

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2012
St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN**

DG Ron Dahlke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Harry Klenke.

Invocation: Given by 1st VDG Joan Blank.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 35 in attendance and 18 absent.

Introduction of Guests: DG Ron Dahlke introduced the following guests: PDG Robert Hoofnagle and wife Lion Judy, Lion Lowell Abbas, PDG Larry Meskan, Lion Jean Dahlke.

Adoption of the Agenda: Lion Cathleen Williams moved to adopt the agenda with addition, seconded by PDG Rick Wagoner. MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by PDG Mike Vos; 2nd by Lion Dennis Hewitt. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg was unable to attend this meeting but did send a written copy of the Treasurer's report showing actual income at this point of \$47,479.35 and actual expenses of \$18,724.40. There was a question regarding the Balance date of 2009-2010. It is probably a typographical error. DG Ron made a note to ask Lion Dale about it. Six clubs have not paid dues yet: Blue Earth, Lafayette, Lester Prairie, Lonsdale, Owatonna, Shakopee Valley. There is \$64,101.72 in itemized categories, \$1,492.20 remaining in the Core 4 Grant less a recent expense. Motion to approve budget report by Lion Charlette Abbas, 2nd by Lion Marv Grimm. MC.

Communications: DG Ron had several communications to share with the Cabinet members. Lion Arlene Richter is undergoing treatment for cancer and thought about stepping down from her Cabinet position. She has agreed to stay on for the time being. A card was circulated among the cabinet for her. Lion Donna Wolter submitted her resignation from the Project New Hope due to health reasons. DG Ron Dahlke talked with her and she will assist in finding and training a replacement for her position.

Old Business:

MD5M Regional Leadership Training – DG Ron has received four applications and we have six slots allocated to us. The due date is December 1.

5M2 used eyeglasses – where do they go? Key City Lions collect them at convention (usually around 18,000-21,000 eyeglasses from mid-winter), Mankato Lions members remove the glasses that can't be used and the cases, the eyeglasses then go to an Optometrist in Cannon Falls who is associated with VOSH who then cleans them, neutralizes them, grades them to be distributed. Vision Honduras does not go through VOSH, they get their glasses through the recycling center in Wisconsin. Lion Cathleen Williams suggested that all clubs go through their eyeglasses locally before bringing them to mid-winter and an article be written in the ROAR explaining the process.

New Business:

Awards – PDG Eunice Rucks gave out Helen Keller awards from the MN Lions Eyebank to the following Cabinet members: Lion Laura Maki, Lion Dennis Hewitt, Lion Kevin Blank, Lion Paul Gorman and Lion Allie Larsen.

Recognitions – DG Ron Dahlke gave out Lions International recognition from President Tham to IPDG Susan Bowman; Certified Guiding Lions awards to 2nd VDG Harry Klenke, 1st VDG Joan Blank, and DG Ron Dahlke.

Youth Activity Account Approval – Formal action requested on the use of Youth Activity Account

CABINET MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 Page 2 Funds of \$50 for each LEO Club Member and Advisor to attend LEO Leadership Conference. PID Maynard Rucks made the formal motion, Lion Cathleen Williams seconded. Lion Nancy Mathwig did some research about what Youth Activity Funds should be used for and LEO conference was an allowable expense for those funds. MC.

LEO Conference Meeting Report – Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that 13 Cologne LEOS attended the conference. They were the largest group in attendance. The conference was awesome and the students were challenged to meet new people and tell Lion Anna about the things they did every day. Lion Anna Wickenhauser will be on the LEO conference planning committee next year. Big surprise there! DG Ron had to stop Lion Anna due to the length of the meeting.

- **Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MNLERC) operations** – PDG Robert Hoofnagle spoke about the MNLERC. At the 2009 International Convention in Minneapolis the Sauk Rapids Lions were approached about becoming an Official Lions Clubs International Eyeglass Recycling Center. There are 18 centers worldwide with 12 in the US. The glasses collected at this site go to Lions sponsored vision programs first. If there are enough glasses available they would be distributed to other vision organizations; i.e. VOSH. The Lions of Multiple District 5M have provided 8.9+ million pair of used eyeglasses for recycling. This past July 362,567 pair of used eyeglasses were transported to the Wisconsin Lions Recycling Center. PDG Bob told several stories regarding the need and the value of the eyeglasses collected and the Vision missions that have been accomplished with these donations. MNLERC greatly appreciate all donations of used eyeglasses to help those in need. For large amounts of glasses, i.e. a pickup load, arrangements can be made to have them picked up. MNLERC is on Facebook and PDG Bob would greatly appreciate being friended. He then entertained questions.

- o Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion that eyeglasses collected at the 5M2 mid-winter convention 2013 be brought to or picked up by the Sauk Rapids recycling center, Lion Laura Maki seconded. PDG Mike Vos asked questions about how the Mankato Lions would feel about this change. MC.

Lion Laura Maki made a comment about the Special Olympics Polar Plunge being the weekend before mid-winter. Please sign up for the plunge – it is in St. Peter.

PDG Eunice Rucks brought up a question about a Diabetes camp (Camp Sweet Life) in Mankato desiring to have a table at mid-winter. The consensus of the Cabinet was that it would be the DG decision. Last year we had 18 tables at Mid-Winter and that is the max for the area Lions projects will have priority for the spaces.

Region/Zone Reports: Region 1 Lion Marvin Grimm reported that the Region 1 meeting was hosted by the Glencoe Lions on September 26, 2012. There were 99 Lions in attendance, representing 33 clubs. 21 clubs of the 24 in Region 1 were represented. Region 1 had 1092 Lions on June 30, 2012. As of September 30, 2012 there are 1082 Lions, a loss of 10 members. There is a need to work at find Lions to join us. Growing membership in Region 1 needs to be a goal of all 24 clubs.

- **Zone 1** Lion Lynn Monger – reported that the 10 clubs in Zone 1 are currently at a membership of 265, which is down 2 from the August report. The goal is to have a zone increase by the end of the year. The Fall Zone 1 meeting will be held in Lester Prairie on Tuesday, November 27. The Spring Zone 1 meeting will be held in Brownton on Wed., April 10. All clubs were present at the Region meeting held on Sept. 26 in Glencoe. Lion Lynn has visited 8 of the clubs in Zone 1. One meeting is scheduled for November 15 and one is scheduled for Jan. 21. Some of the recent club activities include:

Brownton – held their annual corn feed and kiddie tractor pull. They will begin their Saturday afternoon meat raffles at the Brownton Bar in November.

Glencoe – Held Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Sept. 23 and served food at the Kahnke Tree Farm Auction. Sausage supper will be held Oct. 25.

Hutchinson – Passed out approx. 300 dictionaries to 3rd graders. Handed out Liberty Day books to over 200 5th graders. Continue to help with vision and hearing screenings at the schools.

Lester Prairie – Provided dictionaries to 3rd graders. Provided funds to buy supplies to make sandwiches for a homeless shelter. Will be having brunch on Sunday, December 2.

New Auburn – Held their annual roast beef dinner fundraiser in September.

Plato – Donated \$100 to Vision Honduras. Held their pork chop dinner. Will be sponsoring a blood drive on November 1

Silver Lake – Held a brunch on Oct. 14. Sponsored a Meet the Candidates night on Oct. 16. Christmas Brunch will be held on December 2.

Stewart – Is participating in the Peace Poster Contest and in the Write Off Essay Contest.

Winsted – Had a brat cook out at Glen’s Super Valu in Winsted throughout the summer. Participated in the Winsted 125th Anniversary in August.

- **Zone 2** Lions Mark & Theresa Willems –

Zone 2 Fall meeting was held on October 18th, hosted by the Watertown Lion’s Club. 31 Lions were in attendance with 6 of the 7 clubs represented. We were very impressed with the Zone 2 club activities, not only the fundraising events, but also their community service activities. We have encouraged cross club support between the clubs in the Zone by attending functions of our neighboring clubs.

Club visits are set and will be taking place in the near future.

Currently 458 Zone 2 members – down 9 from June 2012.

Spring Zone meeting will be held in Carver, date to be determined shortly.

Zone 3 Lion Wanda Breimhorst – There are 8 clubs in Zone 3 with the following memberships.

CLUB	MEMBERS 7/12	MEMBERS 9/12
Belle Plaine	20	20
Prior Lake	41	41
Jordan	64	64
Veseli	29	29
Shakopee Valley	23	25
Shakopee	93	93
Jordaness	35	34
NEW	52	52
Total	357	358

Every club in Zone 3 is active and judging by all of their activities are truly keeping Lionism alive. In brief: Highway cleanups, Feed My Starving Children, Dictionary Project, Fall Garden Cleanups, Breakfasts, Scholarships and the list goes on. A tally of Lions hours from the activities report shows that Zone 3 Lions contributed 1656 hours to projects since August. A few upcoming activities: Veseli Club has a breakfast coming up October 28th, Shakopee Steak Fry to benefit the Shakopee Public Utilities Lineman injured in an electric contact October 26th, and Jordaness Fall Fashion Show, November 17th. Clubs presenting Melvin Jones, Helen Keller and Hearing awards to members: Melvin Jones: Prior Lake 2, Jordan Lions 2, Jordaness 1. Prior Lake presented 1 Helen Keller award and 1 Hearing foundation award.

The Fall Zone Meeting is being hosted by the Belle Plaine Lions on November 14, 2012

Place: Borough Bowl Party Room: corner of Ash Street and Commerce Drive (Commerce Drive is the frontage road on the north side of Highway 169), Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Time: Social 5:30 PM – Dinner 6:30 PM; Cost: \$ 16.00 Per Person

Region 2 Lion Dennis Hewitt, Region 2 Chairperson reported that Region 2 has 3 Zones consisting of 19 Lions Clubs and 3 Leo Clubs with another Leo Club in the beginnings stages. The Region 2 Fall Meeting was held on September 18th, 2012 at Lonsdale, hosted by the Lonsdale Lions Club. There were 55 Lions and guests present. It was a good meeting and had many good reports to start the Lions year. He then introduced the Zone Chairs to give a brief report on their respective Zone Meetings, and any other information.

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

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

From Zone 6, Darlene Wondra, from the Montgomery Lions Club

- **Zone 4** Lion Charlette Abbas – At this time, visited each club in Zone 4. She does emails and phone calls when necessary. We have the Dates to Remember email to remind clubs of up-coming events for other clubs in Zone 4.

- The Zone 4 meeting was held on October 4, 2012, and was hosted by the Nicollet Lions. They centered the theme on the football season. Attendees were encouraged to wear jerseys from their favorite football teams. The table decorations indicated this and then became the door prizes. All clubs but one was present. The format was changed a little. We did not have a head table – DG Ron and Lion Jean sat with the Presidents; 1st VDG Joan and Lion Kevin sat with the Secretaries; 2nd VDG Harry and Lion Loretta sat with the Treasurers; and Region Chair Denny sat with the others. We had members from the clubs sitting at different tables for discussion of 5 questions during dinner:

What one event does your club do that seems to make you a “family”?

What is the biggest concern for your club other than membership?

What do you think is the biggest joy your club has experienced through the years?

What is a new activity that your club has planned for the coming year?

What is something unique about your club?

We then had the club members get together to compare notes. In some cases, there were same consensus and in others very different opinions. This took about 5-10 minutes. Then we let the clubs throw out their finds for all to hear. How did it work? Overall, it went very well. It was a very relaxed atmosphere that allowed all people to share their thoughts. I think this was one of the major pluses to this format. Everyone had a voice.

The Clubs continue to serve their communities. With Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas upon us, Clubs are busy providing services to the young of their communities. In addition to services, Clubs are continuing to fundraise. Nicollet’s next Pork Chop Fundraiser is November 17. Lafayette has a waffle breakfast on January 30.

- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 had 238 members at our last Cabinet meeting. Year to date there have been 7 drops, 2 for non-payment of dues/nonattendance, one moved, one transfer in good standing and 3 due to dropped in good standing. There have been no members lost to death to date. Only one member has joined our zone (West Carver club) for a total at September month end of 236. Upcoming Zone 5 Fall zone meeting will be Thurs, November 29th at Arlington at the Veterans Building at the Sibley County Fairgrounds. Invitations for the meeting will be emailed to Cabinet this week. All clubs in Zone 5 are busy serving their communities and beyond.

Arlington and Green Isle have been doing joint projects such as 3rd grade dictionary project, a Grain Bin and Farm Safety Demonstration, and a Schell’s Brewery tour. Arlington Lions will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on Friday, November 16th and Green Isle Lions will be celebrating 40 years of serving the community this Friday, October 26th.

Hamburg Lions are participating in the RAP (Reading Action Program) Literacy program and have made a 2 year commitment to sponsor books to all 1st graders in the school district. The book is “My Favorite Book” on morals and values of family life.

Henderson recently sponsored a winter coat drive.

Le Sueur – has been having difficulty accessing the online activity reporting process; however, the club continues to be busy with projects in their community.

Norwood Young America has been busy with various fund raisers and recently donated monies to replace glasses for a local person following a car accident.

NYA West Carver is holding their annual Harvest Moon Wine tasting fund raiser on October

26th.

Goals for year 2012-13:

- o Schedule all club visits before the Fall Zone meeting and complete visits before Mid-Winter.
- o **As of October 22, I have only scheduled 2 visits.**
- o Encourage membership retention as well as growth with a plus membership for the zone by

- o Encourage club attendance at Zone/Region meetings, Mid-Winter convention and Multiple District 5M convention. **Six out of the seven clubs were represented at the Region 2 meeting in Lonsdale with a total of 19 Zone 5 Lions in attendance.**
- **Zone 6** Lion Darlene Wondra – A very informative and productive Zone 6 Fall meeting was held last Monday October 15th, with 40 members and guests attending. Each club participated in the meeting, from leading the pledge, prayer, and song to tail twisting. Each club also brought 2 door prizes. Each club gave inspiring reports, with new ideas for fundraisers and service project that were designed to attract new members. Books were sent to Africa, members helped at a “white cane” event, dictionaries were given to 3rd graders, pancake breakfast planned to mention a few things. Our Northfield Leo’s advisor also reported on their activities, 9 students are active in their Leo’s. PID Debra Wassermann refreshes us on the recognition award and fellowship plaques available and encouraged us to apply for them. Our Region 2 chair, 1st & 2nd District Governor and District Governor Ron Dahlke addressed our members. Zone 6 has 6 clubs that include Faribault, Le Center, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield, Northfield Cannon Valley, and Northfield Leo’s, we have 222 members. Lion Darlene has visited 4 of the 6 clubs; the other 2 are set up and I will help out the Leo’s at one of their events.
Our spring meeting will be designed as more of a recognition meeting, on hopefully April 30th, place to be determined.

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 meeting was hosted by the Mankato Sunrise Lions on August 23, 2012 at the WOW Zone in Mankato, six clubs were not represented, 25 Cabinet members, 49 Club officers and 2 Lions from other Regions attended. The 9/30/12 membership numbers for each zone are: Zone 7 – 154 members; Zone 8 – 223 members; Zone 9 – 243 members for a total of 620 members which is a decrease of 7 members from June.

- **Zone 7** Lion Paul Gorman – The clubs and their membership change during the past year are below:

Club beginning July 01 current members		
Amboy 41	42	
Lake Crystal 31	31	
Mankato 20	20	
Mankato Key City 10	10	
Mankato Sunrise 26	26	
Winnebago 21	21	
Totals	149	150

The Fall zone meeting on October 23 hosted by Lake Crystal Lions will follow DG Ron Dahlke’s idea to split into work groups including presidents, secretaries, and membership growth. Two clubs have not submitted any WMMR activities but were very active in their communities. The zone chair will discuss this at the Fall zone meeting. Zone Chair Paul Gorman is serving a 3rd year in order to work more with clubs since the zone is not hosting a convention. His goals include:
Implementing the club visitation rotation schedule
Devoting more direct focus on the Governor’s goals
Presenting to each club on the LCI website and reporting
Monitoring WMMR reporting closely and working with secretaries to report monthly and to include key activities each month

- Visiting each club at least twice during the year The Zone chair adapted the Lions Zone Hosting and Lions Club Visitation schedule developed by Lion Charlotte Abbas.

Fall Spring

Amboy 2011 2016

Lake Crystal 2012 2014

- **Zone 8** Lion Allie Larson – Zone 8 has 6 clubs with a total membership of 222. All clubs are responding with their reports with the exception of 2, as they are having trouble getting into the website reporting system. This problem is being worked on through other members. By the reports that are submitted, all clubs have service activities continuing throughout the year. She has not made any club visits yet, but hope to get started now that the Fall Zone 8 meeting is completed.

The Fall Zone 8 meeting was held in Ellendale on Oct. 16, 2012, hosted by the Ellendale Lions Club. There were 20 in attendance. The small number was due to the new format of the Fall Zone meetings. Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Tail Twisters or a representative was asked to be at the meeting. Each of the four groups met to discuss issues pertinent to that office. Each group had a moderator with a list of questions and concerns to discuss. Hopefully some new ideas and insights were taken from these small group discussions.

The Mid-Winter planning meetings are continuing, and great progress is being made. More information is located in the minutes under Mid-Winter Convention.

Zone 9 Lion Vern Bremer – Zone 9 had 244 members on July 1, 2012 and is now at 243 members. Two of the eight clubs are down one member for a net loss of one. Zone 9 Fall meeting was hosted by the Minnesota Lake Lions was held on October 11, 2012. All eight clubs from Zone 9 were represented. We tried a new format for this Zone meeting. The meeting was geared to club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairmen. These people met in groups to talk about their jobs. This format seemed to work well and was liked by all in attendance. All clubs are active in their communities and in Lion projects. Lion Vern has visited two clubs and have one more scheduled.

Committee Reports:

VDG Joan Blank came forward mentioned that due to our time constraints the reports need to be kept to 2 minutes. Chairs were encouraged to please come forward quickly and give a quick synopsis.

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen reported that Can Do Canines (CDC) will graduate newly certified teams at the fall graduation on Sunday, October 28 at 1:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public at the CDC facility - 9440 Service Center Dr, New Hope, 55428. The 400th graduating team will receive their diplomas and nylabone diplomas at the event. The Fetching Ball is November 10 at 6:00 pm - an elegant fundraiser for CDC. CDC has one facility tour scheduled each month. Clubs can contact either of the chairs to get dates if they are interested. The co-chairs thanked everyone in Region 1 that bought candy bars. An entire box was sold that evening. Club visits with Stewart, Lester Prairie, and Silver Lake were scheduled at the Region 1 meeting. Waterville received 3 Top Dog Awards for their contributions to CDC. Lion Deb will be picking the awards up in New Hope and deliver them to clubs in our area to cut postage costs for CDC.

Lions Vern and Darlene Bremer also reported that Can Do Canines is looking for volunteer puppy raisers. With the addition of the new kennels they have room to train more dogs. They will need around 30 new puppy raisers this fall. If you are interested in helping out, please call them at 1-763-331-3000 or email: infor@can-do-canines.org or look on their website: www.can-do-canines.org. The Breamers are off to a slower start this fall. They have had inquiries from 3 different clubs about the Top Dog Awards. Lion Vern is also Zone Chairman this year so he gets to put in an extra word about Can Do Canines. There are some club visits lined up for the coming months.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that several cabinet members requested assistance with installing and utilizing the new directory. Be sure to notify Lion Steve Wassermann and Lion Laura if you have any address changes so the directory can be kept current. The computers, projectors and screens are being used for presentations by several project chairs in the district.

Lion Laura has been busy assisting Zone and Region Chairs with notices for their meetings and also

created labels for some. The website has been updated with DG Ron's photo and we thought it best to stick with the original rather than the altered version. Just a reminder to Project Chairs if you want any of your information updated on the website please let Lion Laura know. Clubs continue to send fund raising information to put on the website.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported that there are no issues at the District level or the Multiple District level to report at this time.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Susan Bowman reported the dates of the upcoming Lions Conventions 5M2 Convention February 8-10, 2013 Mankato City Center MultipleD5M Convention May 3-5, 2013 Mayo Civic Center, Rochester International Lions Convention July 5-9, 2013 Hamburg, Germany

Upcoming USA/Canada Leadership Forums Overland Park, Kansas September 19-21, 2013 San Juan Puerto Rico September 11-13, 2014 Grand Rapids, Michigan September 17-19, 2015

The Zone 8 Convention Committee has been meeting planning for the mid-winter convention. Again this year it will be at the Mankato City Center, a little earlier than some years, February 8-10, 2013. Theme is Start Your Engines.

The MD5M convention information is available on the MD5M website. Registration can be done on-line; registration cost is \$100 if completed by April 1, 2013. The convention will be at the Mayo Civic Center with hotel registrations on-line for Kahler Hotel (great rates) and Double Tree, both hotels accessible to the convention through the skyway.

The 2013 International Lions Convention will be July 5-9 in Hamburg, Germany. Start planning for a great European experience. Maybe we will have an enthusiastic delegation from our Hamburg Lions Club!

The USA Canada Forum in 2013 is in Overland Park, Kansas. It is a short 6-7 hour drive for most of 5M2, and only 20 minutes from the BBQ Capital, Kansas City. There may be a MD5M bus going and picking up Lions from each district

2014 the USA Canada Forum is in San Juan the capital city of Puerto Rico, September 17-19; certainly an exotic and delightful destination worth planning for. The USA Canada Leadership Forums provide an outstanding opportunity to grow and hone your leadership skills for work with Lions and for personal development plus a fabulous opportunity to network with tons of Lions and have lots of fun!

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that as District Services Activities person she has distributed the Bird Pin to all clubs. She also has the Snowman Pin for Hamburg available.

All of the club presidents have received a letter from her stating how to give her information on any of their club members who have deceased. This information will be used for the Memorial service.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported that a number of goals were set by DG Ron for the 2012-2013 Lions year. Progress to this date is noted below.

1. To have joint GLT/GMT meetings on a quarterly basis to interact on those areas in common to both groups.

2 meetings have been held, 1 in person and 1 via conference call.

2. To explore the Club Excellence Process;

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) was introduced at all Region meetings by PID Maynard, GMT District Coordinator. A CEP Facilitator Briefing, lead by PDG Mary Ferleman MD GLT Coordinator, was held on September 30 with 9 Facilitators, DG Ron, 2VDG Harry, GLT-D Coordinator, and 3 Lion guests present. 3 clubs are being contacted to assess their interest in the CEP. It is hoped CEP workshops can begin early in 2013.

3. To promote the LCI Leadership Resource Center and the LCI Lions Learning Center beginning with the 2012-2013 Club Officers, suggesting they complete their respective LCI online training modules

CABINET MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 Page 8 for their position in the Club in July, 2012, and that they identify and refer other members in their Clubs to explore the Leadership training possibilities online. (I will

also promote attendance from our District to the MD5M Regional Leadership Institute in April 2013;)

DG Ron contacted 2012-2013 club officers by email in early August asking them to consider completing the on-line officer training modules. Further action will be taken to encourage all Lions to explore the LCI on-line training opportunities. DG Ron has promoted the upcoming Regional Leadership Institute and is now accepting applications.

4. To have a draft job description for Program Chairs for their review at the August Cabinet Meeting; **Draft job descriptions were distributed at the August Cabinet meeting and by email to those not in attendance. Feedback was requested and received from numerous program chairs. More refining of the job descriptions will be done before they are approved and placed in a procedure manual.**

5. To increase the use of formal orientation programs by Clubs in the District.
A work in progress! (e-submit)

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported GMT, GLT, the Governor, 1st Vice Governor and the 2nd Vice Governor had a telephone conference call to plan how we can get the Club Excellence Project (CEP) process started. GMT is current meeting with 3 clubs in the district to determine if they are interested in doing a CEP project in their club after the first of the year. GMT is working together with GLT to get the CEP started.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that since the last Cabinet meeting, he has received the 5MDM Multiple Directory Computer Disc, and has been extracting the 5M-2 data from it. Now he is working on segregating the 5M-2 information and getting it placed into the correct individual History Files. Also have done some research on History questions of several clubs. (e-submit).

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster stated that he is again serving as Chairman for the Journey for Service. It is a pleasant assignment and one that he looks forward to as a time to renew acquaintances and to make new ones on the trip around the District. It is also looked forward to by the DG and the clubs that he will be visiting. It has always been a very successful project and one that greatly benefits mankind and leaves everyone involved with a good feeling. The contributions by the Lions of District 5M2 make a huge difference in the lives of many people, and the world is a better place because of your generosity.

He asked for 5M2's support again this year in spreading the word of the Journey. As usual it will take place in early April, this year on April 3-5. All Lions and clubs will be informed of the date at Region and Zone meetings, at the Mid-Winter Convention and also by a letter he will mail to each and every club right after the first of the year. Times, dates and locations will be given at that time and he will request the name and phone number of a "contact person" from each club.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that he has 5 programs scheduled that were set up from Region meetings. He was having a problem getting information from LCIF. So he made the phone call directly to Lucy. He has since received the informational packet from LCI, and now he just has to figure out what to do with it.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hespenheide and VDG Joan Blank reported that since the last Cabinet Meeting Lion Joan Blank has been to Leader Dogs for the Blind as 1st VDG. Some of the things she learned were: MD5M is 28th in the Nation in giving; at the end of 2012 there was \$157,059.24 given to Leader Dogs from MD5M; MD5M was ranked 4th for multiple giving; in the last five years MD5M has donated \$717,642.47 to Leader Dogs; 5M2 collected enough money through the can challenge in 2011-2012 to purchase 12 GPS Systems; and there have been enough GPS Systems purchased at this time to last through 2013. At this time there are 2 dogs in out District and 34 in MD5M.

Lion Mark Mansell from La Center, WA managed to collect \$100,017 for his bicycle ride which lasted 51 days from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine. This was all donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Lion Joan spoke at NYA West Carver since the last Cabinet Meeting. Lion Shirley has spoken to Hamburg, Minnesota Lake, Carver and has a speaking engagement on CABINET MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 Page 9 October 23 in Albert Lea to the Lakeview Club. She also has Vesili and Lonsdale dates set up to speak.

If any clubs would like to get Awards for a deserving person, please check with Lions Joan or Shirley as to

whether your clubs has enough donated.

LEO Clubs: Lion Al Heidorn was not in attendance at this meeting however, Lion Anna Wickenhauser gave a lengthy report on the activities of the Cologne Leos. The Cologne Leos have been extremely busy!!! We will be attending Thanksgiving for Vision this Saturday and we just returned from a 2 . day Leo Conference at Camp Friendship in Annandale. It was a fantastic experience watching the Leos meet other Leos and go outside of their comfort zone. They came away energized and ready to put some of their ideas in use. They will be assisting the Hamburg Leos On Friday November 16th and their Bingo night and supplying the food and being laborers at the Cards for Soldiers Event on Saturday November 10th at the Cologne Academy. They are starting a new fundraiser to name a puppy at Can do Canines. They will be making fleece tie blankets to have sponsored by a club or individual. This blanket will be given to Can Do Canines to be used for their puppy program. They are also going to be making and donating "Birthday Boxes" to be given out at the local area food shelves. The box is a copy paper box wrapped in wrapping paper. On the inside is a cake mix with frosting, paper supplies for 8. Balloons and party favors etc. We will be researching the number of families in our community that has children and ask for donations of birthday supplies to put in our boxes. PDG Mary Spille of the West Carver Lions has asked that the chairperson for the Birthday Boxes come speak at their club and they will possibly give the Leos their support. Speaking of PDG Mary Spille she was our first guest speaker and she did a wonderful presentation on Liberty Days. The Leos presented themselves somewhat maturely and did a fantastic job. Stay tuned for your copy of the Leo Leader Newsletter to be coming in your e-mails.

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported that Liberty Day is alive and well for presentations in 4 communities this fall: Ellendale (70 booklets); Hutchinson (300); Owatonna (450); Alden (200). She attended Region 1 and Region 2 meetings this fall with display. Also, made Liberty day presentations to the Glencoe and Wells clubs who are both considering school programs. Also, just last evening, PDG Mary visited the Cologne Leos, presenting them with the Constitution and talking about our rights and responsibilities. This was a fun evening!

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that there is nothing to report at this time. He is planning a display for the Mid-Winter Convention.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos and Lion Arline Richter reported the MD5M Hearing Foundation held its quarterly meeting on Saturday October 6th, 2012 at Michael's in St Cloud. District Governor Ron Dahlke is our liaison. Items discussed were:

"Steering for Hearing" Tractor ride from the Canadian Border to the Iowa border by Multiplie Secretary Bob Harms. He rode a Toro Lawn mower for 10 days with PDG Jim Aasness following in a RV. The completion of the fundraiser will be on Friday October 26, when the drawing will be held giving away a brand new Toro lawnmower. By the way PDG Mike still has tickets for sale and said that if purchased tonight the tickets should be on the top of the bin.

The MD5M Hearing Foundation just completed raising \$75,000.00 for a matching grant from LCIF with the monies going to the Children's Hearing Center. Our obligations for the year were approved: \$100,000.00 to the Professorship, \$114,000.00 to the ENT Department at the U of M and \$60,000.00 to the Lions Children's Hearing Clinic. They sponsored the Cochlear Picnic for children and adults; had a booth at the State Fair with the Vision Foundation (Thanks to all that helped staff the booth); sponsored along with the Vision Foundation the Tours at the U of M.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday June 8, 2013 for the 2nd annual D-Feet Walk at the arboretum.

Mid-Winter Convention: The Mid-Winter planning meetings are continuing, and great progress is being made. The theme has been chosen; "Start Your Engines", and great enthusiasm has been generated. All clubs have their assignments and are moving forward with the planning. Lions Karen and Duane Fischer, with the help of many others, are doing a great job of organizing and moving things along. The next meeting CABINET MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 Page 10 will be Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Waseca. DG Ron has pinewood derby cars for sale at the Zone meetings and there will be a race at mid-winter.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Anna Wickenhauser have been attending Region, Zone and Foundation Meetings. We have been scheduling club visits in our spare time. Lion Kevin Blank reported that

he attended two region meetings and reported on what the Lion's Diabetes Foundation has been working on. At these meetings he set up a display on diabetes and made himself available for club presentations. He was asked to present at four clubs in the next couple of months.

On October 6, 2012, he attended the Minnesota Lion's Diabetes Foundation meeting that was held in St. Cloud. The Foundation has updated its website making it more user friendly. The new website is www.mnlionsdiabetes.org. New ideas were discussed for fund raising and currently are being evaluated in the hope of raising more funds for the Diabetes Foundation.

On October 13, 2012 the co-chairs attended the Diabetes Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It was estimated that over 10,000 people were in attendance. New this year was the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation booth where members were handing out pens and distributing flyers on what the University is researching on for finding a cure. There were many seminars and information booths for people that are living with diabetes to learn how to better cope with their disease. Many people took advantage of the various screenings that were available (such as glucose, hearing, feet, kidney, cholesterol and vision).

The Diabetes Foundation is in discussion about how to have clubs keep track of their own financial donations towards a Dreamcatcher Award. We are also in the process of designing a Progressive Dreamcatcher Pin. We will be sending out an e-mail shortly explaining about the separation of the Springpoint Project from the Lions financial support. The Springpoint Project is no longer collaborating with the Mn Lion Diabetes Foundation and the Schulze Institute.

MN Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells & PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they were able to attend all three of the Region meetings. Lion Diana thanked PDG Marlys for introducing her to the District 5M2 Clubs as the new member on the MN Lions Vision Foundation. They handed out their cards and made all of the clubs in the District aware of how much money they have paid in toward Helen Keller Awards and encouraged them to present a club member with an award if they had over \$1000 in the fund. Lion Diana has completed two club visits and PDG Marlys and Lion Diana have 11 more scheduled as of this meeting.

Lion Diana had the opportunity to work two shifts at the State Fair in the Hearing & Vision Foundations booth. Next year they hope to have a better scheduling system- trying to schedule the further away districts on weekends and the closer districts during the week.

The co-chairs attended the Vision Foundation Board meeting in St. Cloud on Oct. 6th. As always the meeting was quite informational. The Foundation is looking for some new fund raising efforts as they need to raise about \$57,000 yet in order to receive the \$75,000 matching grant for the purchase of the Heidelberg Engineering Duel Wavelength Spectralis-a new retina imaging machine. It will be the first one in the United States. To date they have about \$28,000 toward the machine. The Long Range planning committee broke into three subcommittees and the Fundraising Committee has come up with some ideas that the co-chairs will be hearing more about. They also encouraged clubs to donate larger amounts at the Parade of Green and discontinue the idea of \$2.00 per member that some clubs use as a guideline for giving. The publicity committee has some ideas on how to make more people aware of the Vision Foundation after a not so favorable survey was completed showing that many club secretaries or club presidents are not aware of some of the work of the Vision Foundation and it's fundraising efforts. We will see more emphasis on the MN High School All Star Baseball next spring.

The Eyeglass Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids is doing quite well – Bob Hoofnagle reported that to date they have collected over \$392,000 in 2012 and in the 1.5 years it has been in operation they have collected close to 1 million pair of glasses. The Foundation granted them money in order to purchase a trailer to transport the glasses to Wisconsin.

Lion Diana attended the Lions Donor Recognition Program in St. Paul on October 14th and was impressed with the testimonials from a donor's wife and also a recipient. It was a very beautiful program. The co-chairs plan to attend the Thanksgiving for Vision on October 27th.

CABINET MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 Page 11 **Newsletter Editor:** PDG Bill Curtis reported that he is getting a lot of articles from the clubs along with photos. The date of publication remains the same as last year so everybody gets it by around the beginning of the month.

District Governor Ron has done a good job of furnishing photos and announcements to him for the newsletter. PDG Bill thanked the Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and committee people that have helped with passing the word to get your articles to me by the 20th of the month. His goal for the year is to keep getting the "ROAR" out by the first of the month and to get more subscriptions to the newsletter.

He has a bunch of green subscription blanks with him so that if anyone wants a hard copy they can get it by subscribing at \$9.00 for the year.

Project New Hope: No report. 1st VDG Joan Blank wanted to convey her sadness at Lion Donna's resignation.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler stated that at the Region meetings he emphasized the importance of having a public relations committee rather than simply having a PR chairman. More minds working means more thoughts of how to publicize Lions Clubs' activities in a community, possibly attracting new members.

The importance of networking in various ways was also mentioned. Potential cooperation with sponsored groups, city governments, city businesses, media outlets, and internet connections can be of great benefit for Lions Clubs.

The Region and Zone chairs already have a copy of "Protocol for Important Meetings" and "Tips for Public Relations" which could be shared with individual Lions Clubs. (These documents are attached at the end of the minutes.)

All the Region meeting facilities were handicap accessible.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that in August they were delighted to be able to provide training for 27 educators. They attended three Region meetings and did three club presentations. There are currently two more clubs scheduled before Christmas. They appreciate DG Ron and PDG Bill Curtis for putting our picture and article on the front page of the ROAR. They are hopeful that a Lion from the southern part of the district will come forward and co-chair Lions Quest.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported:

- 1 He has communicated with all club presidents and secretaries by snail mail and by email informing them of this year's topic and appropriate dates.
- 2 He has presented programs to two clubs – both in Region 3 where activity has been lacking.
- 3 He has had numerous communications by email with club presidents and committee chairs.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that she and her husband, Lion Chris Hall, are the co-chairs for Youth Exchange. Their SMART goals are to

- 1 Make a presentation to at least one club before April 1, 2013.
- 2 Place at least 5 students in 5M2 from the incoming students by May 15, 23013.

3. Send one student out from 5M2, have paperwork in order by April 1, 2013. Now our report: They were unable to attend YE training due to a conflict, but did get good notes from it. They have one goal met, a tentative club visit scheduled for January or February, they need to verify the date yet. They are getting a letter together to send out to clubs asking for host families and interested outgoing students to try and achieve the other goals. They are hoping to schedule more club visits this way as well.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs attended 2 out of 3 Region meetings. The Peace Poster Contest was highly advertised through the Newsletter, mass club e-mails and on the website. "Thank You" to Lions Laura and Bill.

All Peace Posters are due on Thursday, November 15th. No late posters will be accepted. DG Ron would like all posters to go to: Lion Sheila Stahler; 18740 Panama Ave.; Prior Lake, MN 55372

Remember to check poster size and students age before sending posters. If you have questions, CABINET MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2012 Page 12 you can call Lion Sheila at 952-440-6920 or e-mail at stahlers@hotmail.com or Lion Janet Knakmuhs at 507-726-2210 or e-mail at jclcmn@hickorytech.net.

VDG Joan Blank thanked everyone for his or her reports and then turned the meeting back over to DG Ron Dahlke.

2nd VDG Comments: 2nd VDG Harry Klenke made his remarks and complimented Lion Diana on the presentation she made recently to his club. The Zone meetings have been informative and well done. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDG Joan Blank also complimented the Zone chairs on their work. PDG Mary Ferleman

does an outstanding job on the VDG trainings. She is having a great year and receiving excellent training.

DG Comments: DGE Ron Dahlke thanked the Cabinet for their reports and patience with the elongated meeting, we had a lot to cover. DG asked who heard about the Measles initiative? And the commemorative coin act has been passed by Congress as well. They think that the cost will be \$40 each. LCI could reach \$4 million dollars through this initiative.

Lion Jack Webster asked a question about Therapy dogs, if there was a Lions affiliation with Therapy dogs. PDG Mary Ferleman said that she didn't think that there was a Lions project regarding these dogs.

PDG Mary Spille congratulated the Arlington and Green Isle clubs on their anniversaries.

Short Diabetes meeting after this meeting.

Special graduation at Can Do Canines this Sunday. Assist dog Darwin has been placed and will be graduating.

Thanks to Lion Jean for the treats for the meetings.

The next scheduled cabinet meeting will be held in February 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mankato City Center Hotel. Motion to adjourn made PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Jack Webster. MC. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Lion
Cindy Walters