

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2015
St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN**

Call to Order: DG Marvin Grimm called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Welcome: DG Marvin Grimm welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig

Invocation: Led by 1st VDG Steve Wasserman

Protocol: 1st VDG Steven Wasserman found a slight variation in protocol from how we have done it in the past. Protocol for past district governors should be in alphabetical order.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 34 in attendance plus 1 guest and 18 absent.

Introduction of Guests: DG Marvin introduced Lion Evelyn as a guest.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda PDG Rick Wagener; PDG Tom Ferleman; **MC.**

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by Lion Cathleen Williams, seconded by Lion Wanda Briemhorst; **MC.**

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report. YTD income is \$29,604.58 and expenses of \$21,496 leaving balance of 1022/15. Special Funds account is at \$87,741.74 and Core 4 Grant \$1,547.08. Motion to approve was made by PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Shirley Hesperheide. **MC.**

Communications: The multiple is starting the process of looking for a candidate to replace MD5M Secretary Bob Harms. The goal is to have the replacement on board for shadowing by July 1, 2016. DG Marvin will be updating the District Map. Wayne Swanson, Multiple Legal Advisor also wants to be replaced. The Council of Governors recommended a dues increase of \$1/member. This will be voted upon at the Multiple Convention Business meeting. 2nd Vice District Governor training will be added to the budget as well. PDG Steph Gurney is a Mankato Sunrise Lion now and needs to be recognized. His name needs to be added to the directory.

Old Business:

- **2016 MD5M Convention Report** – PID Maynard Rucks and Lion Nancy Mathwig. Since the August Cabinet meeting the 2016 MD5M Convention committee has finalized our speakers. Speakers will be:
 - Leader Dog for the Blind speaker (who is to be determined yet) presenting on the kennel/Canine Development Center campaign as well as an update on all programs available.
 - Lion Hanna Elshoff from 5M-1 who will speak about her adventures with her solar bike, traveling around the country and raising funds for Leader Dog.
 - Wendy Elasky, Clinical Research Coordinator, University of MN Department of Ophthalmology will speak on the new artificial retina procedure – “bionic eye” along with Lion Tim Lindbo, Prior Lake Lions, a recipient of an artificial retina.
 - Presenting on Diabetes Research will be Professor Michael Garwood, who is in charge of the imaging laboratory at the University. His specific topic is pending.
 - Jerrid Sebesta, former meteorologist with KARE 11 (Twin Cities) will be our motivational speaker for the Sunday brunch.

The MN Lions Vision Foundation voted to accept our offer of the raffle room and will work with Lion Jerry Wohlers and Camp Confidence on the details. PDG Dave Moen met with our committee to discuss any questions and the committee formally gave them the go ahead with their plans.

Letters were handed out or mailed to all 5M-2 clubs asking for monetary assistance with the convention. Lion Sue Vos has begun receiving funds from district clubs.

A letter for all clubs has been approved by the committee and will be emailed to all clubs in MD5M shortly, along with the registration form and hotel information. Lion Steve Wasserman will email both

the secretary and president of all clubs in the multiple. Hard copies will be sent to the clubs without an email address listed in the directory.

Our block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn has been filled already! PID Maynard is working on expanding the number of rooms they have allotted us. To date we have 75 total rooms of their 118 rooms, plus one suite for the international guest.

Our budget of \$65,660.00 was approved by the Council of Governors at the recent Council meeting.

We will again be having a service project during the convention. We will be working with PDG Orville Trettin and Food for Kidz to again bag food. Watch for additional details in upcoming editions of the district and multiple district newsletters.

Committee members will be traveling to all Mid-Winter conventions to promote the convention both with a short presentation during the business meeting as well as a display.

Come Canoe with 5M2 and Join Us at the Bend in the River II.

- **Policy Manual** – VDG Steve Wasserman went over the changes he has suggested to the policy manual. There was much discussion regarding the mid-winter convention costs. He would like to see something in the policy manual regarding who pays the registration fee and what it is determined. DG Marv doesn't want to charge visiting District Governor's for registration. PDG Tom Ferleman made a motion that visiting dignitaries do not pay the registration fee but any other attendee would pay it, Lion Darlene Wondra seconded. Discussion followed. The biggest issue that seemed to arise with this was in regard to the Memorial Service. Motion failed. PID Debra Wasserman made a motion that visiting dignitaries not pay registration fee. Lion Lori Klein seconded. MC. A committee of VDG Nancy Mathwig, PDG Rick Wagener, PID Maynard Rucks, VDG Steve Wasserman and Lion Cathleen Williams will work on this. PARADE OF GREEN – is not listed in either the Policy Manual or the By Laws. At the Multiple District level it is in the By-Laws. VDG Steve is recommending that it be located in one or the other: Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion that the Parade of Green and endorsed programs be spelled out in the Policy Manual; PDG Harry Klenke seconded. MC.

New Business:

- **Arlington Lions Grant Request** – Arlington Lions President PDG Eunice Rucks requested permission to apply for a LCI standard grant to fix up the senior center. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to approve this request, PDG Rick Wagener seconded. With this process 50% of the money comes from LCI if approved and the other 50% comes from Lions clubs. This will make the building handicapped accessible as well as really improve an old building. They just need approval to pursue the grant. MC.
- **Camp Spicer Incorporation** – Lion Cindy Walters: I was asked to make mention that Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer is a 501C3 now so clubs can give donations directly to the Camp to offset camp expenses. On the parade of green checks made out to Youth Exchange will stay in the YE budget and checks made out directly to Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer will go to the Camp to maintain lower camp fees and sponsor events.
- **Constitution & By Laws** – VDG Steve Wasserman brought forward Constitution and By Laws recommended changes from Lions International. See attachment at end of minutes. Lion Lori Klein made a motion to approve the changes to reflect the document before us, Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg seconded. MC. VDG Steve will send the proposed changes out to the clubs to be voted on at the Mid-Winter Business Meeting.
- **Centennial Celebration** – VDG Steve Wasserman explained the Centennial Celebration idea. He would like to have a committee formed to start planning for this event. This is planting the seed for people to think about if they are interested in being on this committee. VDG Steve made a motion that we establish a committee to work on this celebration, VDG Nancy Mathwig seconded. MC.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 The fall Region 1 Meeting was held at the Island View Golf Course with the Waconia Lions hosting with 86 Lions in attendance and only 58 RSVPing. She has been visiting clubs throughout the zones speaking about the Mid-Winter convention in Mankato hoping to have the best convention ever!

- **Zone 1** Lion Connie Rau – Zone 1 has 10 clubs, including the Hutchinson Lioness Club. Membership currently is 269 which is -2 for the year. 3 clubs reported activities and 7 did not. The number of Lion hours reported was 1274 and the number of people served was 20498.
- **Zone 2** Lion Brenda Fritzke reported that Zone 2 has 8 clubs, 1 Leo club, and 496 club members. In the fiscal year (July to Oct. 2015) Zone 2 has a total of 10 new members. The Fall Zone meeting will be held at the Watertown Community Center, hosted by the Watertown Lions Club, on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015, 6:30 social and 7:00 dinner with the meeting to follow.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – Deadline is tomorrow for the Zone meeting.

Region 2 Lion Lori Klein, Region 2 Chairperson, As of October 25, Region 2 has 688 (-6) members and is composed of 19 clubs. On September 29, the Region 2 meeting was held in Faribault with 15 clubs present. The Cabinet was able to give short reports and work with clubs to set up visits. For the rest of the year, the Region Chair will work with Zone chairs to request a copy of every clubs membership and public relations plans and assuring clubs are reporting activity/membership each month. Region chair will also work to contact clubs who do not have a website to discuss the options available and how this could help the club be more visible to the community and surrounding area.

- **Zone 4** Lions Brenda Jones – There are currently 258 members in the 6 clubs in Zone 4. Nicollet and Courtland Clubs have both recently added a new member! Zone 4 Fall meeting is set for this Thursday, Oct. 29th in Gibbon with over 40 RSVP's received. Courtland Club recently completed the CEP Lite and came up with several action plans...some of which have already been implemented such as starting a Facebook site. (Look us up and "Like" us at Courtland MN Lions Club!) Lafayette recently co-hosted the New Ulm Diabetes Walk. Courtland has a Pancake Brunch coming up Nov. 1st. Many clubs are having Community Halloween Parties and planning Christmas activities for kids.
- **Zone 5** Lion Jim Spille – The Zone 7 Clubs and 2 Leo Clubs have reported 222 members. They have been very active with numerous activities. 5 club visits have been completed with the others scheduled or planned. Fall meeting is scheduled for November 11 in Hamburg. Spring meeting not yet scheduled but following the rotation will be hosted by Arlington. Club visitation schedules have been distributed.
- **Zone 6** Lion Brian Rykhus – As of October 22, 2015, Zone 6 has 210 members. The Zone began the year with 206 members. Zone 6 is plus 4 members for the year. This month Zone 6 is showing a +0 with one add and one drop. The Lonsdale Lions Club is hosting the Fall Zone 6 meeting on Tuesday, October 27. The Northfield Lions will host the Spring Zone meeting. He is continuing to work on scheduling clubs visits in the Zone. He hopes to visit all clubs in the Zone before the end of calendar year 2015. Zone 6 has reported 453 Lion hours of service this fiscal year serving 1,940 people.

Region 3 Lion Paul Gorman reported that the Region III meeting was held Tuesday, September 22 at the Waseca Starfire Grill and Event Center, 206 2nd Avenue SW, Waseca, MN. He sent his reports of the meeting as well.

From Zone 7, Lion Charlie Knakmuhs– Lake Crystal Lions Club

From Zone 8, Lion Diane Beckman – Waseca Lions Club

From Zone 9, Lion Kathleen Blackeberg – Alden Lions Club

- **Zone 7** Lion Charlie Knakmuhs – Lion Charlie has done two club visits, held Zone Meeting with all clubs present and is working on helping the clubs with gaining and retaining members. There are 162 members in Zone 7 which is down 1 from July.
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – No report.
- **Zone 9** Lion Kathleen Blackeberg – Reported that she attended the Region 3 meeting on Sept 22nd in Waseca and the Region 2 meeting on Sept 29th in Faribault. The Zone 9 Fall meeting was held on October 14th in Blue Earth at the Hamilton Hall, the Blue Earth Lions club hosted. Clubs that were in attendance were: Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions, Albert Lakeview Lions, Alden Lions, Blue Earth Lions, Minnesota Lake Lions, and Wells Lions. Cabinet Chairs that were in attendance were: Peace Poster, Future Planning, Hearing Foundation, Leader Dog, Can-Do-Canines, Environmental Photo Contest, Mid-Winter Convention, and MD5M multiple Convention. Remarks were given by: 2nd Vice District Governor Nancy Mathwig and District Governor Marvin Grimm.

Committee Reports: VDG Steve Wasserman set a 3 minute time limit.

Can Do Canines: Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported that In August Can-Do-Canines held a Lion Chair training along with a tails to tell presentation. Lion Kathleen attended the Region 3 meeting on Sept 22nd and the Region 2 meeting on September 29th, she attended the Zone 9 meeting on October 14th and will be attending the Zone 6 meeting on October 27th. She made a club visit to the Waterville Lions on October 12th and will be making club visits to the following clubs:

Kiester ~ Nov 9th

Minnesota Lake ~ Nov 11th

Albert Lea Cloverleaf ~ Nov 17th

Wells ~ Nov 18th

Albert Lea Lakeview ~ Nov 23rd

Lion Deb Koehnen reported that this summer Can-do-Canines placed their 500th team. Nina is a Hearing Assist dog for Paul Chavez of Mequon, WI.

The Woofaroo walk held on Sept. 19 raised \$61,000 – enough for two teams.

Saturday, Oct. 24 is the fall graduation. She is working on setting up a club visit with NYA West Carver and am planning to attend Fall zone meetings of zones 2 and 5.

Centennial Service Challenge: VDG Steve Wasserman reported that the Banner patches are finally here. He has been distributing them at Zone and Region meetings. The list and patches from LCI are incomplete.

Constitution & By-Laws: VDG Steve Wasserman's reported above in New Business.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Harry Klenke reported that upcoming events to be noted are the 5M2 Midwinter Convention that will be held again in Mankato Friday February 12th thru Sunday February 14th 2016.

The 97th Annual Multiple District Convention will also be held in Mankato Friday April 22th thru Sunday April 24th

The 99th Annual International Convention will be held Friday June 24th thru Tuesday June 28th 2016 in Fukuoka, Japan.

The USA-Canada forum will be held September 15th thru September 17th of 2016. in Omaha, Nebraska.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she has bird pins and snowman pins for sale. A letter has been given to all of the Presidents of the clubs giving them information about how to report a death in their club to be included in the Memorial Service at the District Convention.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported on **DG Marvin's GLT goals for 2015-2016** – Goals 1-4 were set by DG Marvin. Goals 5 & 6 were developed by GLT-D Coordinator.

1. Conduct Region and Zone chair Training.

Completed. See August 2015 GLT report.

2. Conduct club officer training.

Completed. See August 2015 GLT report.

3. Convention speaker on Leadership Training.

DG Marvin has arranged for PCC Bruce Beck to present a motivational leadership session.

4. Conduct CEP workshops in clubs.

The Courtland Lions completed a CEP workshop on Saturday September 18. No other clubs have expressed specific interest in scheduling a CEP workshop. The "Club Quality Initiative" is now the official name as determined by LCI. CEP will continue to appear on materials until the next printing.

5. To provide Orientation to clubs in 5M2.

- A. Recruit a Lion to Shepherd Orientation area. PDG Joan has agreed to provide leadership in this critical area.
 - B. Review existing PowerPoint. Completed.
 - C. Develop promotion process directed toward clubs. The first orientation presentation has been scheduled and work on a specific promotion plan will happen after this initial presentation.
- 6. To introduce a specific mentoring program to clubs in the District.**
- A. Select/develop a specific mentoring program.
 - B. Recruit several clubs to pilot the program.

Dates for Region/Zone Chair and club officer training are being discussed and initial contacts will be made soon regarding locations and dates.

We do not have a candidate for second VDG as of yet. She is asking the PDGs to stay after this meeting to discuss this.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that he has not received any invitations to for a CEP presentation to this point. He has had a couple of prospective inquiries from LCI that he has forwarded on to the closest clubs in the areas that they live. He has not started on any new club activities to this point,

He thanked everyone for their concerns about his health, he has one more round of chemo on Nov. 13th, hopefully he will feel better after that.

Historian: Lion Nancy Mathwig stated that there is nothing new to report for the Historian since the last Cabinet meeting. She will again have a display of the 5M-2 Hall of Fame recipients at the Mid-Winter convention and is working on a second display also.

Journey for Service: PDG Gordy Affield reported that the Journey for Service will occur sometime in April prior to the Multiple Convention.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that at this time, he has attended Region meetings and has two club visits scheduled.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hesperheide gave an update on the Canine Development Center for Leader Dogs for the Blind - As of October 22, the Canine Development Center has several new litters of puppies and a few of the breeding dogs being moved in. From what she understands there will be no tours until fall of 2016 as there will still be work going on inside the Center. At this time, the pledges and donations still needed amount to one million dollars. At this time there has been \$13 million raised of the money needed.

Lion Shirley has spoken to Albert Lea Lakeview Lion Club and has presentations set up at Ellendale, Mankato and Blue Earth Lions Clubs.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that the Cologne Leos had three attend the Leo conference. They had two attend Thanksgiving for Vision. Upcoming events include: Ronald McDonald house, Hoolander Bingo. They also gave \$250 toward a mission camp in South Dakota and raised school supplies.

The Northfield Leos have been working for the Northfield Senior center. They cut out Christmas stocking, will label them later and hang them on a tree after Thanksgiving for Christmas sharing. Making "Thank you bookmarks" for Lions Veterans in Northfield. The group is going to have several Veterans talk on their experiences. They are having Lion Dr. James Gutfleisch speak on "How he recycles used eye glasses in Second World countries". They are planning to be involved in the "My Starving Children" program in Cannon Fall in November. This past summer they collected various items. The outstanding collected items were flip tabs from various cans and eyeglasses. They collected about 7,000 flip tabs and took them to Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. They collected over 55 pair of glasses for Dr. Gutfleisch.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt reported he has attended one Fall Region Meeting, and two Zone Meetings. He has given out over 1000 Liberty Day Booklets to Lions Clubs in our District. He has very few booklets left and would ask for the Cabinets okay to purchase more as needed by for the clubs requests, however, he doesn't know what that amount will be at this time and it was decided by the Youth Activities Group to okay the \$1000 expenditure for 1000 booklets and then look at it again as the need arrives. He does have at least one club visit and hope more will be coming.

Lions Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that in September an email was sent to Teachers of the Blind and Visually Impaired to make them aware of the contest. The email included the theme, rules and her contact information. Lions Clubs who had contest participants in the past were also emailed the same information. At this time she is anticipating at least 1 contest entry. Hopefully more will be submitted.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that since the last cabinet meeting, they were able to attend all three Region meetings, one Zone and two Lions meetings. They have several more club visits scheduled.

Lion Janet Knakmuhs reported that she has contacted several clubs and will be starting visits with them shortly. Her goal is to have several clubs add the program.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported The MD5M Long Range Planning Committee will review and update the MD5M Long Range Plan during this Lion year. He has nothing else to report at this time.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that the MD5M Hearing Foundation board met on October 3, 2015 in St. Cloud, MN at the Country Inn and Suites. The meeting was called to order, the agenda, and following reports were approved: Secretary's and Treasurer's. The treasurer's report indicated that the final payment to the equipment fund for the Lions Children's Clinic had been made, leaving only the Professorship balance of \$600,000.00 left.

Old Business:

The state fair booth supply shortage was discussed. A clearer system of organizing the giveaway items will be developed to avoid future confusion.

New Hearing Foundation brochures should be ready by November, 2015, so there will be plenty to hand out at the state fair, at club visits, and at conventions.

The Cochlear Implant picnic was a great success: The Ramsey club volunteered supplies, extra manpower, and a Cinderella and Spiderman character to pose for pictures with children and their families. This year's event was the best attended ever!

New Business:

Dr. Beven Yueh presented the research projects to be considered for funding. They were discussed and funded.

The U of M Tours for next spring were discussed as the Lions Hearing offices and labs, currently in the PW building, will be moving into a new building as of February. Since the public will not be able to tour the facilities on the same day as the Vision tours because the Hearing building will be open and seeing patients, the board brainstormed other options to deliver the "Hearing" message.

Committees met and discussed possible changes to the Hearing Fellowship Award, the possibility of a new quarterly HF newsletter, and updated brochures.

The final items covered were trustee duties and responsibilities, and a revised calendar of meeting dates and sites. It adjourned at noon.

Mid-Winter Convention: Lions Rick Wagener and Sandy Schneider reported that they have been having monthly convention meetings. They look forward to seeing everyone on February 12,13 and 14 in Mankato! Wear your red and black shirts! They have secured someone to do a wine/painting class for \$30 during the business meeting. Costume contest is anything to do with Lumberjack, Paul Bunyan, etc. The costs were maintained at the conference so it is very reasonably priced convention. Hotel rooms went up \$2/night. Rooms need to be booked at least a month ahead so that we can have entertainment go later.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – Lion Kevin reported that on October 3, 2015, they attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's quarterly meeting held in Brooklyn Center.

Russell Betts and Jean Gorell from the University of Minnesota, presented a power point program on "The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. and the University of Minnesota Diabetes Research." They handed out a DVD titled, "Diabetes Research: Creating Hope" and also fielded questions after the presentation.

The Foundation made a grant to the University of Minnesota for \$70,000.00 to hire a "Quality Assurance Consultant". This person will oversee the transition from islet manufacturing for Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials to manufacturing for a licensed biological product in full compliance with the FDA's current Good Manufacturing Practices.

The Foundation had a lot of discussion on the upcoming World Diabetes Day event that is to be held on November 14, 2015. This event will be held at eight different Walmart stores throughout Minnesota, Mankato will be the site in 5M2. The goal is to make the public more aware of a healthy life style to prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes. Our goal for this event is to provide awareness for pre-diabetes, provide diabetes education, blood glucose screenings and create awareness of diabetes resources available to consumers in each area. This event will be held at eight Walmart store sites throughout the state, Mankato will be the site in District 5M2. Lion Kevin and Lion Wanda are looking for volunteers to help in Mankato that day. Please see Lion Wanda to sign up to help.

Lion Wanda volunteered in the Foundation booth at The Diabetes Expo on Saturday, October 10th at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The Expo is amazing and attended very well. Attendees had every opportunity to learn more about diabetes, nutrition etc. In addition Walgreens provided free flu shots. The 7th annual research update at the University of Minnesota will be held on March 26, 2016.

A diabetes research update will be held on April 14, 2016 at the University of Minnesota, everyone is encouraged to attend to hear about the research that is going on at the U.

Lion Kevin attended 2 Region meetings and has gained several club visitations.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – Autumn has been a busy season. Mary attended three region meetings. Diana attended two region meetings and encouraged clubs to include our programs in their meeting schedules. Both participated in the Fall Tours on October 10. We noted guests from Winthrop, Jordaness, and Cologne Leos.

Both attended the quarterly Foundation meeting October 3 in St. Cloud. Reports were given by the University principals. Highlights:

- Dr. Van Kujik mentioned that the Surgery Center will open March 1, 2016 temporarily in one location until the permanent location is identified. The Lions 4 million dollar pledge to equip four surgery rooms in this center was stated again. Official announcement was made at the first football game of the season; video of this was shown.
- A new accounting firm has been acquired for annual audit.
- Director Raylene Streed reported that the Eye Bank is now working with Life Source and the North Dakota area as a joint effort to combine that area with the Minnesota Eye Bank. Several Fargo area hospitals are already part of our servicing. It is perceived that this will be of great benefit to both states.
- Public Relations Manager Jennifer Marshall stated that the number attending the Fall Tour will be lighter but more clubs are being represented.
- Final report on State Fair booth was presented.
- Plans are underway for Thanksgiving for Vision on October 31.
- VDG (5M2) Steve Wassermann presented more information about Kidsight USA to the directors. Plans are underway for vision screenings in a couple pilot sights. Two major manufacturers will lend the specific instrument to the Multiple for this purpose. Nationwide project being brought to Minnesota at the District level.

Mary has prepared a monthly article "Viewing Forward" for our newsletter.

Diana has prepared 5M2's donation to the silent auction to be held at Thanksgiving for Vision. Both of us plan to attend on October 31.

A great fundraiser is planned for Multiple Convention in April 2016. Lion Jerry Wohlers, director of Camp Confidence, has offered to partner with MLVF to handle the raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets will be on sale later this year. Raffle will include 4 major items; Diana has received donation of a week's stay in Fort Myers as one item – kudos to her. Each district is being asked to donate a minimum of two silent auction items. Also, as members of the hosting district, Diana and I will be contacting our clubs for additional items (free choice to participate). A letter to each club will go out soon.

Mary secured MLVF as recipient of a charitable program given by Klein Bank Corporation. Via that collection, a donation of \$1,302.40 was given to the MLVF.

Next quarterly meeting is set for February 6, 2016 in St. Cloud.

They are pleased that DG Marvin has included a university speaker for Midwinter seminars. He will announce the particulars. Again, they are thankful for the opportunity to serve and, equally important, for the opportunity to learn and grow personally.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that she thinks that things are going good. All newsletters have come out on time and were full of information. Please continue to send information to her from your clubs, zones, regions, committee, etc.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported that This fall has been busy for her learning what she can about Special Olympics. She attended the Special Olympics training hosted by Special Olympics of Minnesota. Lion Laura Maki was one of the organizers of this event and she did an excellent job of making the meeting informative and fun.

She also met with Kate DeBates from LEEP, which is Leisure Education of Exceptional People, out of Mankato. Kate gave PDG Joan a wealth of information regarding their particular program, which reaches out to numerous counties and the Special Olympic athletes that they train. PDG Joan is hoping to get more involved in this program to get a better understanding of the entire Special Olympics program.

PDG Joan attended all 3 Region Meetings to speak briefly on behalf of Special Olympics and to encourage Lions to have her come to present a short program on Special Olympics. She has one scheduled visit so far. PDG Joan has mentioned to all Lions that Special Olympics is not on the Parade of Green, that she is only here to educate.

However, saying that, she is also trying to recruit a group of at least 10 Lions to join in the Polar Plunge in February. Not only will this give Special Olympics more exposure (in more ways than one), we will also be fundraising for this event. She will be writing articles for the newsletter and sending out letters to each club in the next month.

She has not heard from her Co-Chair, Dustin Campion, although she has tried to email him and the Prior Lake Lions tried to contact him for a visit, but no such luck.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that she attended the quarterly meeting in St Cloud. PNH held 3 successful retreats, 1 more is being planned. 24 quilts and fleece blankets were given at the Oct. retreat in Stewartville. A Hayride for veteran's families is being planned in Duluth in December.

Protocol: Lions Lowell and Charlette Abbas distributed Protocol Manuals to all Zone Chairs to be distributed to individual clubs. All cabinet chairs should have received one at the August Cabinet Meeting. As this is a first Protocol Manual for 5M2, they expect that changes will need to be made. Any suggestions or ideas for change can be sent to them via email.

Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported: "(I am unable to be at today's meeting due to the Special Olympics State Unified Flag Football Tournament. There are 53 teams competing this weekend from across the state. I'll send a message as soon as I know our placing.)"

Region & Zone invitation have been created and sent out and I also assisted with a few agendas. I attended the Region Meetings and was able to update many email addresses which helps when needing to send out information from DG Marvin and members of the cabinet.

The Parade of Green Booklet with descriptions and copies of 501(c)3 forms for approved projects has been emailed to club presidents and secretaries. They were also asked to forward to their Gambling Chair if they have one. This will greatly assist clubs identify where gambling funds can be donated and provide proof of the organizations status in case of an audit.

I have been receiving the digital file for the newsletter prior to the first of the month so Lions are getting it in a timely manner. Thanks Lion Cindy. Many times I am sent responses for meetings or newsletter articles, etc. so I forward them onto the correct people.

I plan to work with the Multiple District and DG Marvin to update our district map to include the new clubs.”

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau – The schools should have the student’s essays to the clubs for judging by the end of October. Clubs should have their essays judged and to their Zone Chairs around the 10th of November. Zone chairs should have their essays judged and to the Region chairs by the end of November. Regions chairs should have their essays by the end of December 31st, 2015 and to her by January 10th, 2016.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Kate Pattison reported that there have been no inquiries or submissions as of this moment. She plans on sending an email with the information to club Presidents to further spread the word on the event. She stressed that involvement is the key for success and to be able to represent 5M2 to the Multiple District volunteers need to submit photos and to help judge around the start of the New Year (both being minimal time and effort). **See information flier at end of these minutes.**

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that she is working on an ad that clubs can put in their newsletter or local paper to help find host families and to spread the word about the program. Lion Cindy reported that we have already received requests from five countries to hold spots for them this coming year.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and PDG Sue Bowman. The 2015 Peace Poster contest theme is “Share Peace”. The contest deadline is November 15, and we are looking forward to receiving and judging the entries. The Peace Poster contest has been promoted at the Region meetings, in the district newsletter, website and club emailing. Judging will be done based on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme “Share Peace”. The district winning poster will be sent to the Multiple District Council Chair for judging at the multiple level. Non-winning posters are returned to the local district. The 5M2 poster winner will receive \$300 and be recognized with a plaque and brunch at the Mid-Winter Sunday Brunch.

Comments:

PID Debra Wasserman shared a few items from International. At the convention in Hawaii the office of 3rd Vice President was reinstated. The executive officers interviewed candidates and forwarded their favorable nod to the board. There will be a second and third Vice President elected in Japan. The second VP candidate is a woman from Iceland if elected.

Currently there are 14 International Directors on the board from the US. The US will be losing 3 of the 14 seats on the board in the next three years. Due to this it is unclear whether our candidate will move forward in Japan. We are losing seats because of the US membership numbers being lower. If a current ID is unavailable to speak we may need to invite a PID to be the speaker at convention.

Please make sure that all outstanding balances are paid to International in a timely manner.

2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig thanked Lion Evelyn, Sandy, and Sue Bowman for the meal and treats tonight. She also thanked the Region and Zone chairs for their work and the meetings that have been held have been very informative and well attended. She has enjoyed learning about all different projects being done and is going to “borrow” some of them for her club!

1st VDG Steve Wasserman echoed VDG Nancy’s comments as well. He just completed VDG training at Mahnommen. He is keeping very busy.

DG Marvin Grimm –

- He has completed 9 club visits.
- He has 50 club visits scheduled, 14 to go.
- 4 zone meetings have been very interesting. Nice to hear about all the things happening in 5M2.
- 5 Fall Zone meetings to go.
- Get your Spring Zone meetings dates set soon, Governor's calendar is filling up.
- Let's everyone promote 100% to the Parade of Green, even if it is only \$5 to each organization. Let's have 5M2 a 100% district.
- Thank you for taking time from your Sunday to come to the Cabinet meeting.
- He thanked everyone for continuing to do their best with their Cabinet assignments.

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2016, in Mankato.

CALENDAR:

October 27—Zone 6 Meeting--Lonsdale

October 29—Zone 4 Meeting--Gibbon

October 31—Thanksgiving for Vision

February 12, 2016—Cabinet Meeting—Mankato City Center Hotel

February 12,13,14, 2016—Mid Winter Convention

PDG Rick Wagener had VDG Steve Wasserman show his red and black argyle socks...promoting the mid-winter convention.

Motion to adjourn by PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by PDG Rick Wagener. Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Cindy Walters

**Lions District 5M-2
Constitution (Changes Only)**



ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS AND DISTRICT CABINET

SECTION 4. REMOVAL. Members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the District Cabinet.

ARTICLE VIII

SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION

SECTION 4. DELEGATES. Each chartered club in good standing in the Lions Clubs International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates to the annual District Convention and shall be entitled in each such convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the International Office the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction which is referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one vote only for each office to be filled by, and one vote only on each issue to be voted on by members of, said convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days ~~at any time~~ prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 2. AUTOMATIC UPDATE. When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the convention.

ARTICLE II:

DISTRICT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

SECTION 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Each District Governor shall appoint by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the Midwinter Convention, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions Club in good standing in the District, and shall not ~~at the time~~ through the duration of their appointment hold any District Cabinet or International office either by election or appointment. The names and addresses of the Lions so appointed shall be sent to all clubs in the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening day of the Midwinter Convention.

SECTION 5. DISTRICT GOVERNOR VACANCY. In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor, the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws. The ~~remaining Cabinet officers and members of the District Governor's Honorary Committee~~ immediate past district governor, first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons, zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or cabinet secretary/treasurer) shall convene at a date, time and place called and determined by the Immediate Past District Governor to pick a replacement for recommendation to the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS/CABINET

SECTION 6. REGION CHAIRPERSON.

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, the Region Chairperson shall:

- a. Promote the Club Quality Initiative ~~Excellence Process~~ to the Clubs within the Zone and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the Zone.

SECTION 7. ZONE CHAIRPERSON.

- a. Promote the Club Quality Initiative ~~Excellence Process~~ to the clubs within the Zone and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the Zone.

ARTICLE VI

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Section 2. OFFICIAL CALL. The district governor shall issue an official printed call by printed or electronic means to all clubs for the annual district convention not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for holding the same, stating the place, day and hour thereof.

Section 3. SITE CHANGE. The district cabinet shall retain, and have, power to change at any time, for good reason, the convention site previously chosen by a previous district convention, provided that the convention site shall be located within the district and neither the district, officers of the district nor any member of the district cabinet, shall incur any liability thereby to any club or club member in the district. Notice of this site change shall be furnished in writing to each club in the district no less than sixty (60) thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention.

Section 4. OFFICERS. The members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the Annual District Convention.

Section 5. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. A convention sergeant-at-arms and such assistant sergeant-at-arms as deemed necessary shall be appointed by the district governor.

Section 6. OFFICIAL REPORT. Within fifteen (15) days after the close of each single and sub-district convention, the cabinet secretary shall transmit one copy of the complete proceedings to the international office. Upon written request from any club in the respective district a copy shall be furnished to said club.

SECTION 27. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. The Credentials Committee of the District Convention shall be composed of the District Governor, as Chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, and two other non-officers of the District appointed by the District Governor, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions Club in good standing in the District, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any District or International office either by election or appointment. The Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

SECTION 48. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The District Governor shall arrange the Order of Business for the ~~Midwinter and Multiple 5M~~ District Convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

SECTION 39. DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEES. The District Governor shall appoint, designate the Chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the following District Convention Committees: ~~Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Sergeant at Arms,~~ Rules, Convention City, Nominations and Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, ~~Credentials,~~ Resolutions, and International Convention. ~~Except for the Credentials Committee, which makeup is specified in Section 2 above,~~ Each Region shall have at least one representative on each such committee. These committees shall perform such duties as the District Governor shall designate.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

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Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2015-2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: *Dignity, harmony, humanity*: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. **January 15, 2016** is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2016** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

NOTE: Multiple entries will not be accepted, please limit to one photo entry per multiple district.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org

