

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**May 21, 2012**  
**St. Peter Community Center, 600 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Peter, MN**

The meeting was called to order by DG Susan Bowman at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by DG Susan Bowman.

**Invocation:** Given by 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Joan Blank.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 41 in attendance and 14 absent.

**Introduction of Guests:** None in attendance.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Under New Business: Change in the mileage allowance. Lion Cathleen Williams moved to adopt the agenda with addition, seconded by Lion Darlene Breamer. MC.

**Secretary's Report:** Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by PID Maynard Rucks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. MC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Dale Oldenburg presented the Treasurer's report showing actual income at this point of \$69,741.60 and actual expenses of \$39,937.98. There is \$76,266.46 in itemized categories, \$7056 remaining in the Core 4 Grant and all dues are paid. Motion to approve budget report by Lion Marv Grimm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Mike Vos. MC.

**Communications:** None at this time.

**Old Business:**

- **None at this time.**

**New Business:**

- **Technology Equipment Needs:** – Lion Laura Maki proposed a rolling cart for the projector, computer, power strip. The cost is \$120. Portable screen that would also cost about \$120. Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion to approve up to \$600 for this technology equipment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Bruce Lieske. There is money in the budget for capital equipment and this expense could come out of that line item. A question was brought up regarding where the equipment would be stored. One projector is stored in the southern part of the district and the other is stored in the northern part of the district. DGE Ron was at the presentation where the portable screen was used and thought it was very effective. It was suggested that one screen could suffice initially. MC.
- **District Website:** Lion Laura Maki – There is a place that could be developed as a Member's Only Section. There could be a more private Cabinet section as well. There is a spot that could be developed for President's, Secretary's, etc. It would be up to the Cabinet as to if or how that section would be developed. It is available and Lion Laura wants to know if the Cabinet wants the private section to be developed. Lion Wanda Briemhorst made a motion to explore developing the private site for Cabinet members only at this time and get as much information on the website as possible. Seconded Lion Jean Dahlke. MC.
- **2012 – 2013 Cabinet:** DGE Ron Dahlke announced his Cabinet.
- **Presentation:** DG Sue Bowman presented Lion Bill Bowman with a Hearing Foundation Fellow Award for all of his assistance in her tenure on the Hearing Foundation.
- **Mileage Allowance:** International has a mileage change effective July 1 from 30¢ to 41¢. PID Maynard Rucks stated that as per rules of audit if International changes their rate we would follow suit. DG Sue was more comfortable with a motion so....PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to adopt the 41¢ effective July 1, PDG Bill Curtis seconded. MC.

**Region/Zone Reports:**

**Region 1** Lion Marvin Grimm reported that Region 1 shows 1093 members as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is down from last cabinet meeting by 3 members. This is down 21 members this Lion's year. The Spring meetings were well attended. Zone 1 has 9 Lions clubs with 274 Lions. Zone 2 has 7 Lions clubs with 469 Lions. Zone 3 has 8 Lions clubs with 350 Lions. Cologne Lions have started a Leos Club and their Charter night will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Cologne Community Center. Cost will \$10 for the meal.

- **Zone 1** Lion Lynn Monger – The Spring Zone 1 Meeting was held in Glencoe on April 10. This was hosted by the Glencoe Lions. 9 out of 10 clubs were present. We had 69 people in attendance. Zone 1 person of the year is Lion Sue Wagner from the Winsted Lions Club. Lions Orville and Elvera Trettin were presented with Helen Keller awards for their work with the Vision Honduras Program. Zone 1 has 274 members which is down 5 from the February report. All clubs are active in their community projects.
- **Zone 2** Lion Mark Willems – The spring Zone 2 meeting was held April 2nd, Waconia was the host club. There were 24 Lions and 16 Cabinet members present. All clubs were there except the Watertown Club. Reports were given and the Zone Lion of the year award was presented (e-submit).
- **Zone 3** Lion Wanda Breimhorst – There are 8 clubs in Zone 3 with a combined membership of 350 Lions. Club visitations are complete. Every club in my Zone is active and judging by all of their activities are truly keeping Lionism alive. Congratulations to Lion Hedy Joachim of the Jordaness Lions for being named Zone Lion of the Year. Truly a well deserved honor. Hedy will be 90 years old this fall and is still a very active member. I like to call her my Energizer Bunny. The Spring Zone Meeting was hosted by the Shakopee Lions in March. All clubs were represented.

**Region 2** Lion Dennis Hewitt, with Nicollet Lions Club, reported that he is the Region 2 Chairperson for 2011-2012. As the 2011-2012 Lions Club year comes to a end he thanked all the Zone Chairs from Region 2, all the Lions Members from Region 2 and the Cabinet Members from District 5M2, District Governor Sue and Governors elect Ron and Joan for helping Region 2 have another fantastic year. All our clubs were once again very active, very serving of their Lions communities, locally, district wide and Nationally. With that he introduced and thanked the zone chairs for their reports and their service.

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

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

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

- **Zone 4** Lion Charlette Abbas – The Zone 4 Clubs have been busy completing projects such as tree planting, selecting scholarship recipients, completing fund raisers, electing new officer, etc. All the clubs participated in Journey for Service with Jack Webster and DG Sue Bowman. Many of the new officers attended the Leadership Workshop on April 30. Many are already making plans for the next Lions year. The Nicollet Lions celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was a fun evening with ID Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, as the guest speaker. The main point was “Got a Little Lion In You?” Can Do Canine Recipient Jean Lundquist and her dog Juno gave a presentation on how Juno helps Jean in her daily life with diabetes. The Spring Zone 4 meeting held in St. Peter was well received. All but one club was in attendance. The food was good, but the camaraderie was great. Lion Joe Wersal from the Winthrop Club was Zone Lion of the Year. The Nicollet Lions Club will host the 2012 Fall Zone 4 meeting. Lafayette Lions Club will host the 2013 Spring Zone 4 meeting. Lafayette has already picked Tuesday, April 2, 2013 to host the Zone 4 meeting.
- **Zone 5** Lion Diana Kroells – She thanked all of the Cabinet members who were able to attend the Zone 5 Cabinet meeting. It really means a lot to Zone chairs to have the support of fellow cabinet members at the Zone meetings. Zone 5 had 60 members in attendance in their meeting hosted by the Hamburg Lions. Congratulations to Lion Lou Longhenry from the Henderson Lions for winning our Zone Person of the Year Award. 17 Lions have been dropped from the roster and 16 new members have been added with at least 2 more to be installed in June so it appears as though Zone 5 will end the year with positive growth. As of this report the membership stands at 235, with club memberships: Arlington 31, Green Isle 48, Hamburg 35, Henderson 18, LeSueur 39, NYA- 35 and West Carver 29. Sibley East Leo membership is at 67. Zone 5 Lions have been responsible for 1,097 trees being planted since last July with top honors going to the NYA Lions with 510 trees. The Zone 5 Lions have shown their generosity by raising money through various events that included

5,279 hours of labor from fellow Lions and have reported donations of \$72,012 from July 1, 2011 through May 1, 2012. (Please refer to the activity section of the Lions website to see what the Zone 5 clubs have done.) As summer is approaching, most communities are gearing up for summer festivals and each town will include its Lions Club as key people in their efforts to have successful events. Lion Diana has thoroughly enjoyed being a Zone chair for the past 2 years. She has grown immensely in her knowledge of what the Lions Organization is all about and she looks forward to learning more as she moves into a new position.

- Zone 6** Lion Bruce Lieske – Zone 6 has six Lions clubs including Faribault, LeCenter, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield, and Northfield Cannon Valley. **LeCenter** has 42 members currently. Donations and workers helped with food shelf, completed ditch clean up and Journey for service. **Faribault** has 48 members currently. Recently Completed I Can Sign Doll project attended midwinter convention and donated to parade of green. **Lonsdale** has 42 members currently. Recently had donated to food shelf, held pancake breakfast, began concession stand season. **Northfield** has 32 members currently. Club has recently helped with Meals on wheels, held radio days and donated for Journey for service. **Northfield Cannon Valley** has 32 members currently. Planted 108 trees, hosted zone 6 meeting, held spaghetti dinner, and donated to Journey for service. **Montgomery** has 32 members currently. Recent events pancake breakfast, helped with Food shelf, and donated to church youth program. The zone 6 clubs have had a very busy time this spring.

**Region 3** Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 3 Zones, Twenty clubs and 620 members, all fall and spring zone meetings are complete. He presented in-depth data regarding membership in this Region and then called on his Zone chairpersons for their reports.

- Zone 7** Lion Paul Gorman – Zone 7 Lions Clubs had a busy 2011-12 year. The six clubs in zone 7 hosted the 2012 5M2 Convention in Mankato immediately after devoting considerable involvement and effort to planning and helping with the 5M Multiple Convention held in Mankato April 28-May 01 of 2011. These events, while very worthwhile, had a tendency to occupy the time and energy of the clubs and the zone chair the past two years.

The clubs and their membership change during the past year are below:

Club	beginning members	ending members
Amboy	41	41
Lake Crystal	36	31
Mankato	23	20
Mankato Key City	10	10
Mankato Sunrise	25	27
Winnebago	20	21
Totals	155	150

The WMMR's show that the zone had 11 dropped and 1 deceased member during the past year and 7 new members, for a net of -5. Several of the dropped were in good standing and due to age or illness.

The Zone chair adapted the Lions Zone Hosting and Lions Club Visitation schedule developed by Lion Charlotte Abbas and began the process of reinstating a renewed emphasis on club-to-club visits and a more structured long term approach to setting up the Fall & Spring Zone meetings. The spreadsheet is available upon request by email to [drpaulgorman@yahoo.com](mailto:drpaulgorman@yahoo.com) to adapt to your needs.

The clubs all had tree planting programs either completed or planned for the near future. Amboy reported 56 activities on the LCI website including donating over 400 pairs of glasses and celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mankato Sunrise reported 35 activities including co-hosting the 5M2 by members Dennis & Karen Sandersfeld and staffing many Verizon Wireless Center events to raise funds for club projects and donations. The Mankato Club helped with a program sending 2500 pairs of glasses to Sudan. Winnebago hosted the Spring zone meeting and helped with the convention. Two clubs did not list activities on the WMMR activities but were very active in their communities.

Zone Chair Paul Gorman has elected to serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in order to work more with clubs

since the zone is not hosting a convention in the year ahead. His goals include:

1. Implementing the club visitation rotation schedule for all clubs in the zone to visit another club
  2. Devoting more direct focus on the Governor's goals
  3. Presenting to each club on the LCI website and reporting
  4. Monitoring WMMR reporting closely and working with secretaries to report monthly and to include key activities each month
  5. Visiting each club at least twice during the year
- Zone 8 Lion Allie Larson – Zone 8 has 6 clubs: Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, New Richland, Owatonna, Waseca, and Waterville. There is a combined membership of 228. Our Spring Zone 8 meeting was held in Waseca on April 17, 2012 with 46 in attendance. The Zone Person of The Year is Lion Charles Espe of the New Richland Club. With summer nearly here, all clubs are gearing up for their summer activities, which are many. Zone 8 is in charge of the next Mid-Winter in Feb. of 2013. Lions Duane & Karen Fischer are heading up the committee with the first meeting on June 5, 2012 in Waseca. She thanked DG Sue for entrusting her with this job. It has been a good year with cooperation from all.
  - Zone 9 Lion Lyle Hinz – Zone 9 is made up of 8 Lions clubs with 242 members presently. The Zone has reported 4,563 hours of service, raised a total of \$27,942 this year, planted 83 trees and donated \$18,734 back to their communities. He reported that he believes that the number of trees planted has not been reported accurately and knows it will be much higher in the end. All the clubs are very busy on their projects serving the population. He hopes to see everyone on August 6, 2012 for Jungle Days (e-submit).

DG Sue said that there has been a problem in the MMR with the reporting of the tree planting. People are not reporting the tree planting in the correct category. It is important that clubs report it accurately.

DG Sue stated that the District is currently –48 members. She encouraged everyone to work on increasing membership.

### **Committee Reports:**

DGE Ron Dahlke came forward to do protocol and then introduced the committee chairs so they could give their reports.

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen, Darlene and Vern Breamer reported that the Lions of District 5M2 have been doing a wonderful job of supporting Can Do Canines. Our District raised \$8,160 for the Parade of Green. The total for the Multiple was \$70,087.86. Our district was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. We still need to work on clubs who gives us checks for Hearing Dogs of Henderson, Colorado.

Our next goal is to let clubs know about the “Top Dog Awards” that they can give out. For every \$500 donated they can give out this award.

Spring graduation was May 19. Lions Vern and Darlene attended and watched 17 new teams graduate. There was one team from District 2, Mary Jo Zappa and Mobility Assist Dog Lilly from Northfield. Each team receives its official identification cape, Nylabone, diploma and mortarboard cap. The event lasts about an hour, and is followed by an informal reception with refreshments. Graduations are free and open to the general public.

The next tour dates are: Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, July 21 at 10:00 A.M.

Can Do Canines are still working on raising the rest of their \$800,000 Capital Campaign Fund. Beginning on Monday, May 21 there will be a full time caretaker at the facility. An apartment for this person is at the facility. They also now have an apartment ready for any out of town trainee. With the completion of the new kennels made possible by the Lions, they will have space for 50 dogs! The next hurdle will be having qualified trainers and volunteers for them.

Sunday, August 5, 2012 will be Can Do Woofaroo and Fundraising Walk. This is replacing Heal and Wheel. This will start at 11:00 A.M. at Can Do Canines, New Hope, MN. We are encouraging clubs to form teams and walk for Can Do Canines.

Save the date for The Fetching Ball. This will be the evening of Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. WCCO-TV's Jason DeRusha will be there. There will be The Calendar Dogs

Fashion Show, Live Auction, followed by Music and Dancing.

Lions Vern and Darlene attended meetings for Zone 7, 8 & 9. They visited Wells Lions club. Mid Winter convention's Sunday morning speaker was Jean Lundquist and her Diabetes assistance dog Juno. Jean was also the featured speaker at the Nicollet Lions Anniversary. Nancy Baumann and her Mobility assistance dog, Nigel, were speakers at the Albert Lea Lions Club. Since mid-winter Lion Deb Koehnen has attended one zone meeting and given a program presentation at the Plato Lions.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that she and Lion Steve Wasserman held an open forum workshop on creating an e-Clubhouse website and Facebook pages at the 5M2 Midwinter Convention. They also helped answer questions about WMMR reporting and other computer and technology related issues. They had a very good turn out and the folks that attended were pleased to have their questions answered. Lion Laura helped the Hamburg Lions set up a Facebook page and Lion Steve was able to help a club with website issues and a visiting DG with directory questions. They were on hand to set up the projectors for various workshops and thank Lion Lori Klein for assisting in a workshop while Lions Steve and Laura lead our workshop, also to Lion Joe Maki for his help during the Sunday morning presentation. Lion Laura continues to update the information on the district's project pages and encourages Project Chairs to submit current information to tell about their project. Clubs are welcome to send her information and posters about their upcoming events and fundraisers to list on the website.

At the May meeting, they are requesting the purchase of a wheeled computer/projector case and outlet strip to make it easier to transport and have items needed to hook up the system. Lion Laura will also entertain a discussion regarding the development of the "for members only" section on the e-District website at the May meeting. The cabinet needs to facilitate a decision if this should be for cabinet members only or include club presidents and secretaries who could then share with their members. That section would require the use of a username and password to enter.

Lion Laura has enjoyed her first year serving on the cabinet and would like to thank DG Sue for a wonderful year.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported that at the Midwinter Convention a dues increase for the International Parade assessment fund was discussed and after talking with PDG Wayne Neubarth it was brought to Lion Harry's attention that this was passed by the Multiple District, so we did not have an option of voting for the increase. At the Multiple Convention in Hinkley all amendments were passed except for the second proposed amendment. The amendment wanted to cap the Campaign fund for International Second Vice President at \$100,000 instead of the present amount of \$215,000. It was soundly defeated.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Eunice Rucks reported that the International Convention will be held in Busan, Korea on June 22-26, 2012 and the USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be in Tampa Bay, Florida on September 13-15, 2012.

District Activities: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that there is no update since the last cabinet meeting (e-submit).

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported that Year 1 of the GLT process has been a struggle as often happens with new programs or ideas. There has been some progress made on each goal and she anticipates more progress in the last 6 weeks of this Lions year.

- 1. Goal 1 Increase use of formal orientation programs by clubs.** This goal continues to be worked on. As often happens, progress wasn't as great as hoped. A variety of competing life commitments impacted Lion volunteer's ability to achieve some objectives and the goal. PID Debra is confident several of the objectives will be completed this year and the goal will continue to be appropriate for next year.
- 2. Goal 2: Provide training for club officers, Zone Chairs and Program Chairs.** The Club Officer Orientation & Leadership event was held on April 23 for 132 participants, with approximately two thirds of the clubs being represented. Although a participant evaluation was forgotten that evening, an on-line survey is under way using the website SurveyMonkey. Emails regarding the evaluation opportunity were sent to current club Presidents and Secretaries. They were asked to forward the

survey opportunity information to incoming officers. As of 10:55 a.m. this morning, 37 responses were received. Survey responses will be analyzed and used in future planning. Zone Chair Orientation is scheduled for May 22. Those not able to attend the training will meet with DGE Ron at a later date. Program Chair orientation will be part of the August Cabinet meeting. Post-presentation communication and Region Meeting participation will be included. Curriculum development and training delivery modes should continue to be topics of discussion and/or goals.

- 3. Goal 3: Develop and Implement mentoring program for emerging Lion leaders.** Very little formal progress has been made on this goal. This continues to be a concern and may be a formal goal next year.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that extension has not done well this year, and he hopes next year is better. Membership is down, not a problem getting them just have a hard time keeping (retention) them all. Retention is still a problem that needs to be worked on. DG Sue asked the GMT committee try to find out why there were so many drops. The committee prepared and sent exit interview letters to all that dropped. The last results were similar to the early one's. About 18% of the interviews were returned which was better than expected. Following are some of the comments: Difficulties with meeting time and place, food, day of the week, work conflict and cliques, marriage problems, health, family conflicts, cliques and philosophical differences, time demands, not asked to help and participate, use of skills, cliques, neglected, health and should let opinions be heard from all. To summarize clubs most likely don't get the new members involved soon enough or at all. It's the same thing that we have heard time and again, members need to be appreciated and become part of the club both as workers and officers. There really wasn't any one thing that stood out but predominately cliques and getting members involved. It is possible that we don't do a good enough job with officer training and training how to get and keep members involved. PID Maynard told a story about the Lions club in Bonita Springs that he and PDG Eunice visited on their recent non-Lions related trip. Everyone wants to be part of something.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that he has been working on getting our 5M2 History Records up to date. There are several bits of information that he is waiting for to complete this year's records. The charts on our District 5M2 Web have been corrected (Thanks Lion Steve Wasserman). Several fellow Lions have contacted him to get information about their members or Club Activities from days gone by. He thanked Governor Sue for allowing him to serve on her Cabinet this past year (e-submit).

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster extended a sincere "Thank You" to all of the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in District 5M2 for the support they once again gave to our annual Journey for Service. The clubs came through once again in great fashion, and in spite of the economy the Journey once again went over the \$15,000 mark. This maintained our average of just over \$15,000 for the 22 years he has acted as chairman of the popular event.

The clubs in our District combined to contribute a total of \$15,030.55. He can hardly tell how gratified he is for the continued support and cooperation the clubs and many individuals show him each year; from the great send-off breakfast hosted by Lions Steve and Debra Wasserman at Faribault right on through the breakfast hosted by the Winthrop Lions on Thursday, the delicious lunch thanks to the Glencoe Lions to the Day's End refreshments by Lion Gordy in Prior Lake. In between was the 'survival kit' thanks to Lion Sue Vos, and Laura's homemade cookies and coffee break at the N.E.W. stop on Friday morning. Individual Lions go out of their way to make this such a pleasant and fulfilling trip each April.

DG Sue has not made the final decision where all the funds will be distributed but rest assured the contributions will go towards district-approved projects and will make the lives of many a better experience thanks to YOUR generosity. He thanked everyone again and looks forward to seeing everyone again next April.

LCIF: Lion Ron Dahlke reported that he would like to thank the Clubs of District 5M-2, who have provided support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) this year. At the Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Green, a total of \$14,660 was donated to LCIF, with several additional checks received following the Convention from Clubs who were not in attendance.

The LCIF Measles Initiative continues through June 30, 2012. LCIF is hoping to raise \$10 million in

order to receive a \$5 million matching grant (the largest ever received by LCIF) from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to fund this endeavor. Several Clubs have made significant donations to the Measles Initiative and have received a "measles" pin for each member. If you know of Clubs who have made donations, please let me know so he can get pins for their members.

The response to the change in LCIF donation designation, made at the Board's October, 2011 Meeting, has been well received by Lions around the world. Designated donations will be eligible for MJF credit through FOUR mission focused funds and a Fifth fund for the area of greatest need:

- Disaster (donations to a specific disaster will still be accepted, but without MJF credit)
- Youth
- Sight
- Humanitarian Programs (includes donations to the Measles Initiative)
- Area of Greatest Need (this category allows the LCIF Board to "move" funds to any of the above categories in an efficient, and responsible manner).

He then thanked PDG Darwin Mathwig, PDG Eunice Rucks and DG Sue Bowman for the opportunity to serve as the District 5M-2 LCIF Coordinator during their terms as District Governor. Not only has he gained insight of the mission of LCIF, he also now more fully appreciate the network of service delivery from LCIF to those less fortunate. Remember, you belong to Lions International... but the Lions Club International Foundation belongs to each of you... This is your Foundation. Thank you for your continued support!

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley and VDGE Joan reported that they had a very fun and successful campaign for Leader Dogs for the Blind with the Region/Zone challenge to collect enough funds in the passing of the cans at respective meetings to purchase a Kaptan Plus from each region at a cost of \$295.00. The competition really heated up in the last round of zone meetings, with first Zone 7 being the top dog givers, only to be outdone by Zone 9, who got beat out by Zone 5. The final figures for each region were:

Region 1 \$303.82

Region 2 \$411.05

Region 3 \$388.21

By these figures you can see that each region was able to purchase a Kaptan Plus GPS unit, along with additional funds going to Leader Dog. Due to this increased awareness for Kaptan Pluses through this challenge, Lion Shirley and Joan are delighted to report that the following individual Clubs also purchased a unit on their own: Hutchinson, Prior Lake, Jordaness, Blooming Prairie, Le Sueur and Northfield. They also received \$121 from Minnesota Lake Lions Club designated for Kaptan Plus.

Lion Shirley presented Leader Dog talks to Silver Lake, where Glencoe was visiting, Montgomery, Northfield, Northfield Canon Valley and Northfield Leo Club and Lion Joan has spoken to the New Richland Lions Club.

Lions Shirley and Joan also had a wonderful surprise by receiving an email from DG Sue informing us that Lion Jack and she would like to donate \$1,000 from the Journey for Service to purchase an additional 3 Kaptan Plus units, one for each region in 5M2. That makes a total of at least 12 units from 5M2. That is fantastic!

Lions Shirley and Joan would like to extend a huge thank you to all the clubs in 5M2 and especially DG Sue and Lion Jack for supporting Leader Dogs for the Blind in such a generous fashion. Thank you for allowing us to serve as co-chairs for this past year.

LEO Clubs: Chair Lion Allen Heidorn reports that we will have a new Leo Club in our District! The Cologne Lions are proud to announce the Charter Night of the Cologne community-based Leo Club. International Director Brian Sheehan will be doing the Induction Ceremony on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cologne Community Center. He extended a great deal of thanks to Lion Anna Wickenhauser for making this happen! If you have not attended a Leo Charter Night, Lion Allen encourages you to come and show the next generation of Lions our support.

Leo of the Year Award Applications will be due soon. Please, please send him any nominations before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

LionNET announces that they are providing eLeoClubhouse to help Leo Clubs build a useful and professional looking website. Also, The Leo Facebook page is very active with the latest news and activities ([www.facebook.com/leoclubs](http://www.facebook.com/leoclubs)). Lion Allen encouraged the Facebook users in the District to 'like' that page

to keep up with current news and events.

In other Leo activities, the first ever Leo Lion Summit will take place at the 2012 Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, Korea. The summit will help lead to more dialogue between Lions and Leos and allow Lions to better understand those who will one day lead our association. This special event will bring Leos and Lions together from around the world for a productive day, including traditional opening and closing ceremonies, a formal luncheon, breakout sessions and a town hall meeting (e-submit).

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported that she presented a newly prepared display at Midwinter. Generated some vocal interest from convention attendees. In April, delivered 75 booklets to Shakopee for their spring presentation. For fall delivery, have orders from Hutchinson Lions for 300 booklets and from Owatonna Lions, 450 booklets. Am presuming that there will also be a fall program in Ellendale. Presented to the Prior Lake Lions on May 17 in hopes of generating a program in their community. Cologne Lions have also expressed interest in combining some sort of Liberty Day activity next fall with the 3 private schools in their community. Will follow through by contacting them again. Last fall, she expressed concern at Cabinet meeting and asked that the Cabinet weigh pros and cons of a program utilized by a minimum number of clubs. However, it is gratifying to know that the clubs using the program have this project engrained into their schedules. It is a wonderful opportunity for connecting our youth to a topic which is truly the lifeblood of our nation. A good supply of student books are on hand and can be obtained from Lion Charlie or Lion Mary at any time. However, it will be necessary to re-order considering the requests for next fall. Thanks to District Governor Sue for the opportunity to serve on her Cabinet.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos and Lion Arline Richter reported that The MD5M Hearing Foundation met in St. Cloud on March 31, 2012. The majority of the meeting revolved around the upcoming fundraising event, D-Feet Hearing Loss. The following elements of the event were covered:

- Negotiations with the **MN Landscape Arboretum** have been finalized, making it **the official site for the walk**. Details include: registration starts at 9:30 AM, walk starts at 10:30 AM, and lunch at noon; admission and parking are free for walkers; 3 different routes are set; three shelters will be available: one to house the silent auction, one to serve the food, and one for entertainment.
- **The Internet** – We were introduced to our new HF web page, the D-Feet website, Facebook page, and on-line registration procedures.
- **Silent Auction** – Each Trustee is responsible for procuring two nice items for donation and getting them to the site.
- **Corporate Sponsors** – Will have names/logos on t-shirts, web and registration sites, and Facebook.
- **Volunteers** - A volunteer chair for the northern half of the state (PDG Kevin Schuldt, 5M7), and one for the southern half (Lion Carol Merten, 5M8) were named.  
Other Volunteers – Beside the Trustees, other volunteers will be recruited to help with parking, help on the trails, man the silent auction shelter, and help with water and food distribution. Leos, and other Lions are possibilities.
- **Food and Water** – Trustees will check on getting donated water for walkers and items for a light lunch.
- **Publicity** – Recruit a celebrity walker and photographer, TV announcements, newsletter brochures and flyers,
- **Other** – t-shirts available for walkers with donations of \$25 or more, and workers, first aid/rescue squad availability, insurance coverage, etc.

Other items on the meeting agenda included:

**Recognition and thanks to 6 year veterans**: A Hearing Research Fellow was awarded to PDG Ken Anderson, PDG Randi Fravert, PDG Devin Schuldt, a Progressive Award to Lion Richard Betlach, and a plant to Chair Marlene Martinek.

**Border to border mower ride**: A machine has been acquired and as well as a support vehicle and driver.

**Grant update**: Everything was in order for the grant application...the decision was made on April 16<sup>th</sup> and the grant was awarded.

**Resignation**: A vote was taken and carried to accept the resignation of Exec. Secretary Bob



**The next meeting:** July 13 -14

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that there is nothing new to report at this time. He has enjoyed working with the clubs and being on the cabinet this year.

Mid-Winter Convention: Co-Chairs Lions Dennis and Karen Sandersfeld reported on the results of the convention. Zone 7 had 398 registered for the convention. They are looking forward to attending next year's convention as participants! Thanks to everyone for the support of the convention. They thanked the Cabinet for the \$3,000 start-up money. They are pleased to return \$1,911.06 of that money to 5M2 from Zone 7.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank reported that he attended all but one of the Spring Zone meetings and reminded all the clubs of the Foundations 3 year pledge to the Schultz Diabetes Institute and also to be creative in the use of their "pig" in the Feed The Pig fundraiser.

On April 21, 2012, he attended the Minnesota Lion's Diabetes Foundation meeting that was held at the University of Minnesota's Center for Magnetic Resonance Research. At this meeting election of officers was held and committee assignments were made. After the meeting, a presentation was made by staff at the University on what is being worked on in the hopes of finding a cure for diabetes. Following the presentations a ribbon cutting ceremony was held naming the Imaging Lab the "Minnesota Lions Imaging Lab". A tour of the Lab was then given.

Lion Kevin, along with much help from Lion Joan, has sent information on Camp Needle Point to all the school districts in 5M2, in the hope of letting them know there is a camp for diabetic children. He did a presentation to the Waterville Lions club and has several others in the works.

MN Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Jean Dahlke & PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they attended the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Board meeting in St. Cloud on March 31, 2012.

Dr. Eric Van Kujik informed them that the remodeling of the ninth floor of the Phillips-Wangenstein Building has begun. The remodeling will include seeing adult patients and also a new Lions Retinal Imaging Center. The remodeling is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Lions All-Star Baseball Tournament is scheduled for June 22-23. All Lion clubs should have received tickets for the tournament. Please come and enjoy some good baseball games. The proceeds will go to the Lions Children's Eye Clinic.

They also attended most of the Zone meetings this spring and are also available for club visits.

Since this is Lion Jean's last cabinet meeting as a director for the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation she thanked PDG Mike Vos, PDG Mary Spille, PDG Rick Wagener, PDG Darwin Mathwig, PDG Eunice Rucks, and DG Sue Bowman for their confidence and allowing her to serve on their cabinets. PDG Marlys thanked Lion Jean for her work these past years.

PDG Marlys is on the Foundation and is looking for fundraising ideas. If you have a unique fundraising idea please get them to her before the first of June.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported that there is only one GrapeVine left to do this Lion's Year. Governor Sue has done an excellent job with her articles and so has 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joan. The clubs have been great this year with furnishing us with news articles and Photos. He thanked Governor Sue for giving him the opportunity to serve the district as Newsletter Editor this past year he really enjoyed working on this project

Project New Hope: Lion Donna Wolter reported that due to family illness and surgery, she has only been able to do one club visit to Lake Crystal. Got a report from PDG Dale Johanson that the last retreat was a success with 12 veterans and 13 children representing 9 families and that every veteran that signed up actually came.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler reported that he needed to say some thank you's. First, thank you to Lion Bill for publicizing the Tree Planting Project in the "Grapevine" last fall and again this spring. Thanks to DG Sue and DGE Ron for their articles of encouragement which provided an impetus for Lions

Clubs to get started and to finish their tree planting plans. For those who receive the newsletter he is sure the information was very helpful in getting the Lions Clubs project going and getting the projects registered with Lions International.

Second, thank you to Lions Steve and Laura for putting the Tree Planting Project on the District website. He talked to several Lions who referenced the information available on the District website as being helpful. Also Lions Steve and Laura sent an email reminder to District Lions Club presidents and secretaries this spring about their Tree Planting Projects.

Spring is almost over. There are probably a few more trees to plant. He is not sure what our District total trees planted will be, but is sure that we exceeded DG Sue's goal of 650 trees. So that is great and the campaign is a success.

The worldwide total is now at 9.5 million trees planted which has far eclipsed IP Tam's goal of 1 million trees.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that four years ago they set as a goal to visit each of our 66 clubs to spread the story of Lions Quest. While they failed to reach that goal, they were able to make 55 clubs visits. They did not make the 2 a.m. clubs, 1 Lioness Club, 11 clubs in the DEEP SOUTH and one club which told them not to come.

They have set up two teacher trainings and are planning another for this August. Should they be asked to continue as Quest Cabinet Chairs, they have plans to create a new presentation demonstrating one of the principles taught by the teachers to the students.

Should any cabinet person wish to take over the Deep South they would be more than happy to share their materials. If you know of any teachers who might be interested in taking the August 21st training in Cologne, please have them contact Lions Mike and Cathleen. Lion Cathleen

Spring Point Project: PDG Rick Wagener reported he has had no new programs to report on except that his role as chair has been discontinued for Spring Point Project and combined with Schultz Diabetes Center which is covered by Lions Anna and Kevin. He reported that he had such fun with this role and has learned a lot about pigs and insulin. He thanked DG Sue for having him on her Cabinet and wished DGE Ron the best of luck in his year coming up.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported that the topic for 2012-13 is based on the Lions Mission Statement as found on the Lions Website. As suggested by the Governor and Governor-Elect, he sent a message to the outgoing Club Presidents that outlines the project and asks them to appoint a committee to work on the project for next year. It was felt that waiting for the fall school year was too short of notice to get the project rolling. The plan for the 2012-13 school year is to communicate with the clubs by email and snail mail in August to announce the project to new officers.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that she and her husband, Lion Chris Hall, are the co-chairs for Youth Exchange. There are 39 students coming in and only 18 placed so far. In 5M2 we have 4 possibly 6 placed. We will be sending out another plea to all the clubs to see if any have possible members that can host. We will also be following up with people that have expressed interest but have not called back to see if they would be willing to be a host family. We had only one club visit this spring in Hamburg. Thanks again to DG Sue for the opportunity.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs. The Peace Poster theme for 2012 is "Imagine Peace". The kits are available. Check with your local art teachers in early spring before school is out for the summer, order your kits and send reminders in the fall as school starts.

Lion Laurie and Lion Bill have done an excellent job promoting the Peace Poster Contest-thank you to both. Lions Janet and Sheila will send another reminder about the Peace Poster Contest in early August to new Club Presidents/Secretaries so they can reconnect with their schools.

So...get your club involved-it is a project that involves your Lions Club as well as your area youth.

VDG Ron Dahlke complemented everyone for being succinct in their reporting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Comments:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Harry Klenke was given direction by 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Joan Blank to always be prepared to give remarks at every meeting. He did not heed her advice. He proceeded to tell a tree planting story about planting in the pouring rain. He has over 3,000 trees planted on his property. He is happy to be serving with DGE Ron and VDGE Joan in the coming year.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Comments:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Joan Blank thanked all the cabinet members for their hard work. She has immensely enjoyed her year as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and working with DGE Ron and DG Sue. It has been an honor to work with the Cabinet, truly an extended family.

**DGE Comments:** DGE Ron Dahlke stated how it has really gotten busy for the Dahlke's with training, conventions, etc. DGE Ron has been trying to acclimate Lion Jean to the personal space issues they may experience in Bussan, it is not working. He then thanked the Cabinet for the countless hours spent on Lions work and District 5M2, he also thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as DG.

**DG Comments:** DG Susan Bowman thanked everyone for coming tonight and the support she has received this year. People have asked her what she will do with her spare time after her year is over: she is going to be a Grandmother July 21. That will fill some of those extra hours! She then invited everyone to a picnic in Geneva July 15. She announced that Diabetes needed to meet after this meeting.

PDG Marlys Meskan congratulated DG Sue for the work she has done this year and the leadership she has shown.

The next scheduled cabinet meeting will be held in August 6 in conjunction with Jungle Days. Motion to adjourn made PDG Bill Curtis and seconded by PDG Mike Vos. MC. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lion Cindy Walters