

District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2011
New Prague Golf Club, 400 Lexington Ave. S, New Prague

The meeting was called to order by IPDG Eunice Rucks at 9 a.m. She then handed the gavel over to District Governor Susan Bowman.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by DG Susan Bowman.

Invocation: Given by 1st VDG Ron Dahlke.

Before Roll Call was taken, DG Sue Bowman presented IPDG Eunice with a gift.

Roll Call: Taken by IPDG Eunice Rucks for Lion Cindy Walters.

Adoption of the Agenda: There was an addition to the agenda from Lion Cathleen Williams; Core 4 Grant for Quest.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by PDG Mike Vos; 2nd by PDG Rick Wagener, MC.

A motion was made by Lion Dale Oldenberg and 2nd by Lion Bruce Lieske to approve all cabinet members as voting members. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Budget approval, etc. will come later under New Business.

Communications: DG Sue stated that she had received information on the Leo Leadership Forum and gave this information to the Leo Chair.

Old Business:

- PDG Orville Trettin requested an endorsement from the Cabinet to approach the clubs in the district for the Vision Honduras project. Lion Nancy Mathwig moved for the endorsement and PDG Mike Vos seconded. MC.
- Report on Multiple Convention by Nancy Mathwig and PID Maynard:
 - "We would like to extend a thank you to PDG Mary Spille and her Cabinet for giving the go ahead to bid the convention on behalf of District 5M-2. When PDG Darwin Mathwig proposed Mankato as the site for the 2011 convention, he was confident that the venue would be suitable for a Multiple Convention. The 2011 Convention committee was more than pleased with the venue and particularly the staff with whom we worked. Everything went very smoothly with only a few minor issues.
 - The total number of registered participants for the convention was 549. We had 362 at the Saturday morning "eye-opening" brunch, 453 at the Saturday noon Awards luncheon, 381 at the Saturday evening banquet and 365 at the Sunday morning brunch. The Friday service project Kidz Against Hunger was successful and a big thank you goes to PDG Orville Trettin for organizing the event. The Lions and Kidz Against Hunger received publicity on both the local TV channel and in the local newspaper.
 - At our wrap up meeting on June 8th, the committee made the decision to donate the \$2174.75 earned from the raffle sale to the following: Food for Kidz (\$1000.00), The Kingery Family (\$200.00), Leader Dog toward a Kaptan Plus (\$300.00), MN Lions Hearing Foundation (\$225.00), MD5M Diabetes Foundation (\$225.00) and MN Lions Eye Bank (\$225.00). The Sunday morning taittwisting monies of \$432.72 were given to CanDo Canines.
 - Our committee was very fortunate to receive a \$2500.00 grant from the Mankato Convention Bureau, which covered the cost of rent on the convention center. We were also fortunate to

have all our printing of the programs done on a gratis basis by divisions of Taylor Corporation, Fine Impressions and Corporate Graphics. Those 2 dollar amounts alone would have been about \$4500.00. A huge thank you was extended to Lion Greg Giersdorf of Fine Impressions and a member of the Mankato Sunrise Club and Lon Anderson of Corporate Graphics for the outstanding programs.

- The committee also decided to utilize more local speakers who were familiar with Lions and spoke for a minimal fee. The location of the convention also made it convenient for the speakers to drive on Saturday, saving the committee the cost of housing. Without these contributions and speaker planning as well as the financial support of the entire district, the 2011 MD5M Multiple Convention would not have ended the convention in the black. A line item amount of \$4000.00, specified in the MD5M Convention policies, was returned to District 5M-2.
- Hosting the convention as a district gave us the advantage of asking for financial support from both our clubs and the district and having Lions from throughout the district involved in the convention. While we didn't have 100% participation as we had hoped, we did have around 98% participation with either workers or a financial donation or both.
- Finally, we need to thank all the Lions who worked so diligently to host our fellow Lions from throughout MD5M. Everything went so smoothly thanks to your willingness to volunteer your time. Special thanks to PDG Marlys Meskan for her piano skills, Lion Steve Wasserman for the technical portion of the Service of Remembrance and throughout the weekend, PID Debra Wasserman for the many, many hours spent securing an International speaker for us, the Jordan Jordaness Lions for a truly "eye-opening" skit on Saturday morning, PDG Mary Ferleman for assisting with the Service of Remembrance, PDG Arden Severson and Lion Lynn Monger for organizing the 1st Timers program and last, but definitely not least, the 2011 MD5M Convention committee – Lion Sue Vos, Lions Charlette & Lowell Abbas, PDG Gordy Affield, Lions Paul & Sheila Stahler, Lions Joan & Kevin Blank, Lion Laura Maki, PDG Mike Vos, Lions Mary & Duane Pipping, Lions Dennis & Karen Sandersfeld and Lion Paul Gorman.”
- Lion Nancy Mathwig presented Lion Bill Bowman with a "homing pigeon in a cage", in case he can't find his car.
- A report was given by Lions Cathleen and Mike Williams on the Quest Four Grant. Lion Cathleen had prepared a report stating that they were having a training session with 26 teachers and one Lion member along with other information and asked that the Cabinet approve it. It is necessary to get the approval of the Cabinet to forward this report to LCI. A motion was made by PDG Rick Wagener and seconded by PDG Mary Spille to approve this report. MC.
- DG Sue spoke of her goals and the Governor's contest.

New Business:

- A motion was made by PDG Bill Curtis and seconded by Lion Jack Webster to approve Frandsen Bank and Trust of Jordan as our official bank. MC.
- A motion was made by Lion Anna Wickenhauser and seconded by Lion Shirley Hespenheide to approve the bond for the Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Dale Oldenburg. MC.
- A motion was made to approve the budget for 2011-2012 by PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. Question by Lion Steve Wasserman about the budget for GMT and GLT. Extension has a budget of \$650. MERLO was never part of the budget. It was thought that Extension should have a different name. Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion to rescind the original budget approval, seconded by Lion Nancy Mathwig. MC. Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion to amend the budget by removing the work Extension and putting instead GMT for \$650 and add a line for GLT. Seconded by Lion Anna Wickenhauser. MC.
- Discussion by PID Maynard and PDG Mary Spille. How many Cabinet members will apply for expenses? PID Debra Wasserman and PID Maynard Rucks spoke to clarify for everyone what GMT and GLT meant. It was discussed and a decision was made to pull money from the budgets of the Program Chairs - \$650 for GMT and \$650 for GLT. An amended motion was made by PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Anna Wickenhauser to have the Extension expense line to be

replaced. Revise to two new expense lines. Expense line for GMT for \$650, expense line for GLT \$650, expense line item for program chairs to change from \$2500 to \$1850 to balance the budget. MC. Motion by PID Maynard Rucks to approve the budget as amended, seconded by PDG Mary Spille. MC.

- Polar Plunge – PID Maynard Rucks explained what the Polar Plunge was about and the Cabinet felt that it was a project we should support. The Special Olympics who sponsor the Polar Plunge has asked that we support them by providing a concession stand at their events and to use our Logo on advertising. A change of date for the Polar Plunge in St. Peter was requested by the Lions due to the fact that it will be the same date as the Mid-Winter Convention.
- White Cane Day/MN State Academy for the Blind. Date for this event is October 14th. PID Debra Wasserman and Lion Steve asked permission to provide information on this event to the clubs. It was approved.
- **Guiding Eyes for the Blind** – A request was made by a Lion wanting 5M2 to support the Guiding Eyes for the Blind and it was decided we could not support another seeing eye dog organization. There was not a motion to approve solicitations.
- DG Sue B. had pictures from Seattle. Sue pledged to plant 650 trees in our district. Dr. Tam's goal was to plant one million trees. 4.7 million trees were pledged at the DGE training. She also indicated there will no longer be Club Activities in the Newsletter. Projects will be reported on WMMR.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Marvin Grimm was unavailable for the meeting.

- Zone 1 Lion Lynn Monger – Fall Zone Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 30, Hutchinson VFW, hosted by Hutchinson Lions Club. Spring Zone Meeting - Tuesday, April 10, Dubbs in Glencoe, hosted by Glencoe Lions. 2011 – 2012 Club Visits: Brownton visits Plato; Glencoe visits Silver Lake; Hutch Lions visit Stewart; Hutch Lioness visit Winsted; Lester Prairie visits Brownton; New Auburn visits Glencoe; Plato visits Hutch Lions; Silver Lake visits Hutch Lioness; Stewart visits Lester Prairie and Winsted visits New Auburn.
- Zone 2 Lion Mark Willems – Fall zone meeting will be November 3, 2011 in Victoria at the City Hall. The time has yet to be determined.
- Zone 3 Lion Wanda Breimhorst – There are 8 clubs in Zone 3 with a total membership of 366. Wanda is in the process of scheduling club visitations. The Fall Zone Meeting is being hosted by the Prior Lake Lions and is scheduled for November 14, 2011 at McKenna Crossing, Prior Lake.

Region 2 Lion Dennis Hewitt, with Nicollet Lions Club, reported that he is pleased to be the Region 2 Chairperson for 2011-2012. Region 2 consists of Zones 4, 5 and 6, the region has 24 Lions and Leo clubs. At this time he introduced the Zone Chairs and they gave a brief report for their zone.

From Zone 4, Charlette Abbas, from the Courtland Lions Club

From Zone 5, Diana Kroells, from the Hamburg Lions Club

From Zone 6, Brian Lieske, from the Lonsdale Lions Club

Region 2 Fall Meeting will be Sept. 29th. Location to be determined shortly.

- Zone 4 Lion Charlotte Abbas – At this time all six clubs in Zone 4 have been sent information regarding DG Sue's agenda. This includes the DG Goals, DG Contest Guidelines, Club Excellence Award Application, and the Lions Club Former Member Satisfaction Survey. I also sent each club the club they are to visit for the 2011-2016 years. I will also be giving each club the Zone Meeting sites for 2011-2016 once clubs have agreed to this design. Winthrop has agreed to do the Fall Zone Meeting on November 1. St. Peter has agreed to do the Spring Zone Meeting in March or April. A date has not been set yet.
 - **NICOLLET:** The Nicollet Lions meet the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We meet at the American Legion which is located off Hwy 99 downtown Nicollet. We just had a Pork Chop Fry this past Saturday; this is our big fund raiser. We do 5 Fries during the year; it is always the 3rd Saturday of the month. We have the months of Oct., Nov., Feb., April and June; these are held at the Conservation Club. We are also doing a fundraiser running a demolition derby during Friendship Days. We also run the demolition derbies at the Nicollet County Fair, which is run on Friday and Saturday evenings of the fair. For service projects, we will walk ditches in the fall and we will also plant trees at the Lions park sometime this fall.

- By Kevin Blank, Secretary (Lion Jerry Goodburn is the President)
- **WINTHROP:** Our club meets the third Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at Sisters Coffee House in Winthrop. Cost of the meal is \$8.50 at the current time. Plans for the next few months: 1) participation in the Farm City Fun Fest Parade 2) bingo at the nursing home 3) 9/11 memorial dinner to honor EMS, law enforcement, fire department 4) dictionary project for GFW 3rd graders 5) complete Community Birthday Calendar fundraiser 6) Jackpot Junction fundraiser. By Lion Patty McCarthy – Winthrop Lions Club (Lion Tom McCarthy is the President)
 - **ST. PETER:** The St. Peter Lions Club meets at Gustavus Adolphus College in the same building as the campus cafeteria. We meet each Tuesday at noon in one of the various rooms close to the cafeteria. The college food service staff determines which of the rooms will be used, so we do not always get the same room each week. If the college has something special going on, we may need to meet somewhere else on the campus or at a site other than on the Gustavus campus. Also, we do meet at the site of a local business now and then if we are going to be given a tour of the place. I cannot think of any special projects or fund raisers at this time of the year. Most of our fund raising is behind us for a while, and we have not tackled any big projects. By Bob Sandeen, Secretary (They did do a Youth Exchange Brunch on July 26.) (Lion Jeff Damaras is the President)
 - **COURTLAND AREA LIONS:** The Courtland Area Lions meet the 2nd Monday of the month at the Courtland Rec Hall at 7 p.m. In August we have a Lions picnic at a member's home. We invite all the volunteers who help us throughout the year. We use this time to recognize all we have done in the past year and to thank those who help us. In September we do our fall ditch walking with the 4-H Club. Then in October and November, we do our parties for our children. Bar Bingo starts in October. Our goal is to plant at least one tree per member this year. We also make "Welcome Bags" for any newcomers to the community. (Lion Charlette Abbas is the President)
 - **LAFAYETTE:** The Lafayette Area Lions meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Lafayette Community Center (right behind Dave's Place); those who want to eat together gather at Dave's Place at 5:45, then we go to the Community Center for our meeting at 6:45. Like many other service organizations, the Lafayette Area Lions Club has helped many young people finance their college educations. The club is proud to have awarded a total of \$89,800 to 182 graduating high school seniors over the last 16 years. Individual scholarships have usually been \$500, but occasionally have been less, depending on funds available. This year we awarded 12 scholarships to recipients in our area. Submitted by Lion Ruth Klossner (Lion Wendy Gjerde is the President)
 - **GIBBON:** The Gibbon Lion Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at D's Place. They just welcomed their first females into the club in July – two of them. Currently they are working at adding a third place to do gambling. They are thinking of purchasing BINGO equipment from the St. Peter American Legion. 90% of their money is returned to the community of Gibbon. Secretary Jeff Gatton
- Zone 5 Diana Kroells – Zone 5 consists of 7 clubs and 2 Leo clubs. Our total membership has not changed since May- remaining at 234. We had growth in 2 clubs and losses in others to even out to zero growth. We lost one member to death. Club memberships stands at –Arlington 27, Green Isle 49, Hamburg 37, Henderson 20, Le Sueur 36, West Carver 28 & NYA 37. (These are June totals as I have not received any M & A's for July.)
 - The clubs have been busy with lots of summer activities which include golf tournaments, music in the park, Relay for Life, serving food at various events, parades, and town festivals, car cruises and bike runs, & assisting with Memorial Day programs.
 - Upcoming events include craft fairs, parades, National Night Out, & pancake breakfasts.
 - Our clubs have been very generous with their donations – supporting Habitat for Humanity, Legion baseball, Camp Needlepoint, Hearing Foundation, Community Reading programs, Project New Hope, sports in local schools, and benefits for individuals.
 - Our Zone hosted 2 Youth Exchange students from Brazil- one in Le Sueur and one in Hamburg.

- The Zone 5 Fall meeting will be held in Henderson on October 26, I hope that many of you will be able to join us that evening.
- Thank you DG Sue for allowing me to serve as your Zone 5 Chairperson.
- Zone 6 Lion Bruce Lieske – Thanked DG Sue Bowman for the opportunity to continue as zone six chair. Zone Six has 233 members currently in six clubs:
 - The Faribault Lions Club sponsored a local student for a youth exchange trip to Slovakia. The club contributed \$350 towards his expenses, and the district youth exchange contributed \$1000. Our twin club in Piestany is sponsoring him for the 1 week camp he will be attending, and furnishing host families. 52 members currently.
 - The Lonsdale Lions gave \$200 for Rice County Fair Grandstand Program for Vets gave \$250 for Eagle Scout Project gave \$200 for Veseli Ho Down gave \$500 for Friends of Lonsdale Library. 38 members currently.
 - Le Center Lions had a busy summer participating in several projects. 45 members currently.
 - Montgomery Lions had a busy summer sold Taco's in a bag at the Kolacky days celebration. Currently have 35 members.
 - The Northfield Cannon Valley Lions presented two Melvin Jones Fellows, shipped over 1000 books to Africa, and are preparing for their Defeat of Jesse James days steak fry. 30 members currently.
 - The Northfield Lions have not met during the Summer and currently have 33 members.

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 consists of zone 7 (6 clubs), zone 8 (6 clubs) and zone 9 (8 clubs), resulting in 20 clubs and 623 members. Region 3 had 618 members as of Sept. 30, and as of June 2011 there are 623 members.

- Zone 7 Lion Paul Gorman – His goals for the year are to: Promote and implement DG Sue's goals and contests, improve monthly reporting by all clubs, visit each club three times, promote e-club web pages. Upcoming dates to remember: September 8 – Amboy 30th Anniversary; Fall zone meeting in Amboy, date to be determined; Spring zone meeting in Winnebago, March 29. Stats: 6 clubs with 156 members. Activities: Zone 7 hosting 5M2 convention on February 10-12, 2012.
- Zone 8 Lion Allie Larson – Another new year is starting for service in Lionism. There are 6 clubs in Zone 8, and they all are busy with activities that serve their communities. The clubs are periodically adding new members. I will begin scheduling a visit to each club during the fall months. The Zone 8 Fall Meeting will be held in Waterville, MN and hosted by the Waterville Lions Club. More information will be coming. Thanks to DG Sue for entrusting her with the job of Zone 8 Chair for this year.
- Zone 9 Lion Lyle Hinz – Zone 9 is made up of 8 Lions clubs. No activities were reported on the new system. Total membership as of July 2011 was 242. The Fall Zone Meeting will be hosted by the Minnesota Lake Lions on November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Location will be the Lembke Building. The Spring location has not been determined at this time.

Committee Reports:

Can Do Canines: Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer and Deb Koehnen reported that District 5M-2 did very well for the 2010-2011 year with the Can Do Canine project. The district helped to raise funds for the Capital Campaign which resulted in a \$75,000 matching grant from LCIF. 63 out of 63 clubs in District 5M-2 donated to Can Do Canines in 2010-2011. That gives our district 100% donating from our district. A big thank you goes to Lions Eunice Rucks, Nancy Mathwig and the late Darwin Mathwig for their commitment to the program. Our district raised \$13,312. We maybe didn't raise the most but we were up there!

Construction on the kennels was to start on July 21. The first items they will address is remodeling of some of the interior parts: 1. A lunchroom for staff, more office space. 2. Then the construction of the kennels should begin. They have received the \$75,000 LCIF grant money. In past years Can-Do-Canines has been able to graduate 30 teams and now are on track to graduate 40 this year. With this increase in graduates there is also a cost increase. Can-Do-Canines are currently 5% under budget in income and 3.6% over on expenses. Lion's contributions for the last 2 years have average \$109,000. We are hoping that we can increase this giving to meet the increased costs of training the additional dogs and teams for graduation. Giving to Can-Do Canines from the District 2 was \$10,391 in 2009-2010 and \$13,312 in 2010-2011 and this does not include the giving to the Capital Campaign to match the LCIF grant.

The next graduation will be August 13th at 1 PM at the Earle Brown Heritage Center, Carriage Hall B. Address: 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55439.

August 18 and September 13 they will be holding Tail to Tell Tours. One hour tours and a good time for clubs to go.

August 20 through Oct 2: Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Volunteers are needed for the Pet Gate for a 4½ hour morning or afternoon shift. Working gets you FREE entrance to the fair before or after your shift, \$6 worth of FREE FESTIVAL FOOD and the best part a FREE ticket (\$20.95 value) to return to the Festival for another day of fun. You check the dogs attending the Festival and provide them with a Festival pet tag and goodie bag. Check the web site for more information.

The next Heel and Wheel Walk will be Saturday, August 27 at Cheshire park at the Carlson Towers in Minnetonka, MN We are hoping that every district will make an effort to get some pledges and send some walkers to support this program.

November 5 is the Fetching Ball at the Earle Brown Center.

We have several club visits already scheduled for the year.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Steve spoke about the new directories on the CDs. He also introduced Lion Laura Maki who was in Sweden as his co-chair. She attended the meeting via Skype.

Lion Laura Maki reported that she has been helping out at one of the camps in Norway. It is a wonderful experience and she has met members from eight of the nine clubs in this Zone. Each club has been responsible for planning one of the day's activities and providing the lunch for that day.

Lion Maki will be in charge of Computer Technology for 5M-2. DG Sue has asked Lion Steve Wasserman and Lion Maki to demonstrate the e-club website, club Facebook accounts, and review the WMMR membership and activities process at the fall Region Meetings. The meetings are set for Region 3 - September 7; Region 1 - September 28; and Region 2 - September 29.

She looks forward to serving 5M-2 in this position and getting started with her duties as soon as she returns from Norway.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported the International Board of Directors had many issues for their Constitution and Bylaws Committee to deal with, however nothing affecting our District. He could find nothing about the outcome of a possible dues increase at the International Convention.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Eunice Rucks reported that the USA Canada Forum will be September 22-24, 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska; the District Convention will be held February 10-12 in Mankato; 2012 Multiple Convention will be held April 27-29, 2012 in Hinckley; the International Convention will be June 22-26, 2012 in Busan, Korea.

Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Anna Wickenhauser reported that on July 16, 2011 the Trustees of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation met in St. Cloud. Chairman Tom Shinnick called the meeting to order. An executive committee was formed with the election of officers; Lion Wally Sapp was elected chairman.

The board approved granting Guidelines, Policies and Regulations and also a Long Range Plan.

A letter will be going out to all the clubs asking for a donation to help raise funds for the Islet Imaging Lab Project.

The Diabetes Foundation's next meeting will be October 8, 2011 in St. Cloud.

The Diabetes Expo will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Saturday October 15, 2011, and is free to the public.

Co-chairs Anna and Kevin have been extended an invitation to speak to the Glencoe Lions club on January 16, 2012.

District Activities: Lion Nancy Mathwig spoke about the Bird pins and the Necrology service at mid-winter.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that as he reviewed the status of his file on old District Newsletters from past district governors, he has added several more letters to the file since his last report. At this time he is still looking for a copy for years 1985/86 (Bob Vogel), 1984/85 (Dean Steiner), 1984/83 (Ken Schrader),

1982/83 (Dave Pichotta), 1981/82 (Bill Ritter), 1980/81 (Dick Graf), 1979/1980 (Buzz Knudsen), 1978/79 (Jerry Schmiegl). If any one has a copy that they would be willing to part with, he would appreciate getting a copy. He is looking forward to getting the new Multiple District Directory, so he can update the 5M-2 History files. He has been able to help answer some questions for several clubs and or members regarding information that he has collected.

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster reported that he will again be serving as Journey for Service chairman for DG Sue — date will be set later with info going to all clubs in district. He asked for everyone's support in spreading the word of the Journey. As usual it will take place in April.

LCIF: Lion Ron Dahlke reported that as required by Lions Clubs International Foundation, he will be meeting with DG Sue and together they will review the LCIF activity in District 5M-2 for 2010-2011 and we will set goals for 2011-2012. These goals will include:

- the targeting Club Visitations,
- the education and promotion of LCIF ideals,
- the recognition of donations received through increased awareness of Melvin Jones Fellowships,
- the continuing of Club/LCIF Participation Level at 100%, and
- a determination of overall financial contributions to LCIF.

As mentioned, all Lions and Lioness Clubs, or member from each Lion and Lioness Club in 5M-2, did make a contribution to LCIF during fiscal year 2010-2011. This level of participation is highly noted and very much recognized by LCIF, and this is a major accomplishment for our District. I am confident that this achievement can be duplicated in 2011-2012.

At the upcoming Region Meetings, a letter of introduction will be given to the Presidents of the Clubs who have not had a LCIF presentation in the past year, asking them to consider scheduling a LCIF Presentation.

Club presentations are personalized using up-to-date report information provided by LCIF Support Staff, which includes:

- Current and historical Club LCIF donation data,
- Campaign Sight First Phase II donation data,
- Melvin Jones Fellowship Listing,
- Grant history for District 5M-2, and more.

Also, updated disaster assistance information, both globally and locally, will be provided from the LCIF Web Site. You belong to Lions International... but the Lions Club International Foundation belongs to you... This is your Foundation. Thank you for your continued support!

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley reported that a Kaptan Plus GPS was purchased with remaining funds from the Multiple Convention. She received a video via e-mail titled "Who Says Blind Kids Can't Climb Walls". Megan, our speaker for the Mid-Winter in 2010, is in that video. The video pertains to the Youth Camp at Leader Dog in June of this year in which the students climbed a rock climbing wall.

Lion Shirley was pleased to report that there was 100% participation from District 5M2 to Leader Dogs for the Blind for the year 2010-11.

Since the last Cabinet meeting Lion Shirley gave a presentation at N.E.W. and have two presentations set up for this fall.

She just received a letter stating there will be another Leader Dog in her community. There is a puppy in training in Le Sueur and another one or two in the Carver area or will be soon.

LEO Clubs: Chair Lion Allen Heidorn reports a little Leo Club activity since the last cabinet meeting, as school has been out of session.

August is the Lions International 'Youth Global Service Action Campaign'. The idea is for clubs to engage young people in community service or otherwise provide a service to benefit young people in your community. Lets be sure to involve Leos and youth in service projects in our District.

In other Leo activities, the 5th Annual Global Leo Conference was held on July 4, 2011 in Seattle, Washington. And, December 5th is the International Leo Day – let's remember to include Leos on our projects and activities.

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported that there is little new activity to report. The co-chairs have submitted

an article for printing in The Grapevine this fall and they have hopes of generating interest in more communities. Have also asked DG Sue to consider the future of Liberty Day in 5M2. 5M2 is the only Minnesota district to support this program. A fall presentation is planned by the Hutchinson Lions to all fifth graders in their school district.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported electronically that he will again be working with the MD5M Strategic Long Range Planning committee to update the MD5M Strategic Long Range Plan. He will be working with the program chairs and the District Governor Team to begin the update of the 5M2 Strategic Long Range Plan. He will continue to encourage individual Lions and Lions Clubs to develop a 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year long range plan.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos and Lion Arline Richter thanked DG Sue Bowman for the last 6 years as director for 5M2. PDG Mike also welcomed Lion Arline Richter from the Albert Lea LakeView Lions as the new director for 5M2.

We are excited to announce the move of the Lions Children's Hearing Clinic to a new location next to the Amplax Children's Hospital. The new clinic will provide state of the art equipment to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss in children. DG Sue and Bill Bowman and PDG Mike and Sue Vos attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on the 7th of June. We just had our annual training and quarterly meeting. On the 15th of July we welcomed 8 new directors to the board. We have made a commitment to Fairview Hospitals and the U of M. for \$300,000.00 for equipment at the new Children's Hearing Center over the next 5 years. Also, we made a commitment of \$1,000,000.00 to the U of M for a professorship over the next ten years. We are planning a walk off hearing loss fundraiser in the spring of 2012. We will aggressively contacting the clubs of 5M2 to help meet these commitments. Hopefully we can get clubs to designate one fundraiser specifically for the Hearing Foundation.

We are still offering the affordable hearing aid program and collecting used hearing aids. Any club or member that knows of someone that is in need of hearing aids and meets the financial criteria please contact me or Lion Arline.

The Foundation is looking forward to another great year.

Mid-Winter Convention: Co-Chairs Dennis and Karen Sandersfeld reported that Zone 7 will host the 5M2 Mid-winter Convention on February 10, 11, and 12, 2012 at the Mankato City Center Hotel. We are in the beginning planning stage and will be holding our next meeting on Monday, August 8. We are very excited to be working with District Governor Sue. She is in the process of lining up great seminars for the weekend. When possible, they will try to attend region and zone meetings to promote the convention. They ask that everyone encourage attendance at your region and zone meetings as well.

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation/Children's Eye Clinic/ MAC: Co-Chairs Lion Jean Dahlke & PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they attended the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank training on July 15 at the University of Minnesota. They were able to tour the new Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic in the Park Plaza Building in Minneapolis. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the clinic was held June 7, 2011. All Lion members can be very proud of the new clinic, and the staff is very appreciative of this facility.

The July Eye Bank Board meeting was held July 16. Dr. Jay Krachmer, head of the Ophthalmology Department will be retiring on October 3 of this year. He has been a great asset to the Lions Eye Bank and he will be missed. Dr. Jay's replacement will be announced soon.

Co-chairs will be at the Minnesota State Fair on August 26 in the Education Building, please stop by and say "Hi".

Upcoming events are as follows:

- October 1 Lions Tours -
 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, St. Paul
 Can Do Canines, New Hope
 - October 29 Thanksgiving for Vision-Earle Brown Center Brooklyn Center
 - October 30 Donor and Family Recognition Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul
- The co-chairs will be attending all Region meetings this fall. They are available and willing to come

GLT/GMT Leadership Development: PID Debra Wasserman and PID Maynard Rucks spoke on the GLT and GMT programs.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported that the 5M-2 Newsletter called "The Grape Vine" will have a different look to it this year. It will have a new section called "From the Field". There will be no Club News as we have had before. Governor Sue has instructed clubs to submit an article to be used in the newsletter.

DG Sue and PDG Bill are working on some other new features and you will see them in the future. If you want an e-mail copy of the 5M-2 Newsletter you can go to the district web site at www.5M2lions.org for a copy. If you are sending a news article please send it e-mail and in an attachment to wfcurtis@embarqmail.com.

Deadline this year will be the 20th of the month for articles. We will be mailing the newsletter just after the 1st of the month. August newsletter is printed and will go in the mail Tuesday or Wednesday. He thanks Governor Sue for giving him the opportunity to serve the district as Newsletter Editor this year.

Project New Hope: Lion Donna Wolter thanked DG Sue for asking her to be program chair for Project New Hope this year. Last year 5M2 was very generous in their donations to PNH donations of over \$5,000.00 from various clubs, Journey for Service and Governor Eunice's club donations.

This year she would like to contact every Veterans Service Office in 5M2 to make sure they have info on PNH which they can pass on to veterans may have a need for PNH. She has a few club visits scheduled already and is willing to visit many more.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler reported that there are two handouts for the Region and Zone Chairmen that can be copied and used by Lions Clubs in their Region and Zone.

The first handout is "Tips for Lions Clubs Public Relations" which contains some basic public relations committee information. Public relations can be used to get a Lions Club noticed in a community, build a atmosphere of common goals that the non-Lion public shares which might help with recruiting new members and retaining old members through involvement and sharing information.

The second handout is "Protocol for Important Lions Meetings" addresses the procedures for holding a Lions meeting attended by the District Governor and /or Vice District Governor such as Region, Zone, or Club meetings. Topics covered include scheduling, facility suggestions, Lions paraphernalia, seating, and introductions.

As always, he would be happy to visit with any Lions Club about Public Relations, protocols, or help a Club in any way possible. Please feel free to contact him at any time.

Thank you to DG Lion Sue for the opportunity to serve.

Spring Point Project/Lions Lights on For Life: PDG Rick Wagener gave his congratulations and welcome to District Governor Sue. He wrapped up his year with officer installation and Spring Point programs at Prior Lake, Glencoe and Waconia. The summer has been quiet with no new requests and no new information on Spring Point that he is aware of. Still plugging away with the Lions Lights on for Life project also. Looking forward to serving with District Governor Sue.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported that his goals for the year will be: To attend all Region meetings and make a full presentation to the assembled presidents and secretaries; to send an opening message by mail to all presidents in the district; to contact all presidents and secretaries in the district by email with the assistance of the Technology Team; to contact all Zone and Region Chairs to give them an update of this year's contest; to offer to meet with all clubs and visit their high schools as necessary; to arrange the Midwinter presentation by Region winners.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall thanked DG Sue for giving her the opportunity to be part of the cabinet. YE chairs were able to place students from Finland, Turkey, Israel, Mongolia, India, Hong Kong, China, Switzerland, Netherlands, Norway, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, and Belgium in our Multiple this past year. 5M2 also had 3 outgoing students, one to Slovakia, one to England and one to Norway. They

were a little concerned hearing the news about Norway, but received e-mails letting them know all was OK with the student over there. They were able to attend the Camp Spicer Banquet on Saturday July 23 in Mankato where they tasted a sample of food from each of the countries that the students represented, prepared by them and the Camp Spicer staff. What a wonderful feast and they also listened to each student give a short presentation on their home country, it was very interesting and such wonderful and cordial young adults. They have some nice pictures of the evening. They are looking forward to attending training and contacting the clubs for presentations and looking to place more incoming students and hope to have some outgoing students as well. They thanked the cabinet for continued support of the program.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs. This year's Peace Poster Theme is "Children Know Peace". All Posters must be sent to Lion Sheila Stahler by November 15th. Do not send any Posters to DG Sue.

Lion Steve sent an e-mail to the Presidents and Secretaries regarding the Peace Poster Contest. Lion Bill put the Peace Poster article in the Newsletter. Thank you to both!

The Peace Poster Contest is easy to implement, so Lions Janet and Sheila's goal for 2011 is to increase the number of posters from 29 posters from 22 clubs to over 30 clubs participating! We challenge the clubs to get involved. Lions Janet and Sheila will be happy to help any club get started.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they are prepared for training. Twenty-four teachers and one Lion have expressed their intention to attend on August 6, 2011 in Chaska, MN. The Lions Quest Committee will be reviewing our interim report to LCI as to the Core 4 Grant expenditures and the district expenditures for this training in a meeting following this Cabinet meeting.

2nd VDG Comments: 2nd VDG Joan Blank is excited because Lion Kevin and herself were dressed in their black jackets and she was excited about the next couple of years.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDG Ron Dahlke spoke of his coming year and is also looking forward to it.

DG Comments: DG Sue Bowman is looking forward to visiting clubs and hopes that each club without a website could have an e-club webpage. These presentations will be given at the Region meetings. She also indicated that the zone chairs should be the first resource for the clubs.

DG Sue introduced the new Cabinet members. The next scheduled cabinet meeting will be in St. Peter.

Motion to adjourn made PDG Mike Vos and seconded by Lion Charlotte Abbas. MC.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cindy Walters

(special thank you to IPDG Eunice Rucks and Lion Darlene Breamer for filling in for me and taking minutes at this meeting!)