn Haisch suggested a MD5 Council orientation at the August council meeting. Get input from the VDGs on what they need for training.

New Business – Action Items

MD5 Grants – VCC Don Morris - The Council of Governors meeting will be recessed on May 29th to reconvene at 8:00 AM on May 30th for the purpose of approving the Multiple District Grant Application. Lion Lois will email the revised grant application to the COG to be voted on May 30th.

Election of MD5 GST (PDG Krisha Ashby) – CC LeeAnn Haisch brought forward PDG Krisha Ashby from 5SE to fill the MD5 GST chair position. Motion by VCC Don and seconded by PCC John to approve the appointment of Krisha Ashby as the MD5 GST chair. Motion carried.

Election of IT/Calendar Chair – Motion by DG Ray and seconded by DG Heather to appoint VCC Don Morris as the IT/Calendar Chair. Motion carried.

Constitution/By-laws Committee for purpose of VCC/CC elections – The council chair position is currently vacant. The Constitution states the VCC fills the CC position in the absence of a CC. It was suggested that a committee be formed to find a way to move forward and look at constitutional issues. Motion by VCC Don and seconded by DG Dennis to form a committee to review the Constitution and By-laws. At this time, the CC position remains vacant and the VCC will serve in that position based on the constitution. PDG Robyn Tyler will be the VCC as the state representative from the state where the 2026 MD5 convention will be held. That policy is based on the constitution. Motion carried.

Training Funds – Training and building leadership is important. The MD5 received \$6,000 in interest in the past year. Motion by DG Heather and seconded by DG Kirk to give each district \$1000 to send their 1st or 2nd VDG to the USA/Canada Forum in the 2025/2026 year. The forum is the best learning

experience offered. The VDG must provide proof of registration and provide receipts to treasurer John to receive the funds. Motion carried.

Recessed at 6:45 PM.

Reconvened on May 30, 2025, at 7:56 AM by CC LeeAnn Haisch.

A quorum was established with CC LeeAnn, PCC John, Lion Lois, SD Rep. David Pigors, Provincial Rep Don Morris, and DGs Dennis, Kirk, Heather, Lynn, and Ray present.

Motion by DG Lynn and seconded by DG Dennis to adopt the amended MD Grant Proposal as emailed with an additional amendment under 2 7. Scope:

This grant program will be available annually until the balance in the Multiple District funds are depleted to \$150,000.

Motion carried.

Important Dates:

July 13 - 17, 2025 - LCI Convention, Orlando, FL

September 18 - 20, 2025 - USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Atlantic City, New Jersey

October 3 - 4, 2025 - SD Lions State Convention, Watertown, SD

October 24-25, 2025 - Saskatchewan Lions Provincial Convention - Saskatoon

October 24-25, 2025 - ND Lions State Convention, Bismarck, ND

July 3 – 7, 2026 – LCI Convention, Hong Kong China

Future MD5 Council of Governors Meetings:

August 15 – 16, 2025

November 15, 2025

March 21, 2026

Future MD5 Conventions:

May 28 - 30, 2026 Aberdeen, SD

2027 ND

2028 Saskatchewan

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned May 31, 2025, at 8:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Lois Reiersen

MD5 Council Secretary