

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2015
Shoreland Country Club, St. Peter, MN**

Call to Order: IPDG Harry Klenke called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st VDG Steven Wasserman

Invocation: Led by 2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig

Presentation of Gavel: IPDG Harry Klenke presented the 5M-2 gavel to DG Marvin Grimm.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests and New Cabinet Members: DG Marvin welcomed everyone and will announce the new cabinet members as do their presentations.

Protocol: 1st VDG Steven Wasserman introduced all official members.

Adoption of Agenda: Add Policy Manual under New Business.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Charlette Abbas showing 34 in attendance plus 4 guests and 18 absent.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Lion Eunice Rucks; Lion Paul Gorman second; **MC**.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion to approve, Lion Laura Maki, second; **MC**.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report. Motion to approve was made by Lion Eunice Rucks and second by Lion Lori Klein. **MC**.

Communications:

Thank You from the Vision Foundation and LCIF for money received from Journey for Service.

Old Business:

- **2016 MD5M Convention Report** – PID Maynard Rucks and Lion Nancy Mathwig. Since the April Cabinet report the following items have been completed or initiated:
 - Speakers have been discussed and contacted for availability. The following list of speakers was presented to the Council of Governors on July 25th and was approved. The COG also approved the committee move ahead with securing additional speakers.
 - Leader Dog for the Blind – seminar speaker, presentation on the kennel/Canine Development Center campaign as well as an update on all programs available
 - Seminar speaker - Hanna Elseth to update everyone on her adventures with her solar bike ride and raising funds for Leader Dog. Her talk could be tied in with the Leader Dog speaker. Leader Dog had met Hanna and is excited to join with her at the convention.
 - Seminar speaker on the new artificial retina (“bionic eye”) procedure – Wendy Elasky, Clinical Research Coordinator, U of MN Department of Ophthalmology and Lion Tim Lindbo - recipient.
 - Jerrid Sebesta, former meteorologist on KARE 11 (Twin Cities) – Sunday brunch motivational speaker. More information on Jerrid is in the attached recent Star Tribune article written about him.
 - Friday and Saturday night entertainment has been booked.
 - The committee decided to ask the MN Vision Foundation if they might be interested in organizing the raffle room this year as the Hearing Foundation did in 2015. The board accepted the offer at their July meeting and plan to work with Lion Jerry Wohler (5M-6), camps chair, as did the Hearing Foundation in 2015. PDG Mary Spille, Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Dave Moen (5M-6) will work with the convention committee on the details.
 - Convention registration forms and hotel information is on both the MD5M website and the District 5M-2 website.
 - Our keynote speaker/International guest for the weekend will be Immediate Past International President, Joe Preston.

- **Vision Honduras:** Cathleen Williams made a motion and Maynard Rucks second to honor donations to Vision Honduras; **MC**

New Business:

- **Approval of Banks** – Motion by Lion Mike Voss and second by Lion Joan Blank to have Frandsen Bank and Hometown Bank serve as the official banks. **MC**.
- **Bonding of Cabinet Treasurer** – Motion by Lion Anna Wickenhauser; second Lion Brian Rykhus; **MC**.
- **Approval of the 2015-2016 District Budget** – Motion by PDG Maynard Rucks, Lion Christy T. Second **MC**. PDG Maynard Rucks made a motion to use the mileage amount that LCIF uses, IPDG Harry Klenke second: **MC**
- **Environmental Photo Contest:** International came out with the Environmental Photo contest. Photos of Animal Life, Landscape (urban or natural), Plant Life, Weather Phenomenon can be submitted. A photo will be selected from each district and then go on to the Multiple, then to the International for selection. Check the website for more information. Motion that 5M-2 be involved by 1st VDG Steven Wasserman, Lion Lori Klein second; **MC**
- **Camp Confidence:** Jerry Wohler asks for District support as the camp was damaged due to a storm. **Approximately \$40,000 isn't covered by insurance.** He would like permission to contact clubs about their plight. Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion to donate \$500 from 5M-2 Interest Income, PDG Mary Spille seconded. **MC**
- **Policy Manual:** 1st VDG Steven Wasserman. We do not have an updated Policy Manual **currently**; the one we have is November 2, 1996. 1st VDG Steven Wasserman made a motion to accept this as a current Policy Manual, IPDG Harry Klenke second; **MC** 1st VDG Steven will work to update it with input from the Cabinet members.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Sandra Schneider is super pleased that DG Marvin Grimm has asked her to represent the Region this year. Her goal is to try to visit each club in the Region to promote Lionism. Lion Wanda Breimhorst has very big shoes for her to fill, but she is up for the challenge. She looks forward to meeting with each club and to hear about all of the wonderful things that are happening. Please remember to mark your calendars for the 5M2 Mid Winter Convention in Mankato. As of right now, the date for the Region Meeting has not been set as she is unfortunately on vacation. She will promptly set the date when she returns. Thank you DG Marvin for all of your kind words and encouragement.

- **Zone 1** Lion Connie Rau – Zone 1 has 10 clubs, including the Hutchinson Lioness Club. Membership currently is 273 which is -2 for the year. Clubs that reported activities were 2; number of Lion hours 17 and number of people served were 2,273. Stewart has Sunday Bingo and Meat raffles, Silver Lake donated to Pola Czesky Royalty, Hutchinson donated to Food shelf and Meals on wheels. Plato hosted Membership night with 5 prospective members in attendance, hosted a blood drive and had a new project: Pork Burgers in the Park serving over 200. Plato hosts the fall Zone Meeting; will have an October Fest.
- **Zone 2** Lion Brenda Fritzke reported that Zone 2 has 8 clubs, with one new member and 3 dropped members, which bring the total to 490 members. Emails have been sent out requesting visitation with clubs, Victoria Lions have been notified to hold the Fall Zone, no new service activities have been scheduled. Lions of Carver County will have a booth at the Carver County Fair in Waconia. The Waconia Lions have a sweet corn food booth at the fair. She has completed a chart as to which Lions clubs will visit who.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – Thanked DG Marvin for asking her to be a part of the cabinet. This year looks to be another very busy year for Lions Clubs in Zone 3. There are currently 373 members in Zone 3 which is a loss of 2 from the month May. She is in the process of contacting officers in Zone 3 to set up their Club Visit Schedules as well as her Zone Chair Club visits. Her goal this year is to have them all completed by the MidWinter Convention. She is also working with the Prior Lake Lions to set the

date for our Fall Zone Meeting. Looking forward to working with all of the cabinet members this year and being a part of another successful Lions year!

Region 2 Lion Lori Klein, Region 2 Chairperson, Region 2 has 19 clubs and membership as of July 31 was 696 members. The Region Meeting will be held on September 29 at the Elks in Faribault. The invitation will be out the very end of August/First part of September.

- **Zone 4** Lions Brenda Jones – There are currently 259 members in the 6 clubs in Zone 4. She has introduction letters ready to go out to all the clubs in Zone 4 as soon as we have a date for the Fall Meeting! (The date has not yet been set for the Fall Zone Meeting, but the Gibbons Lions Club has agreed to host it.) The rotation for club-to-club visitations within the Zone will be included in the introduction letter. The Courtland Lions will be doing the CEP in September. Lafayette Lions have their Annual Hog and Corn Roast coming up on Saturday, August 22nd. Many of the clubs in Zone 4 have their bar bingo starting up again soon! Looking forward to a great Lions year in Zone 4!!
- **Zone 5** Lion Jim Spille – Hamburg has been selected as the host of the fall Zone meeting. The date has not been set. Communication has gone out to the Club Presidents. The first club visits have been scheduled and club visits have been announced. They have **two** Leo Clubs.
- **Zone 6** Lion Brian Rykhus – As of July 29, 2015 Zone 6 has 210 members. The Zone began the year with 212 members. Zone 6 is at minus 2 for the year. This month Zone 6 is showing six added members and two dropped members for plus 4. He has contacted the Lonsdale Club to schedule the Fall Zone 6 meeting. Their Club is meeting next week and will see what dates are available. The meeting will likely be held in October. He will work with District Governor Marvin to finalize a date, hopefully within the next two weeks. He has contacted the Northfield Lions to host the Spring Zone meeting. In the next several weeks he will be contacting all Clubs in the Zone to schedule visits. The plan is to visit all Clubs in the Zone before the end of Calendar year 2015. The District has been approached with the possibility of establishing a new satellite Club in Northfield at one or both of the colleges, Carleton or St. Olaf. This is in the very early stages of development and possibilities are being explored. We do have a Leos Club.

Region 3 Lion Paul Gorman reported that the Region III meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22 at the Waseca Starfire Grill and Event Center, 206 2nd Avenue SW, Waseca, MN.

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** Lions Charlie Knakmuhs – Lion Charlie has done one club visit, and is in the process of getting the others scheduled and writing his letter of introduction and offer of help to the clubs. He will be working closely with them on their centennial challenge projects.
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – Membership report: Blooming Prairie 61 members, Ellendale 19 members, New Richland 32 members, Owatonna 22 members, Waseca 41 members, Waterville 41 members for a total of 222. Plans for the Fall Zone meeting are underway. Activities included: donation to Africa, collecting eyeglasses, guide dog membership, ride for the brand donation, golf tournament and pancake breakfast.
- **Zone 9** Lion Kathleen Blackeberg – Reported that she is in the process of contacting clubs to set up club visits and getting the ball rolling on the Zone 9 Fall meeting.

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

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen and Kathleen Blackeberg reported that the Can Do Woofaroo Walk and Festival benefiting Can Do Canines will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their facility at 9440 Science Center Drive in New Hope. Anyone wanting to walk or contribute can contact the 5M2 cabinet chairpersons for more information.

Lion Deb will attend the next Tales to Tell tour on Saturday, August 22 followed by orientation and training for the Lions chairpersons from the state. There are tours each month. She is looking forward to setting up club visits for the 2015-2016 Lions year.

CDC is looking for volunteers in the Faribault area to take puppies for weekend furloughs from the

prison puppy raisers.

The fall graduation is October 24 and the Fetching Ball is December 5.

Centennial Service Challenge: VDG Steve Wasserman is pleased to report that the following clubs have earned their *Four Diamond Banner Patch* for reporting service projects in all four areas of our *Centennial Service Challenge*: Albert Lea Lakeview, Arlington, Blue Earth, Brownton, Carver, Chanhassen, Cologne, Courtland, Ellendale, Faribault, Glencoe, Green Isle, Hamburg, Hutchinson, Jordan, Jordan Jordaness, Lafayette, **Le Center, Le Sueur**, Mankato, Mankato Sunrise, Mayer-Watertown, Montgomery, Nicollet, Northfield Cannon Valley, Plato, Prior Lake, Silver Lake, Steward, Veseli, Victoria, Waconia, Waterville, Winsted, Winthrop.

In addition to the 35 clubs receiving the Four Diamond Patches, 21 other clubs also reported on activities qualifying for the challenge. So a total of 56 of our 64 clubs (87.5%) will be receiving Centennial Service Challenge banner patches for last year.

He has also written newsletter articles for the July and August 5M2 District Newsletter detailing progress on the Centennial Service Challenge and introducing the Centennial Membership Awards program.

Constitution & By-Laws: VDG Steve Wasserman's plans for this year include:

- Reviewing Constitution & By-Laws for compliance with recent changes to the LCI Constitution & By-Laws
- Updating 5M2 Policy Manual
 - Establish latest available version as a starting point
 - Solicit input from Cabinet Members & other interested parties
 - Provide updates to be adopted at future Cabinet Meetings

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Harry Klenke reported that upcoming events to be noted are the USA- Canada Forum in Grand Rapids Michigan. The dates are Thursday September 17th thru Saturday September 19th 2015. This is a change from previous years because of an additional day Thursday.

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

The 5M2 Midwinter Convention 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 22nd thru Sunday, April 24th.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the Bird Pins are ordered and should be here shortly. Distribution of the pins will be at the Region Meetings to the individual clubs.

She continues to encourage all clubs to report any deaths they may have so they can be included in the Service of Remembrance at the District Convention in February. A letter will be enclosed with the Bird Pins to the Presidents of the clubs reminding them to report the deaths to her and the information necessary for the Service.

GLT/GMT: 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.

All Region and Zone Chairs attended training on May 30 or received training materials.

2. Conduct club officer training.

Club officer training was held on May 31. Those in attendance received both paper and CD versions of all materials presented. Clubs not attending had their materials delivered by a Lion or USPS.

Thank you to DG Marvin, Lion Evelyn, 1VDG Steve, 2VDG Nancy, Lion Sue and PDG Mike **Vos**,

Lion Lori Klein, Lion Laura Maki and all other Lions who help that day and/or by taking materials to deliver.

3. Convention speaker on Leadership Training.

Yet to be determined.

4. Conduct CEP workshops in clubs.

The Courtland Lions are scheduled to have a CEP workshop on Saturday September 18. No other clubs have expressed specific interest in scheduling. 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. This process has begun and will continue for several more weeks.

C. Develop promotion process directed toward clubs.

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.

PID Maynard Rucks reported that some clubs did complete the CEP over the winter and spring. He apologized for not getting more work done as he has had some health issues that side tracked his time. He is getting on top of the problems and is back up to speed.

Historian: Lion Nancy Mathwig stated that she has begun to look at additional information to add to the Historian tab on the District website. She will also be including historical information in her monthly 2nd Vice District Governor newsletter article. She plans to have a display at the Mid-Convention with the Hall of Fame board and hopes to add an additional board of history facts.

Journey for Service: Lion Gordy Affield reported that there is nothing to report at this time.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that total contributions from 5M2 were \$31,106.50 which was a decrease of \$9,992.36 in contributions from 2014. We achieved a 95.31% club participation with 61 of the 64 clubs donating to LCIF. He has no reports on donations from 5M or worldwide as of yet.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hesperheide reported that at Leader Dog, we are wrapping up the fiscal year and should have end of the year reports available online in the next week or so. She will let us know when they have posted (various reports are always available at: <http://www.leaderdog.org/lions/lions-reports>).

The capital campaign to renovate the existing "kennel" is in full swing. Lions are just over half way to goal which will continue until we reach the \$3 million mark. It will be the Lions that propel the campaign to completion! Please let her know if you need any information on the campaign or how you can help get the word out to your clubs. Every bit is vital and appreciated!

She also stated to check the 5M2 Newsletter for more information about Leader Dog.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser thanked DG Marv for the honor of serving on the Cabinet. reported her goals:

1. Establish stronger communication with Leo Advisors in 5M2.
2. Share with Leo Advisors some newly revised/developed training guidelines.
3. Encourage Zone/Region Chairs that have Leos to invite them to meetings/trainings.
4. Welcome 1 more Leo Club to our district.
5. On a Multiple level I will be working with Multiple Leo Chairperson Pete Yelle on the Leo Conference and trying to get more Leos to interact with each other on a Multiple level.
6. Like us on Facebook MD5M Leos.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt reported that he has 1000 Liberty Books on hand.

Lions Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that 5M2 will again be participating in this contest directed to students who are blind or visually impaired. Teachers who work with students will be contacted by email in early September. If clubs are aware of qualifying students, they are encouraged to share information about the contest. PID Debra is glad to provide support or answer any questions from clubs, teachers or parents.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported he has nothing to report at this time.
His Goals for 2015-2016:

1. Work with the MD5M Long Range Planning Committee.
2. Continue to promote a long range plan for clubs.
3. Continue to encourage Lions to develop a personal plan and a Lions plan.
4. Encourage clubs to provide a Long Range Planning presentation at a club meeting.
5. Design a new display for the Mid-Winter Convention.

He looks forward to working with 5M2 Lions during 2015-2016.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that District 5M2 Trustees Lion Jeff Williams and Lion Arline Richter attended the Lions Hearing Foundation training and board meetings on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th.

The Foundation members spent a very interesting training day listening to presentations from various doctors from the U of M's Department of Otolaryngology. Among them were Dr. Bevan Yueh with updates, Dr. Oblander from audiology, Dr. D.D. Michael from the Voice Clinic, and Dr. Schliess, an infectious disease specialist. Dr. Schliess gave us information on CMV – cytomegalovirus – the most common virus to cause deafness in children. The virus also can cause symptoms related to developmental disabilities from autism, mental retardation, seizures, and cerebral palsy. The magnitude with which this virus occurs in newborns today is higher than that of German measles during the 40's and 50's before the vaccine...one in seventy children born is affected. The good news is that if CMV is caught and treated before birth and treatment is continued after birth, the chances of deafness and developmental disabilities are greatly lessened. Otherwise these children have no hope at this time.

Dr. Schliess would like to initiate a proposal mandating newborns be screened at birth for the CMV virus **if** they fail their hearing screening. The test is inexpensive and easy to administer. He asked the Foundation for a letter of endorsement and we consented because rapid diagnosis means healthier babies. Our day ended with a tour of the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic.

Saturday's Foundation business meeting began with the secretary's and treasurer's reports. Old business covered the MD5M convention and the D-Feet walk. Our raffle fundraiser at the MD5M convention net us \$11,781.00 and the D-Feet Walk fundraiser totaled \$115,540.77. Thanks to all who donated and participated!

New business discussions centered on managing the Endowment Fund and the Canadian Hearing Foundation changes. The Endowment Fund management questions are being researched by our legal advisor who will report back at the next meeting. The MD5M District Governors with Canadian clubs are working with the clubs and the Hearing and Vision Foundations to resolve the issues before us.

The meeting continued with members meeting with their assigned committees, firming up State Fair Booth and Cochlear Implant Picnic schedules, discussing U of M Tour plans, a technology report and demonstration, and trustee reports. It adjourned at noon.

Mid-Winter Convention: Lions Rick Wagener and Sandy Schneider reported that the first organizational meeting will be August 27 in Waconia. All clubs in Zone 2 have been notified and will be moving forward. There will be a meeting with City Center Hotel on August 3rd for the initial meeting of pricing/policies.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – Lion Kevin reported that he and Lion Wanda attended the last Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation meeting that was held on July 18th in Minneapolis. This was the first meeting of the year with new trustees in attendance. The trustees

voted payments of grants of \$75,000.00 to the Minnesota Lions Islet Imaging Lab and \$25,000.00 to the Diabetes & Metabolism Research Fund.

On November 14, 2015 World Diabetes Day will be held with the Foundation and its partners, Novo Nordisk, American Diabetes Association, Walmart Stores and Stratis Health. 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.

At the last 5M2 Diabetes meeting held on April 26th, 2015 in St. Peter, the committee donated \$2,000.00 to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and \$2,000.00 to Camp Sweet Life. The monies donated to the Foundation will go towards research at the University of Minnesota. The monies donated to Camp Sweet Life will go towards their general budget.

The Diabetes Expo will be on Saturday, October 10th at the Minneapolis Convention Center. I am planning to attend this event.

The 7th annual research update at the University of Minnesota will be held on March 26, 2016.

Lion Kevin is planning to attend all region and zone meetings to again promote diabetes awareness.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells attended the annual Foundation directors training, banquet and board meeting on July 17-18. Lions Mary and Diana are proud to represent 5M2 at the Foundation.

The training provided an opportunity to meet the new members of the board and network with the others to see what works best in spreading the good news about all the great work being done at the Eye Bank, Mac Center, Eye Glass Recycling Center, Children's Clinic and the Research Center. All board members were informed of their responsibilities while serving on the board. An excellent tour of the Eye Bank reinforced the commitment to the U of M to provide the necessary equipment so that they may continue to provide sight to those in need. It is great to see the Lion's symbol and a thank you on all of the equipment we have provided to them through club donations.

One of the highlights of the training session was a visit from the first Argus II Retinal Prosthesis System recipient at the U of M—James Kelm of Duluth. He talked about how this surgery has impacted his life so far and he has more hopes for the future.

At the training we also learned that 5M2 Lions Clubs have \$123,592 worth of donations to the Foundation that could be used for Helen Keller Awards. As we do club visits, we will try to encourage clubs in the district to honor a member of the club or a member of their community who has made an impact on their club.

We will be manning a booth at the State Fair along with the MN Lions Hearing Foundation. Thank you to those of you who volunteered to work in that booth on 5M2's day at the fair.

We talked about starting a "pilot program" of KidSight USA – a program that screens preschool children for vision problems. We will access communities and schools to see where the need is the greatest and that is where the pilot program would take place if the need is evident.

Please mark down the dates of Oct. 10th as the Vision/Hearing Tour and also Oct. 31st as the Thanksgiving for Vision.

PDG Mary Spille will be writing a monthly article to keep everyone informed about things happening with the Vision Foundation and all of the projects we support.

We saved the most exciting news for last!!!! The Vision Foundation voted at their meeting to pledge \$4 Million toward the new Eye Surgery Center to be built at the U of M. This money will not be used for the building itself but rather for equipment to be used at the center.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that she thinks that things are going good. July and August newsletters came out on time and were full of information. Thanks so much for sending information to her.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank and Lion Dustin Campion reported that the Special Olympics Minnesota Mission Statement is:

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing

opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Good News! PDG Joan Blank is finally on board with getting a presentation prepared to share with Lions Clubs in 5M2 to get the word out about Special Olympics within our district, multiple and international communities.

She gave her first presentation on Special Olympics at the Courtland Lions Scholarship Banquet and received a generous donation of \$100. She now has a new area to tackle as that is what to do with these funds. Should the money go to the State Special Olympics or a local chapter? This is her next research project. Special Olympics training for DG's, 1st VDG's and project chairs is scheduled for Monday, August 31, which she will be attending.

She also has a meeting scheduled with the organization LEEP (Leisure Experiences for Exceptional People) in Mankato next week to discuss avenues of collaboration for Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Minnesota was founded in 1973 and provides services and opportunities to more than 7,800 athletes supported by 7,324 volunteer coaches and host 92 competitions annually. The World games were just held July 25 – August 2nd in Los Angeles. With 6,500 athletes and 2,000 coaches representing 165 countries, along with 30,000 volunteers and an anticipated 500,000 spectators, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games will be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world in 2015.

PDG Joan is excited to jump on the bandwagon to educate the Lions of 5M2 about the many opportunities there are to support our special athletes.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that she attended the quarterly meeting in St. Cloud. Project New Hope held two successful retreats, with three more being planned. She is working on quilts to be given at the October retreat in Stewartville.

Protocol: Lions Lowell and Charlette Abbas thanked PDG Harry Klenke for the past year. Once again, we have learned so much about Lionism. And, thank you DG Marv for giving us the opportunity to continue to be part of the 2015-2016 5M-2 Cabinet.

Lions Lowell and Charlette have been asked to create a Protocol Manual that would be easy to understand. DG Marv wants to see a little more formality and consistency at Region and Zone meetings. Each club, Region Chair, and Zone Chair will receive a manual. It will also be available on line for others who wish to view it. We will try to be present at all the Region Meetings to present the Manual.

We are sure there are changes that need to be addressed; those changes can be made as we progress with the Protocol Manual.

Technology & Computer Support: Lion Laura Maki Thanked DG Marvin for asking her to again serve as 5M2 Computer & Technology Support.

The 2015-2016 letterhead has been created and sent out to the cabinet members, website updated with District Governor Marvin's info and Officer Training was completed, so we are ready to start the year.

If any cabinet members need help with utilizing the letterhead please let me know. I can help put info into the format from your word document and then send back to you as a pdf for emailing or email to your contacts.

She is looking forward to another great year working with the cabinet members and club officers. Since submitting the report she has completed the Parade of Green Description Booklet and collection of 501C3 info and once approved, will be sending it out to clubs to have in their files. This is especially important for clubs that have gambling funds.

Also our Facebook page has gained more than 100 followers since May.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau – It's that time of year again, for the District 5M2's Writeoff Contest to start!!!
Proposed Topics

In the beginning of this contest we allowed the students to choose any topic. However the judges and some observers of the program felt that the contest would be easier to judge and ultimately more fair, if we suggest topics to the students. Therefore, she proposed the following topic "**Service in Action**", the

topic is regarding to service. Consider the following age groups of people in your community: birth to age 5; teenagers; and senior citizens. Identify a service need for each population. Describe in detail a plan of "action" you could take that would benefit one or each of these groups. Interpret the topics as you will.

Timelines

- Clubs must submit their winners to the Zone Chairs by 10/31/15
- Zone Chairs must submit their winners to the Region Chairs by 11/30/15
- Region Chairs must have the judging complete by 12/31/15 and sent to Lion Christy by 01/10/2016

Other

She will supply more detail when she sends you materials; but here are few things of interest as you decide whether to attempt this project. First, the length should be approximately 500 words. Second, the four areas recommended to the judges for selection are Originality, Content, Organization, and Mechanics. Third, prizes at the upper levels are:

Zone	\$ 100.00
District	\$ 500.00 – 1 st place plus plaque
	\$ 300.00 – 2 nd place
	\$ 200.00 – 3 rd place.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lions Chris and Janet Hall reported that this year Camp Spicer had 33 youth attend from 20 different countries. Out of the 33 students 8 were placed in 5M2. Thanks to the host families that have helped us out. If you know of any host families please let them know now already so they can get them signed up so host families are identified early. Lion Janet is looking to get an article in the newsletter and possible have something ready to go out at the zone meetings to the clubs to put in their town paper to see if we can find more host families that way as well. Thanks DG Marv for the opportunity again.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and PDG Sue Bowman. "Share Peace" is the theme for the 2015-16 Peace Poster contest. The Peace Poster contest provides a great opportunity for clubs to work with the community youth to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding. The contest encourages young people ages 11-13 by November 15, 2015, to think about peace and to creatively express and share their vision with others.

The Peace Poster kit contains all the information needed for a club to sponsor the contest. Peace Poster kits (PPK-1) are available from LCI until October 1, 2015. A club can sponsor more than one school or youth group, but a Peace Poster kit is required for each contest.

The contest rules are on the 5M2 website, in the 5M2 newsletter and provided to all club presidents. We will promote the contest at the Region and Zone Meetings, with the goal of increasing club participation.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation with NO lettering or numbering on the front of the poster. Judging is based on originality, artistic merit and theme expression.

Clubs are responsible for judging their posters. Winning posters must be received by Peace Poster Co-Chair Sue Bowman (PO Box 215, Geneva, MN 56035) by November 15, 2015.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they were unable to get the mandatory number of teachers to take the Lions Quest class they had scheduled for this summer. This means that we will lose the remaining money in the Grant. We have enough money in the account gathered over the years from the Parade of Green and hope to schedule a class next summer. We will need the help from 5M2 Lions to get the word out to teachers, principals and superintendents on the quality of the program.

The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) has just named Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence (middle school) as a best practice program, confirming our status as a global leader in social emotional learning. LCIF has announced that the Lions Quest Curriculum has been revised. As our health has stabilized (we hope) Lions Mike and Cathleen will be visiting the Region, Zone and Clubs to spread the Lions Quest story.

Lion Janet Knakmuhs reported that she has completed one Lions Quest presentation and has contacted the parochial schools in the area. She is also finishing a letter to the clubs in the southern half of

district to get more visitations scheduled.

Comments:

2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig

1st VDG Steve Wasserman

DG Marvin Grimm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2015, in St. Peter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Charlette Abbas (Acting secretary for Lion Cindy Walters)