

REGULAR GOVERNORS COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2002

SHOOTING STAR CASINO, MAHNOMEN, MN

Council Chairman Loken called the meeting to order with all 13 District Governors present. They began with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Canadian Pledge and the invocation.

Motion #30 by DG Meyer, second by DG Ferleman.

To approve the agenda of this meeting with additions as noted. Carried.

Motion #31 by DG Meyer, second by DG Robinson

To accept the July Council meeting minutes as submitted. Carried.

Council Chairman Loken reviewed action items as listed on the agenda. Secretary Holst reviewed administrative items as listed on the agenda.

PDG Vern Dockter reported on behalf of the Hearing Foundation. (See item #1) District Governor Ferleman stated that they will be replacing their hearing chairman.

PID Ben Ward reported on behalf of the USA Canada Forum. He apologized for the banner situation. Attendance was down, especially Canadian attendance. The speakers were good, the food was good and the facility was the best we have had for many years.

There were no Canadian reports at this time.

There was no Political Liaison report.

PDG Curt Norenberg reported on behalf of Leader Dog (see item #2). He urged the Governors to make Leader Dog Chairs responsible for Convention arrangements. He asked that the speakers not be left stranded at the airport.

PDG Bruce Mintenko reported on behalf of Youth Outreach, Leos, Quest (see item #3)

The Core 4 grant has been extended to next October. He asked that more Leo clubs be organized in MD5M.

PDG Bucky Hartkopf reported on behalf of New Clubs. The plan is for three new clubs in each district. In order to meet those goals we need to get out and work. PID Cobler will meet with the District Governors at 10:30 regarding MERL. He will meet again at 1:00 for the MERL Chairs.

The Youth Exchange report was given by Chair Darwin Mathwig. He told the Governors he is always available to help with conventions. District Chairs with knowledge and commitment are required.

PDG Vokes reported on behalf of Leadership. (see item #4)

Hearing Dog, Diabetes, and Long Range Planning were not present to report.

PDG Rodger Palmer reported on behalf of LCIF. The International Board will review grant applications on April 6. February 7 is the deadline to submit a grant application. December 31 is the practical deadline to make sure there is time for it to be reviewed.

PDG Johansen reported on behalf of LEHP. He has a display board that can be used at various places in our communities such as church, VFW, etc.

There was a report from Public Relations Chair Nelson. He received only two replies to attend the training session. He asked the Governors to appoint a Public Relations Chair if they don't have one. He is available to speak at mid-winters. Chair Nelson will work at getting news releases available through the use of technology.

Brian Sheehan, 5M Technology Operations Consultant, told the group about our website. There is a calendar on which you can post events and there are discussion forums and a discussion board.

PDG Robert Vokes reported on behalf of Chairman Maynard Rucks for the Task Force. They are asking for the new job description to be approved. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will get the updates for the necessary changes. The task force recommends a separate position for the Charitable Foundation. We need someone with legal expertise. The Interim Committee has met three times. The deadline for applications was extended to November 15. To date there are 9 applicants. They will be conducting phone interviews in the near future. Final interviews will be conducted in January.

The Constitution and By-Laws Redistricting Resolution was passed in Thunder Bay. It was ratified by the board in Oak Brook and will become effective at the Convention in 2003.

The Constitution and By-Laws will be posted on the internet with the effective date adopted.

DG Bill Clymer reported on behalf of the Convention in 2002 (see item #5).

Chairman Essex was unable to attend due to medical problems. District Governor Clymer reported that attendance continues to be poor. We need to encourage and promote attendance. A check in the amount of \$3,171.97 was turned over to the Multiple.

There was discussion of the Bond Insurance. Governor Lindquist reported that we did have one million dollars of coverage for approximately \$400. That company will no longer write insurance. The renewal is good for \$300,000. at an annual premium of \$667. A training session should be held at the mid-winter conventions. The cost of the session is \$400, plus \$5 for materials. Lion Burdell Wessels asks that all clubs check to see if they are incorporated. This needs to be done by the Mid-Winter conventions.

District Governors Robinson, Stadnyk, and Clymer gave comprehensive Canadian reports.

ID Ross Thorfinnson spoke regarding housekeeping on the International level. The 1st Vice President is unavailable to attend the St. Cloud Convention. PID Al Brandell from New York has confirmed that he will attend. International Director Ross is available to help with Mid-winter speakers. He told the group that Presidential and International award applications must be submitted this weekend. The 100% District Governor award requires two new clubs plus a new Century or College or Branch or Leo club. A dues increase will be on the ballot for Denver. He encouraged the governors to promote the Denver convention. The room rates are \$74 per night. The Sheraton is a 4 point hotel. If his schedule allows, he may attend some mid-winter conventions. He does not want to upstage the guest speakers.

Various matters were referred to the Governors committees.

Co Chairs PDG Steve Hovanes and PDG Joe Steineman reported on behalf of the St. Cloud convention.

Motion #32 by DG Johnson, second by DG Parsons.

To accept all the reports. Carried.

SUNDAY

The Convention Committee report was given by DG Chair Meyer. The Committee discussed the location of various events at the MD5M Convention. The noon luncheon will have a non-lion heartwarming speaker. There will be two tracks of up to six seminars each. Hospitality books will be \$75 pre sale and \$85 after 02/01/03. The governors must submit their list of committee representation for Sergeant at Arms, Rules, Convention City, Resolutions, Credentials, and elections by March 1. There should be a parade committee, caucus committee, newsletter editor, hospitality room committee, Band committee for the international convention. The convention sessions will include International Hearing Dog, Trial of a Lion (2), Public Relations, Internet (double session), orientation, mentoring, leadership, MD5M Charitable Foundation.

Motion #33 by DG Smith, second by DG Mullen.

That the MD5M Caucus be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2002 at 6:30 a.m. Carried.

Motion #34 by DG Parsons, second by DG Robinson

To recommend to the Legal Committee that the Policy Manual be changed to include the following parade dress for non - Governors: white polo shirt with MD5M logo, black trousers or skirt, black shoes and socks. Sitting Governors are allowed to choose between the standard governors uniform and the uniform specified above, based on weather conditions on the day of the parade. Motion carried.

Motion #35 by DG Meyer, second by DG Stadnyk

To invite the Litchfield High School Band to represent 5M at the International Convention in Denver. Motion carried with DG Johnson opposed.

Motion #36 by DG Meyer, second by DG Clymer

To approve the Convention Committee report. Carried.

The Service Activities report was given by DG Chair Clymer. The Committee recommends that the LEHP program remain attached to SightFirst.

Motion #37 by DG Clymer, second by DG Lindquist

That the pursuit of an All State Band be discontinued due to the high cost. Carried.

Motion #38 by DG Clymer, second by DG Beard

To accept the Service Activities Committee report. Carried.

The District Organization Committee report was given by DG Chair Ferleman. The International Board of Directors approved the redistricting proposal at the October meeting. Districts 5M-11, 5M-12 and 5M-13 will become 5M-11 and 5M-13 on July 5, 2003. Approximately 20 clubs will go to 5M-13 and approximately 17 will go to 5M-11. All interim items will be handled by Districts 11, 12 and 13. In case of an impasse, this Committee will appoint an arbitrator.

Motion #39 by DG Ferleman, second by DG Stadnyk

To accept the District Organization Committee report. Carried.

The Headquarters and Finance Committee report was given by DG Chair Mullen.

She reviewed the corrected MD5M budget. The final cost of the directory was \$6,689.00 - this was a savings of \$2,811.00 from last year. \$4,000.00 should be added for training of the new Executive Secretary and \$1,500.00 to the Interim Committee; both from the reserve fund. There was discussion of the Treasurer's duties. Treasurer Clymer and Executive Secretary Holst will continue to work together. The audit is not ready yet.

Motion #40 by DG Mullen, second by DG Johnson

To accept the Task Force III report. Motion carried.

Motion #41 by DG Mullen, second by DG Struck

To propose an increase in the dues of \$1 per member for the next six years for the 2009 International Convention in Minneapolis. Motion carried with 5M 2 and 13 opposed.

DG Ferleman expressed concern regarding the need for a dues increase. Considerable discussion ensued.

Motion #42 by DG Mullen, second by DG Robinson

To propose an increase in the dues of \$1 per member to be proportioned between administration/office equipment and Leadership, Membership, Extension and Orientation. After considerable discussion, the motion was defeated. 5M1, 3, 5, 6, and 7 were in favor. 5M2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 were opposed. 5M10 abstained.

Motion #43 by DG Mullen, second by DG Ferleman

That the excess inventory from the Multiple office be sold at the District Conventions at a reasonable price. Carried. Lions are to pick up merchandise from the Multiple office in Spicer.

Motion #44 by DG Meyer, second by DG Smith

That a sub committee consisting of Executive Secretary Ed Holst, DG Struck and DG Clymer set prices on the merchandise for sale. Motion carried.

Motion #45 by DG Mullen, second by DG Clymer

That MD5M pay actual expenses for the new and outgoing Executive Secretaries to attend the International Convention from Sunday through Friday. Motion carried.

Motion #46 by DG Mullen, second by DG Stadnyk

To accept the Headquarters and Finance Committee report. Motion carried.

The Legal Committee report was given by DG Chair Smith.

Motion #47 by DG Smith, second by DG Robinson

That all Multiple District committee chairs are to post their quarterly reports on the Multiple District website 7 days prior to the upcoming quarterly Council of Governors meeting. All Governors, the Executive Secretary, and the Council Chair are responsible for downloading the reports.

Amendment to motion #47 by DG Plath, second by DG Mullen

That all committee chairs are to email their reports as an attachment in RTF format to the District Governors, Council

Chair and Executive Secretary 7 days prior to the meeting. Motion as amended carried with DG Ferleman abstaining. CC Loken will inform the Committee Chairs.

Motion #48 by DG Smith, second by DG Meyer

That if the Committee Chair does not email the report in a timely fashion, it will not be presented at the Council meeting.

Amendment to Motion #48 by Stadnyk, second by DG Meyer

If a Multiple District Committee Chair does not have a report emailed by the designated timeline, that chair may not be allowed to address the Governors at the Council Meeting.

Second Amendment to Motion #48 by DG Ferleman, second by DG Mullen

The District Chairs will be allowed to submit a written report. Motion carried.

Motion #49 by DG Smith, second by DG Mullen

That Executive Secretary Ed Holst's contract of employment be extended to August 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Motion #50 by DG Smith, second by DG Stadnyk

To change the Multiple District Policy Manual Chapter 14, Section B4a. to alter parade dress as follows: Parade Dress – Blue Blazer, white shirt, black pants, black shoes with alternate dress to be white MD5M polo shirt, black pants, black shoes . Seated Governors to make dress decision based on weather conditions on the day of parade. Non – Governor dress to be white MD5M polo shirt, black pants, black shoes. Carried.

The Legal Committee recommends that the Policy Manual be reviewed at the March Council meeting regarding the dress of the Executive Secretary at official MD5M meetings and functions.

Motion #51 by DG Smith, second by DG Meyer

To accept the Legal Committee report. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary Ed Holst will submit the Multiple Convention registration forms for the Governors and Governors Elect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin A. Holst

MD5M Executive Secretary

Item #1 Hearing Foundation Report

2 Leader Dog Report

3 Youth Outreach Report

4 Leadership Report

5 Convention 2002 Report