

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2014  
Holiday Inn, Mankato, MN**

**Call to Order:** DG Joan Blank called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Marv Grimm

**Invocation:** Led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Harry Klenke

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 42 in attendance and 9 absent.

**Welcome:** DG Joan Blank welcomed everyone to the cabinet meeting with appropriate protocol and "Let the Good Times Roar".

**Introduction of Guests:** International Director Stephen Glass and wife Lion (PDG) Cindy Glass

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Another item under new business: #4 Hall of Fame, whether to announce the winner at the Mid-Winter or not. Parade of Green will be number five. Comments from ID will be placed after Quest. Cathleen Williams Janet Knakmuhs seconded. MC.

**Secretary's Report:** Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by PDG Mike Vos; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Bill Curtis. MC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report. Proposed budget income of \$52,600 Actual Income is \$69,937.23; Expenses Actual is \$49,848.85 with a balance of \$20,088.38. In the Special Funds account there is a total of \$82,890.99 and Core 4 Grant \$1,547.08. Only one club has unpaid dues. Motion to approve was made by PID Maynard Rucks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Mary Ferleman. MC.

**Communications:** DG Joan Blank received a letter about Hespia and a photo which she passed around.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> DG Joan received an email that took her by surprise from the International President Palmer. DG Joan received Dream Achiever gold pin and star along with stars to award to her leadership team she awarded pins to PID Debra Wasserman, PID Maynard Rucks, VDG Harry Klenke, VDG Marvin Grimm. We were up plus 4 when she received the award, now we are minus 22.

**Old Business:**

- **Bid for 2016 MD5M Convention** – PID Maynard Rucks reported that there is still no bid for 2016. He has checked with the Convention Bureau for the dates in April 2016. The convention center, hotel and executive secretary say the dates are good. Lion Anna Wickenhauser asked about how much work it is to do this. PID Maynard stated that the committee does most of the work and really is only a need for a larger number of people for that weekend. The feedback from the last time was PDG Mary Ferleman made a motion to proceed with pursuing this, PDG Marlys Meskan seconded. MC
- **Golf Trophy** – Lion Chris Lund from the Hamburg Lions club presented the updates on the golf tournament, the suggested changes incorporated were how the points would be scored. The Cup will be awarded each year at the Mid-Winter Convention. He did get quotes on a traveling trophy for this project, \$492 for the etched cup; nameplate \$402.28 for the cup with the plate on it. DG Joan was a bit taken back at the cost of the cup. He did some research around how many clubs might be involved. He discovered that 10 clubs have golf tournaments...Lion Cathleen asked whether the funds could be paid ahead and then somehow repaid to the cabinet treasury. Perhaps at Jungle Days fees could be raised to cover the cost of the cup. Lion Wanda stated that they just hosted Jungle Days and don't think that adding much to that registration would be beneficial as it seemed difficult to fill. Lion Robert suggested every club add an additional \$1 to their registration fee to pay for the cup. It could be paid for that way. There was additional discussion about the number of clubs who would participate. Lion Steve asked from where the funds could be taken. Lion Steven Wasserman made a motion that the cabinet pay for a traveling trophy not to exceed \$500, motion seconded by Lion Bill Bowman by MC. Lion Chris thanked the cabinet.
- **Final Report on Quest Grant** – PDG Eunice Rucks reported that everything has been taken care of in regard to this grant it just needs to be accepted by the Cabinet. Lion Mike Williams made a motion to

accept the final report; Lion Darlene Breamer seconded. MC.

- **Constitution/By-Laws** – Lion Steve Wasserman recapped the proposed language changes that he presented at the last meeting and to the PDGs at their recent meeting. The PDGs made a few grammatical suggestions. He has since sent them out to all clubs for their attention. Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion that the Cabinet accept these changes and forward them to the membership for voting tomorrow at the Business Meeting, PID Maynard Rucks seconded. MC.
- **Special Olympic Chair** – DG Joan Blank brought the idea of a Special Olympics chair position back to the Cabinet. There is much interest in the Multiple and in our District. There are many Special Olympics activities in the District. They are not asking for the Special Olympics to be added to the Parade of Green but that we rally around this project with a committee. DG Joan would like to ask VDG Harry Klenke to add a chair in this position. Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion to create a Special Olympics Co-Chair position to begin next year, Lion Laura Maki seconded. MC
- **Environmental Chair** – DG Joan Blank tabled this until the next meeting when she will have more information.
- **Lions 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair** – DG Joan Blank reported that the Multiple has enacted a position for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair at the Multiple level. They will be looking for someone at the District Level to work with the Multiple Chair. It is a four-year commitment. VDG Harry and DG Joan will discuss this commitment and work on what makes the most sense for our District.

#### **New Business:**

- **Purchase of Flags for 5M2** – PID Maynard Rucks has been bringing the Minnesota Flag all these years. PID Maynard made a motion that the District purchase a U.S. Flag, a Minnesota Flag and 3 poles and 3 stands to keep with the Convention supplies. Lion Janet Knakmuhs seconded. MC.
- **DG MD5M Elephant Challenge** – DG Joan Blank talked about the Multiple District Elephant contest. Any elephant can be used, dressed up, decorated, etc. Whichever Elephant wins the challenge wins all of the money from all Districts goes to the particular designated project.
- **Snowman Sticker** – has been updated and DG Joan has 90 of them. Whatever we do with them is up to the District.
- **Hall of Fame** – There are 5 nominations for the Hall of Fame Award this year. Previously in the Multiple documents it was stated that the winner not be announced until the Multiple Convention. The Legal Committee voted to drop the words stating that the winners cannot be announced until Mid-Winter. We need to decide what we want to do. All of the winners have been announced at the other conventions DG Joan has attended. PDG Tom Ferleman mentioned that he wishes it would be a secret but understands the difficulty in traveling for some of the people who win. PDG Mary Ferleman agreed with Tom (which was recognized by all) but would like to see a bigger deal made of the Hall of Fame winner. If it was announced here, do it at the Banquet and not during the business meeting. Lion Deb Koehnen thinks that it would be nice to recognize the winners at this convention with more people that would know the winner. Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion that we recognize the honoree at this convention at the banquet, Lion Jack Webster seconded. MC.
- **Parade of Green** – PDG Eunice Rucks mentioned that her club was confused by the parade of green listing in the newsletter. There was a small box to put the information into. Lion Darlene Wondra would like to see that Project New Hope be added to the Parade of Green. It will be placed on the agenda for the May Cabinet meeting. PID Debra Wasserman said she thinks that this is great that it be added to the Agenda but it has been addressed before so she suggested that the cabinet members look at previous minutes to see how it was addressed. She also suggested that the Parade of Green should be in the Constitution/By Law documents. Project New Hope is not an official Parade of Green for 5M2 but Multiple 5M does recognize it as a project that can be donated to. PDG Tom Ferleman restated the fact that if you add additional projects the amount given to each may be reduced. It is important if we add projects to the Parade of Green we need to work with the clubs to increase the budget they have for Parade of Green and not split the pie more ways.

**DG Joan turned the meeting over to VDG Harry Klenke for Reports****Region/Zone Reports:**

**Region 1** Lion Wanda Breimhorst reported that Region 1 has a total of 1098 Lion members. Since July they have added 57 members but lost 61 members for a net loss of 4 members. In looking at these stats it looks like a really good job is done recruiting members, not such a good job keeping them, something to work on the rest of this year.

All 3 Zone meetings were well attended and DG Joan was thanked for attending and giving those in attendance good information to think about and take with them. All 3 Zones have been very active the past few months with fundraisers ranging from breakfasts to bowling and Lion Wanda is sure this will continue the rest of the year. She then 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 been very busy since the Holidays, getting ready for their upcoming projects. Clubs are doing Bingo and Meat Raffles now, later it will be fairs, highway clean-up, softball games, breakfasts, parades, and so on. Our membership is down right now, we are at a -4. He gave a shout-out to Silver Lake for being a +4 for the year. Great Job, Keep up the good work! He has completed one Club Visit, and had the privilege of inducting a new member. He has another scheduled for March 24th in Plato. Still working with the other Clubs to get them scheduled. Stewart Lions Club will be hosting the Zone 1 Spring Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th, at Cactus Jacks II, on highway 212 in Stewart. Social at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30, \$11.00 for a two-meat buffet.
- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider reported that her activities included: visit to Carver club where she presented the CEP Program for their consideration and Cologne club hosted the Fall Zone Meeting with 41 Lions, 11 Cabinet members and 1 guest in attendance. Membership stats are: Carver – 52; Chaska – 39; Cologne – 59; Mayer Watertown Dandylions – 14; Victoria – 96 and Watertown – 107 for a total of 459 with Cologne Leos at 17 bringing total to 476. The date for the spring zone meeting has not been set as of the report, it will be hosted by the Chaska club.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – Zone 3 Opening Membership was 374. Ending Balance was 375 for an increase of 1 members.
  - Attended the Cologne Lions Family Bingo night on January 24th and had a fabulous time (once we finally got there - lesson learned do not have written directions from one person and have another editing them - it makes for a very long drive to Cologne).
  - Attended the Jordaness Lions Bowling Tournament on Saturday, January 25th and had the honor of bowling with the Veseli Area Lions, Dan Skluzacek, who bowled an actual 300 in his first game. We had a wonderful time are already making plans for next year. She strongly encourages all to attend this event!
  - The Zone 3 Spring Zone Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24th, 2014. Social Hour at 6:15 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. Watch for e-mails for your invite. The Shakopee Valley Lions will be hosting the Spring Zone Meeting. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!
  - Upcoming Club Visits: Jordaness Lions, Prior Lake Lions, Shakopee & Shakopee Valley Lions. Still need to schedule Jordan Lions club visit.
  - Lions in Zone 3 continue to be active and busy with lots of club activities.
  - She continues to meet new Lions Club members and share information with others about all the good that we as Lions do for our local communities and the world!

**Region 2** Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson reported that Region 2 has 705 members as of the end of January information. They started the year with 727, added 26, but dropped 48 for a total loss of 22 members. The clubs in Region 2 served 5,324 hours, raised \$72,029 and donated \$61,489 and serviced 5,654 people since the beginning of the 2013-2014 Lions year. Zone Fall meetings are complete and the Zone Chairs have set their Spring Zone Meetings. The Chairpersons will expand on that:

From Zone 4, Gene and Sharon Retka, from the Courtland Lions Club

From Zone 5, Nancy Mathwig, from the Arlington Lions Club

From Zone 6, Lori Klein, from the Faribault Lions Club

- **Zone 4** Lions Gene and Sharon Retka – Zone 4 has 265 members (7 less than last October) (change since August shown in parenthesis):

- Courtland – 17 (-2)
- Gibbon – 37 (same)
- Lafayette – 48 (same)
- Nicollet – 63 (-1)
- St. Peter – 68 (-1)
- Winthrop – 32 (-3)

The Zone 4 Spring meeting is tentatively set for March 27 at Gibbon. Our clubs are busy doing projects to serve their communities, including bar bingos, breakfasts, scholarships, school activities, supporting our fire departments, etc.

- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 began 2013-14 with 232 members. To date, Zone 5 is minus 4 with 228 members. She has completed 6 of her 7 club visits with Norwood Young America yet to schedule; however, she did attend NYA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 10th. Fall Zone 5 meeting was Tues, October 29<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Green Isle Lions, who did a great job. The program for the Zone meeting consisted of short presentations on Camp Needlepoint, the Cologne Leos summer reading program and recently completed Book Drive, the Leader Dogs for the Blind puppy raiser program, and how the Lions eye glass recycling is used for Vision Honduras. Many positive comments were received on the format for the meeting and I would like to thank Governor Joan for giving us the nod on "stepping outside the box". Spring zone meeting will be Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the fifth Monday of the month hosted by the LeSueur Lions Club.
- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – The Fall Zone 6 meeting was held on November 14, 2013 in Northfield. All clubs were present and the meeting topic: 'Ways to spark interest or extinguish progress of a club' allowed for great discussion among attendees. Membership as of January 31, 2014 was 212, currently a loss for the year. Encouragement of retaining and getting new members has been shared with clubs in the zone. The Spring Zone 6 Meeting will be on April 29, 2014 in Montgomery at the American Legion with more details on the invitation.

**Region 3** Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 20 clubs and 615 members. The following table gives the membership history:

	7/31/2012	12/31/2012	7/31/2013	1/31/2014	Change from July
Zone 7	154	154	161	165	4
Zone 8	233	219	218	220	2
Zone 9	244	239	231	230	-1
Total	621	612	610	615	5

Zone 9 clubs have been busy preparing for the midwinter convention and are in high spirits for the theme of "Let the Good Times Roar" and hope that all will enjoy the convention.

From Zone 7, Lion 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 year with 160 members and now have 164 members. The co-chairs have done all but 2 of their club visits, and will get them finished up before end of March. Zone 7 clubs have working hard on membership with the Lake Crystal Club being up 11 new members and Mankato, Sunrise, and Winnebago also have a gain. March 25 will be the Zone Meeting in Mankato.
- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – There are currently 220 members in Zone 8. This is an increase of 1 from the last report and an increase of 2 for the year. Our Fall Zone meeting was held at the New Richland City Hall on November 4<sup>th</sup> hosted by the New Richland Lions Club. 40 Lions were in attendance including 12 members of Cabinet. Plans for our Spring Zone meeting are in progress.

Membership Report:	November	December	January
Blooming Prairie	61	60	60
Ellendale	21	21	21
New Richland	28	28	28
Owatonna	18	18	19

Waseca	41	41	41
Waterville	50	52	52
Total	219	220	220

- Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – Recognition to the Zone 9 clubs for organizing this year's Mid-Winter Convention. Special recognition to Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer.  
 Membership: Zone 9 total: 233 Members which is a net of -3 for 2013  
 Club activities: Wells and Minnesota Lake distributed dictionaries, Wells and Blue Earth working on new member activities, Alden club completed membership activity in September with 4 new members added.  
 Opportunities: getting more newsletters out to members  
 Miscellaneous: Fall Zone Meeting conducted in October. Thanks to Albert Lea Cloverleaf's. Club Excellence Process was presented by PID Debra Wasserman. 7 of 8 clubs visited for the year.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Can Do Canines:** Lion Deb Koehnen and Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that Can-Do-Canines will celebrate 25 years of training and assisting in 2014. They are looking to a formal dedication of the new facility and the installation of a permanent donor wall. Goals as the capital campaign comes to an end include training an additional 10 teams per year.

The Breamers visited Kiester, Winnebago, Waterville Lions since the last meeting and attended two Region and 6 zone meetings. Deb Koehnen visited Carver and attended a region and zone meeting. Thanks to all of the clubs in 5M2 that continue to support Can-Do-Canines. 5M2 is the leader in percentage of clubs participating in our multiple. Check the display at the Mid-Winter for the 2014 schedule of tours.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he has completed the following activities since the October Cabinet Meeting:

1. Emailed proposed changes to the 5M2 Constitution to the Past District Governors on October 30, 2013.
2. Gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the proposed changes at the Past District Governors' meeting on December 1, 2013. Received their input, and modified the proposed changes accordingly. Received support for the changes as modified.
3. Emailed the revised proposed changes to all Club Presidents and Secretaries in the District on January 2, 2014 in MS Word format, and again on January 4, 2014 in PDF format when a couple Club Officers indicated that they could not open the Word document. Mailed print copies to Secretaries of the clubs where neither the President nor the Secretary had an email address.
4. Prepared a PowerPoint presentation to be made at the District Convention
5. Further corrected a few grammatical, syntactical and punctuation errors in the proposed changes in preparation for presentation at the District Convention.

**Conventions/USA/Canada Forum:** IPDG Ron Dahlke thanked the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention Committee, the Lions Clubs from Zone 9, and especially, Convention Co-chairs, Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer for planning and for hosting the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention. It promises to be an educational and entertaining event for the Lions, Lioness and LEOs of 5M-2.

The MD5M Multiple Convention will be held April 25-27, 2014 at Jackpot Junction Convention Center, Morton, MN. This event is hosted by the Milroy Lions Club and the Lions Members of District 5M-3. Convention registration and hotel registration information is available on the Multiple 5M WebSite.

Lions Clubs International is making plans for an exciting 97<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs Annual International Convention from July 4-8, 2014 in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Lots of Convention-related information, including the Registration Form, appears in the February issue of "The Lion" magazine and also on the LCI WebSite.

Plans are being finalized for the 2014 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September 11-13, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Registration information for each of these events is available at the Conventions Display table.

**District Activities:** PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she has been working on the Service of Remembrance. There are 19 individuals this year. She is also running the 1<sup>st</sup> Timers Contest at the

There will be pins available for sale at the convention, Bird Pins and International Convention Pins. She hopes to sell many.

**GLT/GMT:** PID Debra Wasserman and PID Maynard Rucks reported:

**1. 2 clubs in each zone will complete the Club Excellence Process. (18 clubs in 9 Zones.)**

All Fall Zone meetings had a presentation on CEP. The GLT Coordinator, GMT Coordinator and at least 1 CEP Facilitator made presentations to clubs during Board or Regular club meetings. 1 club in Zone 6 has begun CEP, completing 2 of the 4 workshop sessions. At least 4 other clubs have made definite commitments. Workshop scheduling and Facilitators are in process. Approximately 8 more club presentations are scheduled. All club Presidents and Secretaries will be sent a CEP reminder email after the MidWinter Convention. We are hopeful these will result in additional clubs requesting presentations and/or signing on to CEP.

**2. Offer a seminar at the Mid-Winter Convention on leadership opportunities within our district.**

ID Steve Glass and PDG Cindy Glass will present a seminar titled ...Finding Them and Keeping Them for Life.

**3. Have quarterly joint GLT/GMT meetings, including the DG Team.**

Joint meetings were held in the first 2 quarters of the Lions year. The third quarter meeting will be held shortly after the MidWinter convention.

**Historian:** Lion Ken Farrell encouraged all cabinet members to visit the 5M-2 District Webpage, particularly look at the Historian section. Much of our district history has been added although not all of it has caught up with the new formatting that Lion Laura has been working on. She is making it much more attractive than the black and white excel spreadsheets that he has. So give it a little time to catch up, and we will have a very nice website with the 5M-2 History. Something we can all be proud of. He then thanked Lion Laura.

**Journey for Service:** Lion Jack Webster will again be spearheading the Journey for Service, This year's Journey for Service is going to be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 9-11, 2014. He has acted as chairman of the Journey the last several years, and would like to again thank everyone for the great support of this worthy cause. The funds collected will be used for District approved projects. If a club would like a program concerning anything about the Journey, the reason for, the origin of and/or the history of this project please fee free to contact him for a program.

He regrets to inform all clubs and Lions members that this will be his last year as chairman of this fabulous project. Due to age, longevity and the fact that his GPS (Guessing Promotes Sightseeing) system is not always quite as accurate as it once was, he thinks it is best that he steps aside and let a younger Lion enjoy the experiences that have been his for the 24 years that he has been lucky enough to chair this very worthwhile fundraiser. It has been a great experience, he has met some great Lions due to the appointment as chairman of the Journey, he has sincerely enjoyed each and every trip. He has been lucky enough to become good friends with the last 24 District Governors and have shared some great times with them all. They were great traveling companions, each one has had their own individual personality but the one thing in common they have all shared – each is a very dedicated and hard-working Lion! While sharing the common thread of Lionism, they have all be different (Boy, have some been different – but that is a “whole nother story”).

**LCIF:** PDG Rick Wagener reported that he has sent club balance reports of their LCIF account to all 5M2 clubs with a special request for adding to, or increasing their club donations to the Parade of Green at this year's mid-winter convention. He will have a LCIF display table at our mid-winter with all current information on quarterly and yearly donations and a list of all MJF recipients of all clubs.

**Leader Dog:** Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he has completed the following activities since the October Cabinet Meeting:

1. Provided my Leader Dog Business card to Club Officers at 3 Zone Meetings. The cards also indicated the Club's 5-year donation balance towards a Founders Tribute.

2. Emailed 13 Clubs reminding them that they are eligible for Founders Tributes, and provided them with the application form in pdf format.
3. Spoke with 4 Lions about the possibility of becoming puppy raisers

Lion Shirley Hespenheide reported that she has spoken to two clubs since our last Cabinet Meeting. She has spoken to both of these clubs before. They are Winthrop and St. Peter. This time she spoke about Puppy Raisers rather than Leader Dogs. She has decided that as this is her last year as Leader Dog Chair that she would change her tune a little and speak more about the Puppy Raisers as that is where these dogs start.

She has spoken to Lion Kathleen Breen about an award that Leader Dog has received from Mutual of America. This is for the Puppy Raising Program. Kathleen also told her that the Kennel Update may be starting next year and that we will be hearing more regarding that.

She is also helping set up a meeting at the MD5M Convention in Morton for the Leader Dog Chairs in MD5M. She went to Alexandria for the 5M4 Convention on January 24, 25 & 26. She met with Carroll Jackson, one of the Leader Dog Representatives.

**LEO Clubs:** Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported exciting news...She has established contact with the Sibley East Junior High Leo secretary and have met the Senior High Advisor. She "surprised" them at their school☺ She is working on increasing communication with them and trying to organize a service project with the Cologne Leos and Sibley East to do some work with the homeless.

She also has 2 Leos from Northfield attending the convention on Saturday and they will be staying for the Leo Symposium after the Saturday Lunch. Leo Symposium will have a guest speaker from Leader Dogs and Lion Anna made up handbooks for the Leos. They will be talking about tips for Public Speaking, Teamwork, Lions/Leos history and facts, how to log onto to LCI Website and the 5M2 Website and overall job duties of club members ie. Secretary and President.

She will also be visiting Wells the end of the month to talk to them about having a Leo Club in their High School.

Feel free to stop by the Symposium and offer tips and money for the Cologne Leos newest project the Red Lake Reservation School.

**Liberty Day:** Lion Mary Spille reported that there has been no solid activity on the north end since last report. She is still anticipating Norwood Young America programs, specific teacher contact has been made. She will be speaking about Liberty Day programs to Green Isle on March 3 and Arlington on March 6.

Co-chair Dennis Hewitt reported that since the last Cabinet Meeting he visited the Mankato Lions Club and presented the Liberty Day Program. The Mankato Lions are going ahead with Liberty Day at two schools and he is giving 50 books to President Bill. He also visited the Wells Lions Club and talked about restarting the Liberty Day Program, they are considering the program at their school and are going to talk to a teacher about it.

**Long Range Planning:** PDG Tom Ferleman reported that the MD5M Long Range Planning Committee has completed the Multiple Long Range Plan. It will be presented to the Council of Governors for approval at their March meeting. He continues to work with individual Lions and with Lions Clubs to develop plans for now and for the future. He has a display at this convention and will be available to encourage Lions to develop their personal plan and a plan for their club.

**MD5M Hearing Foundation:** PDG Mike Vos reported that the Hearing Foundation trustees last met on February 1<sup>st</sup>. at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud. The major fundraiser for the year will again be the D-Feet hearing loss walk. This will be held on June 7th at the U of M Landscape Arboretum. More information will be coming out soon.

Officer elections were held. There was some discussion on the bi-laws and policy manual changes.

A work session was held to self evaluate the Foundation, it's goals and long range plans.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Spring tours are set for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Mid-Winter Convention:** Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that as of 2/7/14 we have 273 Pre-

registered, 72 for Friday night supper, 215 for Saturday Lunch, 186 registered for the Saturday Banquet, and 172 for Sunday Brunch. The committee met once a month in July-November and had two meetings in January. The second one was snowed out so it was rescheduled the week before the convention. They met several times with DG Joan and Kevin as well as meeting with the City Center Hotel Staff. They had super help from the committee members. This group has several members attending the convention for the first time. Kathleen Bleckeberg is the registration chair and Karen Erickson is the treasurer. These two are both first timers. "Let the Good Times Roar."

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:** Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – Lion Kevin has been busy selling raffle tickets for the foundation. He has sold over 200 tickets so far which is a little over half of the tickets that he was given. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards research at the University of Minnesota in hope of finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes in the near future.

He will have a display set up at this mid-winter promoting diabetes awareness and the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. We will also be offering diabetes screening on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 9:00 am.

The next Diabetes Foundation meeting will be February 15th in St. Cloud.

**MN Lion Vision Foundation:** Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they attended the third board meeting of this Lions year 2013/14 in St. Cloud February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Erik von Kuijk, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neuroscience, was unable to attend but sent his report. One outstanding item was an anonymous gift of \$8 million to be used to "Cure Age Related Macular Degeneration."

Reports were given:

Jackie Malling, CEO of the MLEB. One item of interest was an overview of general donor and tissue dates. In 2013, 1,701 corneas were donated and 1162 transplants. Tissue distribution is used for transplants, research, and training.

Jennifer Marshall, Public Relations Director, gave her report. One item was the next Lions Tour will be April 12<sup>th</sup>. They are still accepting reservations for the tour. Call 612-626-5150 or 866-887-4448 or email [mader005@umn.edu](mailto:mader005@umn.edu). It was suggested by the board that there be only one tour each year, in the spring beginning in April 2015. The reason being that parking becomes a major problem at the University in the fall because of football games, etc.

Lion Frank Lorenzo also gave the financial report.

A handout was given in regard to MLVF Used Eyeglass collection process. Used eyeglasses can be brought to Region and Zone meetings and the Mid-Winter conventions. Also we directors transport the boxes of glasses to board meeting where the recycling center volunteers pick them up. No eyeglass cases should be sent. Last August approximately 200,000 pair of glasses were delivered to the Rosholt, WI center. They filled six pallets with boxes stacked six feet high.

They received the State fair Booth Schedule. 5M-2 is scheduled for Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and volunteers are needed to man the booth.

A major item of business was to elect a new Legal Consultant replacing International Director Mike Molenda. There were two very good candidates, Lion Steve Collins from Redwood Falls and Lion Carol Mayer from Arlington. Each gave a report about themselves to the Legal committee. On the recommendation of the Legal committee, Lion Carol Mayer was elected to fill the position effective immediately. Lion Carol has been a Lion for three years and is a member of the Arlington Lions Club. Lion Diana gave Lion Carol the information and encouraged her to apply for the position. Lion Carol is from our own 5M-2 and we welcome her to the MLVF board.

Please remind your club to present a Helen Keller Award if the club qualifies. The first Helen Keller Award from 5M-2 was presented to Lion Stan Wolter of Glencoe on July 27, 1992.

The Club visits have slowed down during these winter months.

The next MLVF board meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud.

**Newsletter Editor:** PDG Bill Curtis reported, WOW, where did the time go? He and the District Governor have been doing the Newsletter eight months now and she is doing a terrific job of getting him the information on time. All of the officers have done a great job of getting him their information.

We have been using a lot of photos and her new idea of Match Strikes has been a real hit. Adding the new members has been great. Please help to inform clubs of the deadline, which is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

PDG Bill will have a display in the hall with extra copies of the February Newsletter along with a GREEN SHEET of how to subscribe for one year for only \$9. What a great deal. It is delivered to your home.

He then thanked all of the Lions for the cards, memorials, letters, prayers and support since the passing of his wife, Linda, on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Project New Hope:** Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that since the last cabinet meeting Project New Hope has received a 501 C 3 hurrah! With using "Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota" donations from gambling can be used. Any non-gaming fund checks can still be made out to "Project New Hope."

Project New Hope has two confirmed dates for retreats –

March 28, 2014 at Camp Eden Wood, Eden Prairie, MN, this is a new place for Project New Hope.

December 5, 2014 at Inspiration Point Camp, Clitherall, MN

She has a few Club visits set up.

**Technology & Computer Support:** Lion Laura Maki reported that her focus the last several months has been working more aggressively on reformatting the historical information compiled by Historian Lion Ken Farrell into attractive pdf files. Part of that process has been attaining picture files of the various awards, many times having to go through several people before finding the right source. There is an end in sight, although she did discover a few hiccups and have referred those issues back to Lion Ken for clarification.

Multiple mass e-mails have been sent to inform district members of various things going on. She is often asked to utilize her creativity in making posters/flyers to send out. There have been several information requests for the Mid-Winter Convention that she has been able to fulfill. It is always a great feeling when you can provide the needed info! She will also be setting up the projector equipment for speakers during the Mid-Winter Convention. Spring Zone Meetings will follow shortly after the convention so there will be more announcement letters to assist with and mass e-mails to send out. As always clubs are encouraged to submit their fundraising posters to be added to the website and facebook page.

A focus during the last two years has been to increase the number of clubs having websites. In 2010, 20 of the 63 clubs in the district had websites, including 4 who are using the new LCI "e-clubhouse". As a result of the workshop presented at the 2012 Mid-Winter regarding the e-clubhouse website, the numbers have grown. Today, 37 of 64 clubs have websites with 24 of them using "e-clubhouse". She also educated them about social media and knows of at least eleven clubs that have a facebook page.

A reminder to the CEP coordinators; Lion Steve Wasserman, MD5M Technologies Operations Consultant has informed District Computer Chairs that the "How Are Your Ratings" and "Community Needs Assessment" components of the CEP are available for use via MD5M Survey Monkey website. This may be a helpful method to collect that information. Contact Lion Steve or Lion Laura if you are interested.

**Write Off:** Lion Jim Spille reported that the project was completed for this year and the write off winners will be at the convention as usual.

**Youth Exchange/Youth Camp:** Lions Chris and Janet Hall reported that they are receiving applications already, so they are putting the word out and asking for host families. All previous host families have been sent an email asking if they are interested in hosting again. A letter has been sent to all the clubs asking for Lions or non-Lions who are interested in hosting to please contact them and if they are interested in learning more about Youth Exchange to have the Co-Chairs come and do a presentation. They have done one club visit this year so far.

One outgoing application has been sent to Lion Sue Mullen and 5M2 may have a possible second one.

**Youth Outreach/Peace Poster:** Co-Chairs Lions Paula Stephens and PDG Sue Bowman reported that the Peace Poster contest theme for 2013-2014 was "Our World Our Future". The theme seemed more allusive

than in the past so we were excited to see what the student's designs would be. We received 41 posters sponsored by 27 clubs.

The participation was up from last year and they are confident the interest in the project will continue. They will be contacting all the participating clubs asking for help to compile best practices for the Peace Poster Contest. The feedback will be shared at the spring zone meetings and included in promotional efforts.

There is a Peace Poster informational table in the hall with photos of this year's posters as well as information for the current Peace Poster Contest. "Peace, Love and Understanding" is the Peace Poster theme for 2014-15. Kits are available through LCI on line and in the Lion magazine, now through October 1. Spring is the best time to contact the schools and get the Peace Poster Contest added to the curriculum.

First place for this year's Peace Poster goes to Allie Santani, a student at Guardian Angels School, and sponsored by the Victoria Lions Club. Allie, along with her family, will receive her award at our Sunday brunch. Second place was awarded to Anna Remes, from Maple River School and sponsored by the MN Lake Lions. Norah Wiest, from SACS, was the third place winner and he was sponsored by the Shakopee Valley Lions. Prizes awards were \$300, \$200 and \$100.

Thank you to all the clubs that sponsored the Peace Poster Contests, it is a great way to bring Lions and youth together.

**Lions Quest:** Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that due to bad weather they had to cancel two scheduled club visits and made only one since the last cabinet meeting. They hope to reschedule them soon.

On the schedule for tomorrow you will note two presentations that are not on the Parade of Green. For eight years Mike has asked that a presentation on Lions Quest be added to the Mid Winter Convention list. At this point, Lion Cathleen is asking and begging that the upcoming Governors and Mid Winter Chairs please add a presentation on Lions Quest to our Saturday presentations or at one of our meals. Quest influences our Youth, the hope for our nation.

### **Comments:**

International Director Stephen Glass expressed gratitude for being here this weekend. He thanked everyone for being a Leader in our District.

- o The Convention in Toronto is going to be extremely important. The goal of the Constitution and By-Laws committee is to have on the ballot some Constitution and By-Laws changes that will have move this organization forward. The details will be presented tomorrow.
- o The Centennial Planning Committee will be involved in new branding, new service projects, innovative ideas for capturing a new audience, etc. It will be a very important position.
- o There is \$500 available to every Zone for Zone training or CEP trainers. He encouraged us to use CEP more broadly.
- o Involve a US veteran initiative – any retired veteran from 5 major branches the initiation fee is waved.
- o Leos – any multiple district has the opportunity to get \$16,000 annually for a Leo conference. Leadership training and service must be part of the conference. Training and leadership materials are being developed for Leos and the advisors.
- o There is a model being advocated to have the club visits split between DG, VDG, etc. so that in any one year each goes to 1/3 of the clubs. There is language being put forward that the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG have supervisory responsibility over the GLT/GMT. There is a lot going on at the International Level. There is not an increase in dues in the near future but International is looking at ways to cut their budget(s) and be wise stewards of our dollars.
- o Looking forward to sharing the weekend with 5M2.

DG Joan Blank reported that PID Maynard Rucks volunteered to chair the committee for the Multiple Convention being here in 2016. He would like a co-chair so if you are interested in doing that please contact DG Joan this weekend. She also has sheets for program chairs to keep track of their Parade of Green dollars. Please see her to get those also.

**Comments:**

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Marvin Grimm thanked everyone for their work and invited everyone to the hospitality room tonight.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Harry Klenke thanked everyone for keeping their reports short and keeping the meeting moving. He also invited everyone to the hospitality room also.

DG Joan thanked Zone 9 for everything they have done for this conference.

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

Motion to adjourn made Lion Robert Hunter and seconded by Lion Jack Spencer. MC. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lion Cindy Walters