

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2014
Glencoe Country Club, Glencoe, MN**

Call to Order: IPDG Joan Blank called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st VDG Marv Grimm

Invocation: Led by DG Harry Klenke

Presentation of Gavel: IPDG Joan Blank presented the 5M2 gavel to DG Harry Klenke. She presented the gavel on a royal pillow.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests and New Cabinet Members: DG Harry Klenke introduced special guests and the new cabinet members.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Charlette Abbas showing 44 in attendance plus 9 guests and 13 absent.

Appointments: Lion Dale Oldenberg made a motion to accept the appointments; Lion Chris Hall seconded. MC.

Adoption of the Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda: Medical Report under Old Business and Received Check under New Business. Motion to approve agenda 1st VDG Marv Grimm; Lion Nancy Mathwig 2nd. MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Lion Cathleen Williams; 2nd by Lion Diana Kroells. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report. Motion to approve was made by PID Maynard Ruks; 2nd by Lion Shirley Hespeneheide. MC.

Communications: No communication.

Old Business:

- **Vision Honduras** – No one has asked as of this year.
- **2016 MD5M Convention Report** – PID Maynard Rucks and Lion Nancy Mathwig. Some wording needs to be changed because of liability. PID Maynard and Lion Nancy will get this accomplished. Committee will meet August 14, 2014. Multiple Convention dates are April 22, 23, and 24, 2016.
- **Newsletter Budget** – Committee will discuss options before presenting a possible plan at the next Cabinet Meeting. Currently, the Newsletter production is well over budget.
- **Purchase of Flags** – IPDG Joan Blank & PID Debra are looking into the purchase of a USA and Minnesota Flag to be used at conventions, etc. They will get figures for the next cabinet meeting.
- **Update on Golf Trophy Participation** – Lion Chris Lund showed the Cabinet the Golf Cup that will rotate based on the number of points of the winning Lions Club.
- **Medical Reports** – Lion Cathleen Williams reported that Lion Mike Williams had open heart surgery on July 11, he has had two by-passes, is home and recovering slowly, but in good spirits. His intent is to cut trees in October. PDG Mary Spille reported on PDG Jim. He has been at different rehab centers. He is planning to be home in mid-September (according to Lion Jim). Lion Denise Lieske had a stroke June 14 but is doing well. Lion Denise was present! She is getting better through therapy three times a week.

New Business:

- **Approval of Banks** – Motion by Lion Wanda Breimhorst and 2nd by PDG Gordy Affield. MC.
- **Bonding of Cabinet Treasurer** – Motion by Lion Cathleen Williams; 2nd Lion Bruce Lieske. MC.
- **Approval of the 2014-2015 District Budget** – Motion by Lion Janet Knukmuhs; 2nd by Lion Wanda Breimhorst. MC.

- **Project New Hope:** Lion Darlene Wondra requested that Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN be put on the Parade of Greens. 100% of this project is run from donations given by Lions. This foundation originated in MN. Motion by Lion Darlene Wondra, PDG Mary Spille 2nd. MC. 501 (c) 3 status needs to be documented; checks need to be addressed properly. Lion Laura Maki will set something up on the website to get this documented.
- **Special Olympics:** Lion Laura Maki is on the Multiple District committee for Special Olympics. A job description was created. It will be presented at the Mid-Winter Convention.
- **MD5M Directory:** 2nd VDG Steve Wasserman said the CD's are here. Updates have been posted. It is also on the website. Get corrections to 2nd VDG Steve so the website can continue to be updated.
- **Camp Sweet Life:** Lion Kevin Blank told us that the 2nd Annual Camp Sweet Life "Get Up and Grow" will be held on September 20 in Sibley Park in Mankato. 5M2 donated \$2,000 to promote this event.
- **Leo Hilary Wickenhauser Honor and Request:** Leo Hilary Wickenhauser was honored with the 2014 International Leadership Medal by IP Barry Palmer. She received it at the 2014 International Leo Summit in Toronto, Canada. She was then asked to attend the Leo Europa Forum on August 23-31, 2014, to represent the U.S. Leo Clubs in Istanbul, Turkey, where she will have two presentations/speeches. She will talk about her Cologne Leo Club and the other U.S. Leo Club Projects. This will cost about \$2,800 to travel and for registration. She will also be attending the USA/Canada Forum in on September 11-13. She will be on the recruiting younger Lions Panel along with two other Lions. She will be giving the Leo perspective on Lions. This will cost about \$750. She has also been asked by 5M1 to help them do a Leo summit at their Mid-Winter Convention. After a motion, discussion, amendments, the final motion was to give Leo Hilary \$1,000 for her trip to Turkey and that she can also ask individual clubs for money. The money would come out of the Budget Excess Account. Money from any local club would have to come out of the Local Club's Administrative Accounts. Motion by 2nd VDG Steve Wasserman; 2nd by Lion Paul Gorman. MC. (Lion Anna Wickenhauser and Leo Megan will also be attending.)
- **Check Presentation** – PID Del & Susie Brown, Iowa City Noon Lions Club gave \$1,000 to District 5M-2 for flood relief. They had received money in 2008 for floods and want to pay it forward.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Wanda Breimhorst introduced: Zone 1 Chair Lion Chris Hall; Zone 2 Chair Sandy Schneider; and Zone 3 Chair Jen Malecha to report on activities in their zones.

- **Zone 1** Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions Club – Zone 1 has 10 clubs, including the Hutchinson Lioness Club. Membership is holding at 275. There have been a couple of drops, but the good news is that there have been a couple added as well. Working with the Hutchinson Lions Club to host the Fall Zone Meeting, now needs to set a date with DG Harry. Planning on trying something this year to get more clubs involved with the meetings, not every club has access to a handicapped accessible building, perhaps they could do the tail twisting.
- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider thanked DG Harry for allowing her to serve on the Cabinet again this year. She is committed to doing her very best to blaze a "Path to Success" this year by scheduling club visits and encouraging inter-club visits throughout the Lions year. She hopes to have a positive membership growth within the Zone and do what she can to promote Lionism both here in the USA and internationally.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – No report

Region 2 Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson, thanked DG Harry for allowing her to be a Region Chair again this year. Each year she learns something new about the Lions. Region II has 718 members as of July 27. That is down 10 from last year. Each Zone Chair is working on setting their Fall Zone Meetings. All are aware of the Club Excellence Process. Lion Charlette knows of two clubs from Zone 4 who wish to do CEP. Of course, the goal of all clubs is to increase membership. The Zone Chairs are working on ideas for that. She is pleased to introduce Zone 4 Chairpersons Lion Brenda Jones from Courtland, Zone 5 Chairperson Lion Jim Spille from Norwood Young America, and Zone 6 Chairperson Lion Lori Klein from

Faribault. She hopes to see all at the Region II meeting on Tuesday, September 23, in Arlington.

- **Zone 4** Lions Brenda Jones – Zone 4 is doing well with 263 members as of August 3rd. Our Zone meeting is set for Tuesday, October 16th, hosted by the St. Peter Lions. Things going on in Zone 4 - Lafayette's Corn & Pork Feed fundraiser is Sat. Aug. 23rd, Nicollet has Pork Chop suppers the 3rd Sat. of the month, Courtland Lions will be starting their Bar Bingo back up in October and also have a Halloween Party for the kids on Sat. Oct 25th.
- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig – As most of you know, Lion Jim is currently recovering following his May stroke. During his rehab time, Zone 5 chair responsibilities will be handled as a joint duty by Immediate Past Zone Chair Lion Nancy, PDG Mary Spille and Lion Jim. Based on LCI membership reports, Zone 5 began the year with 238 Lions in seven clubs. They are also the home to the Sibley East Jr High and Sibley East Sr High Leo Clubs. At this time Lion Nancy does not have access to the Zone information on the LCI site and will need to work with Lion Jim on this item. The upcoming Zone 5 Fall meeting has been scheduled for Wed, November 5th at the Pavilion in Norwood Young America, host by the NYA West Carver Lions.
- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – Zone 6 begun the 2014-15 Lions year with 212 members. Zone chair is working on goals for the zone to be accomplished throughout the Lions Year, which will be submitted to District Governor. A letter to Presidents of clubs in the zone has been sent. It will be send to Secretaries as a follow up. Fall Zone meeting will be held on October 23, 2014 at the Northfield Eagles by the Northfield Cannon Valley Club. Look the invitation in Mid-September.

Region 3 Lion Paul Gorman reported that the fall Zone 8 meeting is October 21 at Bullhead's Bar and Grill, hosted by the Waterville Lions.

From Zone 7, Lions Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs

From Zone 8, Lion Robert Hunter

From Zone 9, Lion Ron Theusch

- **Zone 7** Lions Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs – Zone 7 started the new year with a total of 166 members. Amboy is at 41, Lake Crystal 46, Mankato 20, Key City has 10, Mankato Sunrise 26 and Winnebago at 23. They are in the process of mailing out the letter of introduction, included in this letter will be club visits, and also to let them know that they need to set their club visits as well. The fall zone meeting is Oct 28th at the American Legion Lake Crystal with the Lake Crystal club hosting. The spring meeting will be on March 24th, still waiting for the club they've asked to host it to get back to them. They thanked DG Harry for asking them to be on his cabinet.
- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – Membership report: Blooming Prairie 60 members, Ellendale 21 members, New Richland 27 members, Owatonna 19 members, Waterville 50 members for a total of 221. Plans for the Fall Zone meeting are underway.
- **Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – No report.

Committee Reports: VDG Marvin Grimm set a 3 minute time limit.

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen, Kathleen Bleckeberg, Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that Clubs continue to request Top Dog awards from Can-do-Canines for their contributions of \$500. Seventeen teams graduated last spring and the 2014 Fall graduation date is set for Saturday, Oct. 11. The Can-Do-Canines co-chairs are looking forward to arranging club visits in 5M2 during upcoming region and zone meetings. Thanks to all clubs in 5M2 for their past donations and hope everyone has had a wonderful summer.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that his goals for the coming year are:

1. To review the 5M2 Constitution for compliance with any changes that may have been made to the MD5M Constitution, the LCI Constitution, and the LCI Recommended District Constitution.
2. To review the 5M2 By-Laws and bring forth amendments that would bring them more in line with the LCI Recommended District By-Laws
3. To determine the most recent revision to the 5M2 Policy Manual, and review it for needed changes.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: No report.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the Bird Pins have arrived and will be distributed at the Zone and Region meetings. She continues to encourage anyone who has had an individual who has passed away in their club to be sure to let her know with a bio and picture for the Memorial Service.

GLT/GMT: PID Debra Wasserman reported on **DG Harry's GLT goals for 2014-2015**

1. Have clubs complete CEP Training. Hopefully about 2 per Zone in 2014-2015.
2. Encourage Zone Chairs to mention that all clubs have Orientation for new members.
3. Encourage older members to also attend Fall Zone Meetings.
4. At Region Meetings and Fall Zone Meetings make people aware of Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Encourage fellow Lions to take advantage of this good training.
5. Make people aware of the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato. Promote this at Region and Fall Zone Meetings.
6. Make people aware of the Multiple District Convention in Bloomington. Remind people we will be hosting it in 2016, so it would be a good idea to attend to find out what kind of help we will need to make it successful.
7. Continue having Quarterly meetings with GLT and GMT Coordinators.
8. Continue to have Quarterly meetings with First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor and their Spouses.

Historian: Lion Nancy Mathwig stated that following Lion Ken will be a hard act to follow. Lion Ken has done a tremendous job gathering all the "lost" information for our district and getting it ready for the website. Lion Nancy has not yet had the opportunity to speak with Lion Ken on possible areas that may not be complete or to find out if he has researched any other areas of interest. Lion Nancy will continue to gather the needed information to maintain the areas of information he already has in progress. Lion Nancy announced that she will be running for 2nd VDG at 5M2 Mid-Winter.

Journey for Service: Lion Gordy Affield reported that Journey for Service will be held in April of 2015. Times and dates have not been worked out yet. He thanked DG Harry for asking him to service. He knows it will be very hard to fill Lion Jack Webster's shoes or travel the miles he has made for the Lions of 5M2. He thanked Lion Jack Webster for his service!

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that in the last quarter, he presented programs for 2 Zone meetings and 2 clubs. He also did Officer Installation at 3 clubs. His District goal for LCIF was \$45,000.00. 5M2 raised \$40,298.86 to reach 89.55% of the goal. 5M2 had a 98.41% participation in LCIF donations. 5M District raised \$318,189.23. Worldwide LCIF donations were \$32,162,229.34. This was quite a year. He thanked PDG Joan for having him as LCIF chair and thanked DG Harry for asking him again to chair LCIF.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hesperheide reported that she went to the Council of Governor's meeting in St. Cloud on Saturday, July 26 to find out more of what is going on in the different districts. She is looking into getting the Warden of Dodge Center Correctional Facilities as speaker for the Mid-Winter Convention. He was instrumental in starting the Puppy Raiser's Program at the Correctional Facility and from what I understand is a very motivational speaker. The Canine Development Center Project has begun to raise money for the kennel redesign project. Lions Denise, Bruce and Shirley will be contacting clubs about coming to the clubs to speak about this project.

Lion Bruce Lieske reported that there have been some major health concerns at their home. Lion Denise had a major Stroke on June 14 she is still doing speech, occupational, and physical therapy three times per week.

This summer has been a hectic one for Lions Denise and Bruce. They have been working on the Leader Dog kennel redesign campaign. They hope to be contacting the clubs of District 5M2 to get pledges and donations for the project.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that she has received no response to repeated requests for information from Northfield Leos or Sibley Leos. Cologne Leos are busy doing service projects and working

on Membership Issues. She thanked DG Harry for the honor of serving on the Cabinet again this year.

Goals:

1. Try and get some funding set aside for "Outstanding Leos in the District to be used for Conventions. For example USA/Canada Forum or International Convention.
2. Host another 5M2 Leo Leadership Training at Mid-Winter with better speakers☺ and more Leos represented.
3. Try and get more Leos in 5M2 involved with other clubs service projects for mentorship roles and skill building.
4. On a Multiple level she will be working with Multiple Leo Chairperson Pete Yelle on the Leo Conference and trying to get more Leos to interact with each other on a Multiple level.

Liberty Day: Lion Dennie Hewitt reported that he is pleased to be on the Cabinet again and looks forward to another great year. He didn't have much to report yet, hoping to meet with Co-Chair Lion Al and figure out the strategy. He does have 1,000 Liberty Day books on hand and will work to get them all distributed. He asked the cabinet to authorize furnishing these books to participating Lions Clubs at no cost as in the past.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported there is nothing to report at this time. He has set goals for 2014-15 and they consist of: Working with the MD5M Long Range Planning Committee, Continuing to promote a long range plan for clubs, continuing to encourage Lions to develop a personal plan and a Lions plan, encouraging clubs to provide Long Range Planning presentation at club meetings, and designing a new display for the mid-winter convention. He looks forward to working with 5M2 Lions during 2014-15.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation met on July 18th and 19th, 2014 for training at the U of M, and a quarterly meeting at the Boulevard Hotel in Brooklyn Center. Trustee Lion Arline Richter of Albert Lea, MN and new Trustee Lion Jeff Williams of Excelsior, MN were the representatives in attendance for 5M2.

During training day, on July 18th, the Foundation heard from several of the doctors and audiologists from the Lions Hearing Center. They came to explain the basic services offered to patients that come to the Lions Hearing Center for help. They also updated us on how new equipment and procedures have improved the services they can render, as well as how we trustees can be of better service to those in need in our districts. For example, Dr. Deirdre Michael of the Voice Clinic not only explained the function of the voice clinic, but also how they may have a CD for us to use at club visits, a pediatric audiologist from the Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic told us how to find a local "peds" audiologist when needed, and a geneticist explained how they can now offer advanced genetic testing for hearing loss patients with certain syndromes, as well as how they are using Zebra fish to advance their work on regenerating hair cell growth in the ear canal. Dr. Bevan Yueh, the department chair, addressed the growing need and excitement for the planned Lions Professorship of Hearing, as well as the progress of current research projects...one researcher is researching how a patch put on the body can send signals to the auditory nerve. He also talked about current use of cochlear implants.

On Saturday, July 19th, the foundation met for a business session. After the meeting was called to order, attendance was taken and new trustees were introduced, reports were given and accepted, and our new schedule for the year was issued. The rest of the day's business included the following:

- a) A discussion of our current financial commitments and the resources we have available to meet them.
- b) The preparations needed for the following events:
 - State Fair Booth –Friday, August 22nd
 - Cochlear Implant Picnic - Sept. 7th
 - Hearing and Vision Tours – Sept. 27th
- c) A report on the success of the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk at the U of M Landscape Arboretum was given by chairs Mike and Sue Vos.
 - Money raised totaled \$142,888.87, which surpassed our goal of \$125,000.

- The Teddy Bear Band, Goldie Gopher, the Snowman, Lion, and clowns were all well received; as were the activities for the children, educational opportunities available, and our famous root beer floats. Even though the weather was drippy, a great time was had by all.
- d) Committees were formed to evaluate and lead the Foundation's activities, processes, and programs for the following year

Mid-Winter Convention: Lion Janet Hall reported that they had the first Mid-Winter planning meeting in July and they are off to a good start with the "Back to the 60's" weekend which will be February 13, 14 and 15, 2015 at the City Center in Mankato. They are hoping to have registration forms out by the Region and Zone meetings coming up in September and October.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – Lion Kevin reported that he was unable to attend the last Diabetes Foundation meeting that was held in July, as he was returning from the Lion's International convention in Toronto.

At the last 5M2 Diabetes meeting held on May 18th in St. Peter, the committee donated \$4,000.00 to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and \$2,000.00 to Camp Sweet Life. The monies donated to the Foundation will go towards research at the University of Minnesota. The monies donated to Camp Sweet Life will go towards signage and sponsorship at a fundraiser the camp is having in the fall.

The Diabetes Expo will be on Saturday, October 11 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Lion Kevin is planning to attend this event. He is also planning to attend all region and zone meetings to again promote diabetes awareness.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: Co-Chair Lion Diana Kroells reported that the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation held its annual training and quarterly board meeting on July 18 & 19th. This year the foundation welcomed 5 new members including our own 5M2 PDG Mary Spille. Once again the training session was extremely informational and a great reminder to us all of all the important work done at the Eye Bank. The training also included a tour of the Eye Bank. On Friday evening we enjoyed a joint banquet with the MN Lions Hearing Foundation.

Saturday morning they met for the board meeting. The foundation was happy to award 15 requested grants, totaling \$289,840 to the MN Lions Eye Bank doctors, researchers and other staff. The transfer of some of the investments to the University of MN Foundation has proven to be very beneficial. Because of foundation treasurer, Frank Lorenzo's declining health, they are in search of a new treasurer. A posting will appear in newsletters soon.

Dave Thompson, board representative of eyeglass recycling, expressed a great need for children's eyeglasses. Any clubs with eyeglasses to recycle can call Diana or Mary. Call and they will be happy to take them along to their board meetings.

Upcoming events include: working at the Foundation Booth at the State Fair, the fall tour on Sept 27, (There are still some openings), Donor Recognition program October 12 and the Thanksgiving for Vision October 25th. Please help to encourage your club presidents to take advantage of the Thanksgiving for Vision or to send someone else from their club.

She then thanked DG Harry for allowing them to serve on this very important board.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis no report.

Special Olympics: Committee will meet and report at next Cabinet Meeting.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that they have had two successful retreats this season, one at Camp New Hope in McGregor and one in Brainerd. They have three more scheduled; one Ironwood Springs near Stewartville that she hopes to help out at. She attended the retreat in McGregor and took along 18 quilts, too. What an amazing experience. Project New Hope makes a difference in the life of everyone attending. She is out and about giving presentations.

Technology & Computer Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that the start of a new Lions year involves creating the letterhead and getting the new email lists compiled. Once the new cd directory is out she will

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be busy putting those email lists together and working out the bugs and returned emails. The letterhead will be sent out shortly. If you have problems with the fillable form or want assistance with putting your letters on the letterhead let her know and she will gladly help. Last year she created intro sheets for seven of the project chairs for the website and she has asked the other eight to get information to her so she can finish them this year.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau had no report at this time.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lions Chris and Janet Hall reported that another year and another Camp Spicer completed. We had a total of 35 incoming students from 22 countries this year, 10 of which were placed in 5M2. The International Banquet was again very successful and very delicious. Many interesting facts were brought up in the students' presentations.

5M2 had 3 outgoing students this year to Belgium, Australia and Italy and the co-chairs are very anxious to hear about their trips. They thanked all those families that did host this year and hope that they will again host this coming year. If you know of anyone that would be interested in hosting let Lions Janet and Chris know.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and PDG Sue Bowman. The theme for the 2014 contest is "Peace Love and Understanding". The Peace Poster contest is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to work with youth in their community to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding. The contest encourages young people, ages 11-13 to think about peace, creatively express what it means to them and to share their vision with others.

Peace Poster kits (PPK-1) are available through LCI until October 1, 2014. A club can sponsor more than one school or youth group but a Peace Poster Contest kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored.

The contest rules will be on the 5M2 website, also Peace Poster information will go out to the clubs and will also be in the district newsletter. We will promote the contest at the Region meetings and zone meetings. Our goal is to increase awareness of the benefits of the Peace Poster program and promote more club participation.

All club sponsored winning posters need to be received by PDG Sue Bowman by November 15, 2014. The district first place winner will receive \$300, a plaque and Sunday brunch at the Mid-Winter Convention; 2nd place \$200, 3rd place \$100. Entries will be judged on three criteria. The criteria are originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Peace, Love and Understanding".

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they made one club visit before Mike's heart scheduling began. His surgery on July 11th was successful and he is finally home but very weak. Thanks for the plant and for the cards and continuing prayers. Cathleen is on the Multiple Cabinet for Lions Quest.

Comments:

2nd VDGE Steve Wasserman.

1st VDGE Marv Grimm.

DGE Harry Klenke "Ask One" is the theme for this year to increase membership.

DG Harry presented IPDG Joan Blank an award from the Council of Governor's for having a plus membership fro the 2013-14 year. Cologne had the highest membership growth! Pins were given to PID Debra, PID Maynard, DG Harry, 1st VDG Marvin.

Next Meeting has not been scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Lion Anna Wickenhauser made the motion, PID Maynard Rucks seconded. MC.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Charlette Abbas (Acting secretary for Lion Cindy Walters)

