



5M-2 District Cabinet Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order by DG Kathleen Bleckeberg at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by DG Kathleen Bleckeberg.

Invocation by 2VDG Lisa Kaufmann.

Protocol established by DG Kathleen Bleckeberg.

DG Kathleen Bleckeberg welcomed everyone to the meeting. During this time DG Kathleen recognized 2VDG Gerald Ziskovsky and provided an update on Lion Troy Feltman.

2VDG Lisa Kaufmann provided the roll call. 42 cabinet members present, 6 absent and ten guests.

DG Kathleen Bleckeberg introduced the ten guests.

The following agenda items were added:

- Team Sheehan Foundation Report
- District 5M-2 Google Folder. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Lion Darlene Breamer, second by Lion Emmy Koch. Motion carried.

The Secretary's Report was provided by 2VDG Lisa Kaufmann. The November 2022 Cabinet Meeting Minutes were sent 11/10/2022 via email. Motion made by PCC Brian Thies and second by Lion Emmy Koch. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Lion Sue Vos. The financials were sent February 3, 2023 via email from 2VDG Lisa. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Lion Brian Rykhus and second by PDG Marvin Grimm. Motion carried.

Council of Governor's Report: DG Kathleen Bleckeberg provided updates from the October 22, 2022 COG.

Old Business:

The Policy Manual was updated by 2VDG Lisa to add the Team Sheehan Foundation to the Parade of Green. PDG Joan Blank asked for the 501 ©(3) to be added, 2VDG Lisa will update to reflect this. Lion Chuck Toltzman noticed the MN Childhood Cancer Foundation was omitted from the Parade of Green in the Policy Manual. 2VDG Lisa will update this as well. The updated Policy Manual will be edited with these two items, posted to the District 5M-2 website and emailed to the cabinet members.

Resolution of Condolence -2VDG Gerald Ziskovsky

WHEREAS, Lions District 5M2 suffered a great loss with the death of Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky, and

WHEREAS, Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky passed away on September 24, 2022, and



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WHEREAS, Lion Gerald Ziskovsky served District 5M2 as Second Vice District Governor, Zone Chair, Convention Chair, Club President, and in many other offices, and

WHEREAS, Lion Gerald Ziskovsky was a respected member of Lions District 5M2, the Prior Lake Lions Club, his family and community, and

WHEREAS, the District Governor Team, Cabinet Members, and Delegates to this District Convention stood in silence as a mark of respect to Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky, be it

RESOLVED THAT the District Governor Team, Cabinet Members, and Delegates hereby record the sad demise of Lion Gerald Ziskovsky on September 24, 2022....

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District Governor Team, Cabinet Members, and Delegates formally recognize the invaluable contributions made by Lion Gerald Ziskovsky as Second Vice District Governor, Zone Chair, Club President, and all other offices held during his tenure and membership with Lions Clubs International, District 5M2 and the Prior Lake Lions Club....

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District Governor Team, Cabinet Members, and Delegates express our deep gratitude for Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky's leadership, wisdom, respect, friendship, and wonderful sense of humor demonstrated in the execution of his duties and responsibilities as a Lion....

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District Governor Team, Cabinet members and Delegates offer our deepest condolences in recognizing Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky's immeasurable dedication and service to District 5M2...

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky's family as an expression of condolence.

New Business:

District Impact Grant: Lion Julie Beckius and 2VDG Lisa presented a service project to be completed at the Fall Zone Meetings. The grant application has to be approved by DG Kathleen and the Cabinet. If approved, the grant application and supporting documentation will be submitted to LCI no later than Friday, February 17, 2023. Motion made by Lion Pam Koenen and second by Lion Wanda Bremhorst. PCC Brian asked if the grant submitted by District 5M10 and 5M13 was approved, 2VDG Lisa confirmed it was. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Zone Reports: 2VDG Lisa facilitated.



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Zone 1: The Zone 1 Spring Zone meeting will be held March 30th at Cactus Jack's in Stewart. More details to follow. Looking forward to seeing many of you. Thank you for allowing me to be your Zone Chair for the last two years. I really enjoyed it and learned so much. Lion Emmy Koch

Zone 2: Our zone has 9 clubs with 531 total members. That is a net gain of 14 members from last year or a 3% growth. Most of the club's member counts remained constant, while the Waconia DandyLions had a net gain of 17 members or a 22% growth.

Clubs in our zone:

- Through the Hwy 5 Corridor
 - o Chanhassen Lions
 - o Victoria Lions
 - o Waconia Lions
 - o Waconia DandyLions
- Hwy 212 Corridor
 - o Cologne
 - o West Carver
 - o Norwood Young America
- What I call the Hwy 7 Corridor
 - o Mayer (South of 7 on CR 25)
 - o Watertown (North of 7 on CR25)

The fall zone meeting was hosted by the Waconia DandyLions and was well attended. The Spring meeting will be hosted by the NYA Lions date to be announced later. Lion Dave Lura.

Zone 3: Zone 3 membership has stayed consistent at 246 members. We added 7 new members, but unfortunately dropped 9 resulting in negative two members since the beginning of the Lion's year.

Zone 3 can proudly say we have 100% participation in contributing to our foundation, LCIF this year. We are proud of our clubs and their contributions.

We are currently planning our Spring Zone Meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd. We will be collecting Spring Cleaning Supplies for our local food shelves.

One area that we will be touching upon at the spring meeting is the changeover in MyLion and the need to keep reporting our service activities. We are doing many great things in Zone 3 as well as all of District 5M-2 but we are our own worst cheerleaders. We will strive to toot our horn loudly and proudly. Lion Rose Thies.



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Zone 4: Zone 4 has 8 clubs with 392 members as of 2/4/2023; up 16 members from the start of the Lions year. Carver, Jordaness, and Shakopee each had one member pass away since the beginning of the Lions year.

- Belle Plaine: 19 members, no change
- Carver: 55 members, +1
- Chaska: 55 members, +7
- Hamburg: 30 members, -2 (transferred)
- Jordan: 44 members, +3
- Jordaness: 51 members, +8
- Shakopee: 112 members, -2
- Shakopee Valley: 26 members, +1

I have visited the Chaska Lions, Hamburg Lions, and Shakopee Lions in the past two months. I am working on scheduling visits with the remaining clubs.

I have sent several email messages to the Presidents and Secretaries in my zone promoting the Mid-Winter Convention, nominating a member for Zone Lion of the Year, scheduling interclub visits, asking them to consider becoming Zone 4 Chair after my term is done, and ELLI. I always remind them to update MyLion and to reach out to me for any help they need.

Scheduled the Zone 4 Spring Zone Meeting for Thursday, April 13 at the Ridges Golf Course in Jordan. The Jordaness Lions will be hosting the meeting. Lion Todd Schansberg.

Zone 5: Fall Zone Meeting hosted by the Lonsdale Lions. A huge thank you to them for hosting. Spring Zone meeting to be hosted by the N.E.W. Lions in March.

Zone 6: Lion Bill VanderSluis did not submit a report, he was present and provided an update.

Zone 7: All our clubs have been active even with all the snow this winter. Because of the weather I've only made one club visit. I visited the Blue Earth Lions when they had their pancake breakfast. I was able to visit with most of the Lions working that day. I plan on going back for one of their meetings. Winnebago and Amboy Lions are both small clubs. They are planning a joint Zone meeting sometime in April. Place and time are still to be determined.

At the beginning of October Zone 7 started with 189 members, but we had a loss of one, giving us a total of 188 at the end of December.

The Wells Lions participated in the write off competition. Their entry, Kristian Rodriguez will represent Zone 7 at the Mid-Winter. Hopefully more clubs will try to get students to enter this completion. One other club did try but had a miscommunication with the English teacher and therefore no one participated. Lion Darlene Breamer.

Zone 8: Zone 8 has a total of 227 members with a net growth of -two although I do know of one new member who has joined since the Club Health report was written. Clubs are keeping busy this winter with KidSight screening, pancake breakfasts, packing food for Basic Blessings, food distributions and many other projects. Kudos to the Owatonna Lions who raised \$17,000 for trade school scholarships at



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their Rock N Roll Christmas Party. I continue with club visits and hope to have all of them completed by March. I will be attending the Midwinter Convention this upcoming weekend and have scheduled the Spring Zone Meeting for Monday, March 27 in Faribault. Watch for more details and your official invite. Lion Shermayne Cross..

Cabinet Reports: 1VDG Christy facilitated.

Can Do Canines: No Can Do Canines presentations were made during the last quarter. Emails with information about the Top Dog Awards were sent last summer to all the clubs in 5M-2 and included offers to provide presentations. So far, two presentations are planned for April 2023. Below is a list of all the Can Do Canines Top Dog Awards issued in District 5M-2 since July 1, 2022:

Club	Date Awarded	Number Issued
Alden	11/1/22	1
Faribault	10/25/22	1
Hamburg	9/16/22	1
Henderson	10/14/22	3
NYA	9/23/22	2
Shakopee	9/14/22	9
Waconia	10/28/22	3
Watertown	9/20/22	3
Waterville	11/9/22	2
Wells	11/11/22	1

Total awards issued since 7/1/22 26

Constitution & By-Laws: 5M-2 Constitution and By-Laws have been reviewed and compared to the International Constitution and By-Laws. No update is needed at this time.

If anyone has any concerns or if I missed something, please contact me. Respectfully submitted: PCC
Brian Thies

District Activities: I am busy working on the Service of Remembrance for the Mid Winter Convention. Respectfully submitted, PDG Eunice Rucks

Environmental: There were 12 entries to the Environmental Photo Contest. The 1st place entry was taken by Lion Alan Fitterer of the Lonsdale Lions. The second place entry was taken by Lion Diane Hesse of the Jordaness Lions. Third place was submitted by Lion Dale Looft of the Montgomery Lions. The winners will receive \$75, \$50 and \$25. Thank you to all who participated. Lion Pam Koenen

GLT: 2nd VDG Lisa and I completed a Lions 101 with the Waconia Lions in January, with another scheduled at the NYA-West Carver Lions in February. I'm scheduled to help instruct at DGE Training in Roseville in March. ELLI is scheduled in Shakopee for 13-16 April and will be advertised in the newsletter. Respectfully submitted, CC Glenn Kaufmann



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GMT: The good news continues. As of February 5, 2023 5M-2 is currently at 2,261 which is plus 30 members for this year. But the good news doesn't stop there. Multiple 5M is up 19 members for the year and Constitutional Area 1 is up 99. Congratulations! This goes to show that every member counts.

We have also seen improvement in club size with now only 12 clubs under 20 members. It is not just the larger clubs attracting more members, but the smaller clubs also. Good Job.

Feelers were extended to communities without clubs, however as of today no new clubs are being organized.

Thank you to all who have asked someone to serve with them. Remember, we sometimes have to be like a farmer and plant many seeds before someone joins. Respectfully submitted: PCC Brian Thies

GST: GST Lions, Lion Brooke & Lion Julie implemented a district wide service project in the fall of FY 22-23 to benefit local food shelves or agencies. Each Zone has been asked to participate in supporting this service project at the fall and spring Zone meetings.

Fall Zone Meetings – The Zones embraced this invitation to participate and in addition to actual products, money donations were also received! Very good feedback for the project throughout the district.

Spring Zone Meetings – Leveraging the theme of “Spring Cleaning” and we are asking that the Zone chairs include the service project into their Spring Zone meetings and invite Lions to bring cleaning supplies for donation.

Of course, donations of any items and/or dollars are always welcome!

New Service project idea: “Buddy Bags”:

District wide project to be done at fall 2023 Zone meeting). Project includes all clubs district wide to participate and distribute the “Buddy Bags” throughout the individual communities.

Details:

- Apply for a grant through LICF to cover the costs of the materials to make/prepare the bags
- Ask for cabinet and zone chair support with the grant and bringing the project and excitement out to the clubs
- Benefits – community recognition for the Lions clubs and of course smiles and happiness for children!

Grant has been written and will be presented at the February 10th Cabinet Meeting for approval. Lions Julie Beckius and BrookeTahedl



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Global Membership Approach Champion (NAMI): Monthly meetings continue to be held by Zoom with the majority of the GMA Team attending. We skipped December because of Christmas.

The November and January meetings have focused on our upcoming Mid-Winter with emphasis on attending, registering delegates, how the Zone Chairs will have a part in the Service of Remembrance and having fun.

Lions Julie Beckius and Brooke Sterbenz are working on creating a flier for the upcoming Spring Zone Meetings for the collection of cleaning supplies for local food shelves. 2VDG Lisa Kaufmann is working with the GST Team for a District Impact Grant.

1VDG Christy reported she has received very few submissions for Zone Person of the Year. 2VDG Lisa stated she would help send out reminders.

MD5M GMA Champion PDG Jay Norby will be a guest speaker at Mid-Winter and speak on the Global Membership Approach. I look forward to how to implement this at a district level.

Leadership opportunities are continually being brought up, especially the upcoming ELLI.

Future topics will be Spring Zone meetings, along with working with 2VDG Lisa on how to best disseminate priority emails, links and information to the Zone Chairs.

Next Zoom meeting is February 26, 2023. Respectfully submitted, PDG Joan Blank, GMA Champion

Historian: Since the last cabinet meeting, I have downloaded the Presidential and Leadership medals from LionsMD5M.org, and highlighted those that I know were from 5M-2. I am requesting the cabinet members peruse my lists and mark any others that should be highlighted as being members of clubs in 5M-2. PDG Steve Wasserman

Journey for Service: I am looking forward to another fun filled and successful journey with DG Kathleen. The dates are May 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2023. More info following the Midwinter Convention. PDG Mike Vos gave an overview of the Journey of Service for the guests at the Cabinet Meeting.

LCIF: What's next? That's the question I have asked, and others have asked me. Short answer-there will always be a need.

One of the goals I would like to touch on this year is **Individual giving**. Make a yearly, monthly, quarterly donation to our Foundation. Whatever you feel is appropriate. This can be done simply by going online and having it taken out of your account, mailing in a check, giving it to me in cash and I will try to double it when I go to Vegas-kidding!

Become a 100/100 Club. Clubs in which 100% of members donate \$100 per year. You will receive special recognition for this.



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Host a Fundraiser.
Support the Parade of Green.
Invite support from Local Businesses and Non-Lions.
Become a Model Club.

I will be offering you the opportunity to win a Melvin Jones Fellowship at this convention. For a measly suggested donation of \$10 your name gets put into the drawing on Saturday evening. For every \$1000 raised those tickets will be put into the raffle. I will be at the LCIF Table and some of my volunteers will have aprons on mingling and ready to take your money. Respectfully submitted: PDG Anna Wickenhauser, 5M-2 LCIF Coordinator

Leader Dogs for the Blind: Leader Dog is currently working to promote and register participants for their Dinner in the Dark Fundraising event held at Leader Dog each year. Leader Dog continues to look for volunteers for their puppy raising program. It is about an 18 month to two-year commitment. Leader Dog is again promoting their Sponsor a Puppy program. As with years past the Prior Lake Lions sponsor a puppy in memory of deceased members of our club. This year we sponsored two puppies, Rusty for Second Vice District Governor Gerald Ziskovsky and Lion Sheila Stahler. Puppies are currently costing \$50,000 or more to raise and donate to clients at no cost. Lion Loretta Klenke

LEO Clubs: There are currently two active Leo clubs in 5M-2 that I am able to communicate with. So what have they been up to? The Watertown Leos club has been helping the Watertown Lions with various Lions events. This club is going through some transitions as many of the Charter Leos are aging out of the Alpha Leo program and preparing for High School graduation and what comes after that. I plan on meeting with the advisors of the club sometime this spring so we can brainstorm ways to reinvigorate the Leo club.

The Cologne Leos have been busy helping out the Cologne Lions, as well as organizing their own events. The Cologne Leos, with the Cologne Lions, were able to “adopt” and provide christmas gifts for 22 children and 7 families in the community. The Leos have also been busy with bake sales and selling popcorn at various community events. The Cologne Leos are now preparing for a week of “Random acts of Kindness” in February, so we shall see what they come up with for that.

I am also working with a few Lions on starting a new Leo club in our district! I have dropped the ball on this, so I will have more details and maybe even a potential new club at our next cabinet meeting to report on.

The MD5M Leo Conference is set for April 14th-16th, 2023 at Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN. More information will be coming about this event as it gets closer and more details are fleshed out. Lion Hilary Wickenhauser

Liberty Day: The Liberty Day Program was successful during the early school year, as most of the regular Lion Clubs that participated continued with the program. We do still have a good amount of the



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booklets available. Trying to locate someone to reinstate links for online lesson plans referenced in the Liberty Day pamphlet. Lions Dennis Hewitt CoChair and Ebenezer Howe III CoChair

Long Range Planning: We as Lion's must continue to plan things to help our communities. Times have changed and we need to change with them. We need to reassess what our clubs are doing and what new needs our communities have. Individually we need to think of ideas that may work for our clubs. We need to keep our new members involved in the projects that are going on. We need to take the time to explain to our new member's why we do things the way we do. Keeping all members involved in thing's will make them feel like being Lions and make them feel wanted and needed. Respectfully submitted PDG Harry Klenke

District Convention: Lion Pam welcomed everyone to the convention. As of 11:00 this morning, there are 205 Lions and guests registered for the convention. We are anticipating 213 for lunch, 122 for the banquet and 47 for this evening's cabinet meeting. The lunch number includes 28 youth activities winners and their families. A more detailed report will be submitted on Sunday at the final session. Lion Pam Koenen

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.: Since the last cabinet meeting I have gone to six of the eight fall Zone meetings.

I visited Plato Lions and Jordan Jordaness Lions club. The weather kept me from visiting the Eagle Lake Lions club in January.

I am scheduled to visit the Henderson Lions club on the 22nd of February. I have rescheduled the Eagle Lake Lions for March 3rd, weather permitting.

I attended the anniversary celebrations of Green Isle and Arlington.

I attended the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation board of trustees meeting by zoom in January. We voted on a new leadership for 2023. Jeff Thompson is the Chairman, Gary Stevens is the Vice Chair, Jeannine McDonald is the Secretary and Tom McCarthy is the Treasurer. We also approved two more \$500.00 matching grants.

Thank you to everyone and every club who donated this past year. The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Board of Trustees greatly appreciates them. But most of all the Children with cancer and their families appreciate your donations. Lion Chuck thanked the Lions of 5M-2 for the donations received in memory of 2VDG Gerald Ziskovsky. Respectfully Submitted, Lion Chuck Toltzman, 5M-2 MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: State Fair Booth – MLDF is again working with the Vision and Hearing Foundations to have a booth in the Education Building at the Fair. As always, the biggest challenge is recruiting volunteers to man the Booth. There has been informal discussion of adding another Foundation to the booth. Information pieces will be available for all Foundations. Back by popular demand will be a "Plinko " game that fairgoers could play and win prizes, such as MLDF lanyards, wrist key rings, or reading magnifiers. We anticipate continued increase in traffic compared to 2021 and 2022.



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2022-2023 Meetings – a Board of Trustees meeting was held Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 in St. Cloud at the Kelly Inn. Foundation Officers for the 2023-2024 Lions Year were elected. They are Lion Sara McFee – Chair; PDG Eileen Schirer – Vice Chair; Lion Ressano Machado; Co-Treasurers Lion Mike Edwards and Lion John Tirevold.

District & MD5M Conventions – Lion Brian gave a presentation about MLDF at 5M4 Convention. A table is reserved for the 5M-2 Convention and will be reserved for the MD5M Convention.

STRIDES Fundraiser – is being planned as the major MLDF fundraiser for the 2022-2023 year. STRIDES is a diabetes awareness event in which Clubs are encouraged to sponsor teams, participants are challenged to be active with the intent of providing diabetes awareness and minimizing the impact of diabetes on those who have been diagnosed with the disease or with prediabetes. It involves tracking physical activity over the course of three months, challenging others to be involved, forming teams and challenging other teams, and other activities. More information is available on the web site www.mn.lionsdiabetes.org.

Grants – UMN requested grant funding for several projects, including the core four projects MLDF has supported for several years. Requests were received totaling \$450,000 of which \$250,000 was approved and is now funded. The remaining \$200,000 will be reviewed at the March 18, 2023 meeting. Other grant programs are being considered in addition to UMN. MLDF has now provided over \$2 million in grants to UMN, plus many other grants since its inception in 2008.

District Governor Elect Training – March 1, 2023 – along with the Vision and Hearing Foundations and Can-Do Canines, MLDF will be participating in DGE training in Minneapolis. Tours and presentations will be provided throughout the day. MLDF has arranged a tour of the Schulz Diabetes Institute, where much of the research supported by the Foundation is done. Lunch is being sponsored by our Foundation.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update – scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center. Invitations were sent to DG Teams from each MN District. Lead research scientists at UMN will provide progress reports on the projects supported by MLDF. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing all DGs, DGEs, 1VDGEs and 2VDGEs and as many Lions as can come to this annual event.

5M-2 Diabetes – Needs to meet. We currently have \$6,415 in our account. Most of these funds need to be distributed as we have not done so in two years and 2023 Parade of Green is this weekend. The 5M-2 Diabetes Board consists of our two MLDF Trustees, District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, and the two PDGs prior. Lion Brian will arrange a meeting to approve donations.

Succession Planning - Lion Brian Rykhus is completing his sixth and final year on the Board. This is also his third year as Board Chair. Lion Rykhus will work with 1VDG Trutnau to find a suitable replacement to fill his position on the Foundation Board. This should be done prior to the MD5M Convention in May 2023.

The next MLDF Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 18, 2022, in St. Cloud.



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Respectfully submitted, Lion Brian Rykhus and Lion Bobby Paulson, Chairs/5M-2 Co-Trustee,
MN Lions Diabetes Foundation

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: The MN Lions Hearing Foundation will be doing the Silent Auction room at the multiple convention in St. Cloud on May 5 - 7, 2023. Your trustees are asking clubs to donate an item, gift basket, gift certificate or any donations that a Lion or guest would like to donate. If you are not planning on going to the multiple convention, your donation can be given to your Trustees. We will need information from donors, name, email address, Lions Club, and value of item. We need to track donations so thank you notes can be sent. Suggestion by Lion Bryan Rykhus to have the Zones to each contribute a basket.

The D Feet Walk will be held June 3, 2023 at the MN Landscape Arboretum and in Bemidji in the park by the lake. Plans are well underway for another great MN Lions Hearing foundation event. Talk the event up for 2023. There were only 25 5M-2 clubs represented in 2022. We can do better than that! The Trustees have designated the funds raised this year to the new Temporal Bone lab and to research professorships.

Your Trustees are available to talk about Hearing at your club meetings. Email or call us:.

PDG Marvin Grimm evmarggrimm@comcast.net 952-448-9465
Lion Wanda Breimhorst wjbreim@comcast.net 612-716-4705

MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation: Kidsight is still up and running. Some clubs have been making good use of our cameras. Clubs need to really start working on the schools and daycares in their areas. Another good place to contact is the Head starts in your area. These kids are some of the most in need of having their eyes checked.

In the newsletter we spoke of the tent we have for Kidsight. We used it at Prior Lake twice and it worked quite well. So be thinking about using it at some of your outdoor events in the future. It can also be used inside if you have the room. The tent is stored at Lion Harry's House.

Thank you for your support for Kidsight at the Parade of Green.

We will be looking for help at the State Fair again this year. We will again be working on the second Thursday Which is August 31st. We hope people will sign up at our table during the convention. One of the perks that we have is we have free admission tickets to the fair that day. We can use lots of help even if you have never operated a camera. People say it's the most fun they have as Lions.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Margie Jacobson and PDG Harry Klenke

MN Lions Vision Foundation: Dave Moen MLVF Fundraising - Gave report and the delivery will be in late spring for new equipment surgical simulator from grant from LCIF. Need to send in final photos and then cannot put in another grant request into LCIF for one year from time it is up and running.

Jeff Fenske, Legal Liaison - Nothing to report.



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Helen Keller Awards Nancy Mathwig and Pat Purath - Things are going more smoothly with the new provider and the estimate of awards is for delivery once the order is sent in and coming 2 to 3 weeks but came in one week. One district has ordered this quarter. Talk to DG to get those sent out. Helen Keller reports have been sent in. FYI if we have third and fourth progressive will still be old pins.

TGFV and EyeBall Recap Deb Bialke - The EyeBall Gala was well attended but we can always do better for attendance. We are positive this year between the TGFV and EyeBall. We are usually negative.

Committee Reports

Finance: Approved floral arrangements for new CEO at LifeSource

Approved Grant for DEKS Study of \$25000

Discussed that money for Lobbyist is in the budget

LRP

Discussed EyeBall and TGFV what we can do better and improve attendance

No recommendation on keeping Lobbyist split vote and one abstain so we needed to have board discussion.

Discussion and passed to renew Lobbyist contract with stipulation we have more detail on what he will do for his contract fee if we are not passing any legislation

PR

No recommendations but discussed Giving Season and promoting donations to the MLVF. Lion Rob has sent out QR code posters for Mid-winter Convention

Legal

Nothing to report

Other Business Items

Officer Nominations Due by Feb. 1, 2023

Projectors Nancy and Jack Projectors were purchased and going to try to get distributed.

State Fair Booth Wendy Goldsmith Registration came up, Dates for volunteering and set up, Plinko Board, updating of Booth.

Shopko Optical - Nadeen Lunde gave us a new list of Shopko Opticals

Used Eyeglasses LERC Steve Linder

Dates

April 1, 2023 MLVF meeting VFW East/Country Inn and Suites East St. Cloud

May 6, 2023, MLVF Annual Meeting MD5M convention St. Cloud

July 28 & 29. 2023 MLVF training/meeting Roseville DoubleTree

Newsletter Editor: The newsletter has been coming out on time and is filled with incredible information. Please let your members know of the value of reading the newsletter of 5M-2. We are still on the hunt for a new and improved newsletter editor moving forward.

Project New Hope: Our retreats have been well attended; the retreats coming up are full. We are looking for a retreat center in southwestern and northern Minnesota. We sponsored a caregiver retreat that was very successful. At our PNH board meeting each District is asked to sponsor a "Caregiver" retreat. A Caregiver retreat is a one day retreat for the veteran and his/her caregiver. The VA sets



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everything up, Project New Hope sponsors it. We will have a speaker letting us know more about it at our next meeting in April.

Public Relations/Protocol: The (southern)kit was sent out once so far 22-23. I will have it with me if there is a club that has an activity scheduled that could utilize the PR information. Hamburg Lions used the north kit. PDG Diana is holding on to it until the next club wants it. Thanked those who placed ads, 17 full pages, xx half page ads and two quarter page ads. Pictures taken this weekend, if posted use #teamdanger.

Social Media: Lion Dave Williams not present and no report submitted.

Special Olympics: With our main focus for Special Olympics support being the Polar Plunge fundraising event, I need to report that the jumping has begun! The first plunge was on January 28th at Lake Minnetonka and the final plunge this year will be in Roseau on May 6th. There are three plunges scheduled within our district at St. Peter, Waconia and Prior Lake.

As the Special Olympics Cabinet Chair, I am available to speak at club meetings and have visited Hamburg Lions. I have received donations towards the Polar Plunge but am willing to gather any additional donations that will be forwarded. As of January 24th, Polar Plunge of Minnesota has received \$931,219 in donations and there are 7,677 registered plungers!

I will close with the Special Olympics athlete oath which speaks strongly of the spirit of our athletes:

**"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt."**

Technology: 2VDG Lisa Kaufmann offered to assist. PDG Anna Wickenhauser to update the website. District 5M-2 now has an Instagram site and there is a District Facebook page as well. PDG Anna Wickenhauser

Write-Off: I am sorry I am missing the convention due to health reasons this year. I hope to see everyone soon. Special thanks to 2VDG Lisa for making the presentations at the luncheon. Thank you to PDG Rick Wagener for picking up the awards and Parade of Green checks.

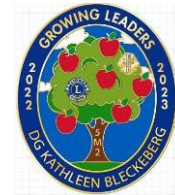
The Write-Off Competition is complete with entries from 3 of the 8 zones in our district. Zone winners:
Zone 7 – Kristian Rodriguez – Wells Lions;
Zone 2 – Hayley Rasmussen – Watertown Lions;
Zone 4 – Dimitri Sanmoogan – Jordaness Lions.

I am excited to share that all three of the finalists will be reading their essays at the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 11. Each of the essayists has family members joining them for



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the luncheon. Thank you to the clubs that sponsored the Write-off competition and to the zone chairs for selecting a winner from each zone. Lion Deb Koehnen, Write-off Chairperson

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Planning for the 2023 Youth Exchange program is in full swing. We will have approximately 30 youth from 19 countries attending this year (AND NEEDING HOST FAMILIES). Camp will be starting in St. Cloud again in conjunction with the July Council of Governors meeting; traveling to Brainerd, Baxter area for some lake time; and heading back to Minneapolis/St. Paul for the end of camp activities. Thank you in advance for any support given to this program from the parade of green. In addition we are looking for club sponsors for meals, activities, etc. in the 5M-2 area. Lion Jim Walters

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: 2022-2023: "Lead with Compassion" In the middle of August, and again in early September, a posting about the Essay Contest appeared on a ListServe for Teachers of the Blind and visually impaired. An essay submitted by Nevaeh Carlock and sponsored by the Wells Lions Club is being recognized as the 5M-2 winner. Nevaeh and her family will attend Saturday's District Convention luncheon where she will read her essay and receive a plaque and monetary gift. PID Debra Wasserman

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: The winners of the 2022-2023 Peace Poster Contest will be presented their award checks, certificates and their framed prints at the Saturday noon luncheon at the Midwinter Convention. 1st place winner is Ivana Dinakar,, sponsored by the Cologne Lions, 2nd place is Makayla Serna sponsored by the Lester Prairie Lions and 3rd place is Reagan McMullen, sponsored by the West Carver Lions. There were 18 clubs that participated this year submitting 24 posters showing the theme "Lead with Compassion". Posters were judged by 5 non Lions from a 30 mile radius of me. There are a lot of very artistic kids out there who would love to express their idea of the International Lions Peace theme. I would love to see more clubs involved in this project. The Peace Poster kits are available to order until October and the theme for next year is "Dare to Dream." Submitted by Lion Diana Kroells, Peace Poster Chairperson

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation: The Board of Directors meets monthly by Zoom. Below are the items we are working on:

Donations to the Foundation from each district. Most districts have voted to add the Foundation to their Parade of Green. Donations are coming in slowly. Present balance as of January 30, 2023, is \$12,326.86.

Lion Lori Sheehan is working on creating a new website for the foundation, with a domain name of **teamsheehan.foundation**.

Thank you cards have been designed and printed and Mike Molenda has sent 100 cards to each district.

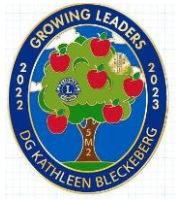
A committee is still working on grant application forms and the guidelines to apply for a grant.

The Board voted unanimously to allow the Council of Governors to have a liaison from the governor's team attend our meetings. Chair Mike Molenda will send a letter to Council Chair Glenn Kaufmann.



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Respectfully submitted, PDG Joan Blank, 5M-2 Director.

Project New Hope – Lion Darlene Wondra presented CC Glenn Kaufmann with the Above and Beyond award.

Comments:

PID Debra Wasserman: Brief comments welcoming ID Debra, Lion Ron and all to the convention.

2VDG Lisa Kaufmann: Looking forward to the weekend with fellow Lions.

1stVDG Christy Trutnau: Happy to have made it back from St. Charles to attend the convention. Looking forward to the weekend.

DG Kathleen Bleckeborg: Looking forward to the convention, thank you for attending and to the committee for the hard work.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – 2VDG Lisa Kaufmann

Important Upcoming Dates:

Cabinet Meetings:

- May 21, 2023, Location TBD

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Reno, NV, September 21 – 23, 2023

ELLI, Shakopee, MN April 13 – 16, 2023

MD5M Convention, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN: May 5 – 7, 2023

Guest: International President Brian Sheehan