

MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING
Radisson Roseville
Roseville, MN
Saturday March 17, 2007

Council Chairman Bert Nelson called the meeting to order with all District Governors present. The meeting began with the Pledge to the flags of Canada and the United States and an invocation.

Motion # 28 M/S/P DG Mike Vos, 5M2 / DG Carroll Kukowski, 5M9 to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion #29 M/S/P DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 / DG Tom Sailstad, 5M10 to approve the minutes of the October Council Meeting as amended with the addition of the Pequot Lakes Lions to the 2nd paragraph of page two.

PDG Rodger Palmer presented a proposal to sell bottled water to raise funds for Campaign Sight First II.

Committee Chairs were requested to submit a budget request for 2007 – 2008. Governors & Governor Elect are asked to help encourage them to do so.

John Warner of Friendship Ventures presented a request to be able to contact Lions Clubs in MD5M to solicit support.

PCC Bill Bard was unable to present his information on the Spring Point project as he was in Browns Valley Minnesota helping flood victims. DG Jim Demaree presented some information in his place. The first piglets have been born and the project is well on it's way.

Lion Joanne Swanson made a request for support for a clean water project.

In the absence of PCC Bill Bard, DG Roger Poirier presented some information on a Diabetes Cookbook on healthy eating for diabetics that is available as a fundraiser.

Carolyn Coby made a request for the Council to support the American Council of the Blind convention June 30 – July 7 at the Hyatt Regency by providing volunteers to help those attending this convention.

Committee Reports

Hearing Foundation – PDG Vern Dockter The Department of Otolaryngology at the University held a fund raiser for the Children’s Hearing Center and raised several thousand dollars. At this event, they recognized the Ramsey Lions for their \$75,000 donation to provide the matching funds for the LCIF Grant. While at this event to accept a plaque, they donated another \$25,000.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank – Lion Mike Molenda The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank staff completed their training in January and Early February on the new corneal transplant procedure and within the last few weeks sent out the first of the corneas required to perform this procedure. The doctor that received these corneas said that they were among the finest that he has received. The Board of Regents did approve the concept of a lease between the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and the University Enterprise Laboratories for a new facility for the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank near the intersection of Hwy 280 and University Ave. The new facility is scheduled to open on 1 July, 2007.

Leadership Development – PCC Keith Johnson PCC Keith recognized the DGE’s for their hard work during the DGE training. We were lucky to have PID Bill Moody from Ontario Canada here to speak to them. He will be their instructor in Chicago and we appreciated him being there. The VDGE training will be at the Multiple convention in Willmar. The District Governors are encouraged to make certain that the VDGE’s are there with their spouses.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum – IPID Maynard Rucks IPID Maynard was unable to attend, but sent a note saying that he still has not received any tapes or DVD’s from the Forum people. He also sent a form that needs to be filled out showing the dates and locations of the next Mid Winter conventions.

Political Liaison – DG Mike Vos PDG Robert Vokes presented an update on PID Ross’ bid for 2nd International Vice President. He is still and endorsed candidate from our Multiple, but the plan is that he will be withdrawing in Chicago. After Chicago our Multiple will be eligible to run a candidate for International Director. At the Multiple convention in Willmar, the Canadian members of our Multiple will be voting for an International Director.

Leader Dog – PDG Curtis Norenberg Roseville welcomes you. This year we have had several Leader Dog representative changes. We have 2 representatives that retired and 2 that have gone into private business. Each of the District Governors were encouraged to send in the survey telling how their Leader Dog representative did at their Mid Winter. We have an average of about 6 or 7 clubs per district that are members of the 30-30 club. Some districts have as many as 12. This is still open until the end of the year.

Liberty Day – PDG Jack McKernan Not present, report was given by PDG Frank Loreno. The price of the books for Liberty day has gone from \$.40 to \$1.00. It has been suggested that we concentrate on our rights, our freedoms and the sacrifices that have been made over the years to protect them. The “Liberty Day organization” did not accept that suggestion, but wants to continue concentrating on the Constitution.

Youth Outreach – PDG Bruce Mintenko Not present. A written report is in the Governors folder and is available at the District office.

Leo Clubs – PDG Rick Plaisier Written report in Governors folder.

Extension – PDG Rodger Palmer The written report contains a 5 year record of new clubs. The District extension chairs will be meeting at the Multiple convention on Saturday morning.

Orientation – PDG Bob Wharton No report.

Membership / Retention – PCC Brian Sheehan PCC Brian thanked the governors for asking him to speak at Mid Winter Conventions. He said that he would love to come out and speak to any group on Membership and Retention. Our Multiple continues to lose members as well as all the multiples in Lions. Each Governor was asked to push each club to try to have a net 1 member, it would be a great achievement.

Legal Consultant – PDG Wayne Swanson We are continuing to work on the incorporation requests. If the incoming Governors are interested in having a legal issues presentation at your convention, just get in touch with me and we will try to be there.

Youth Exchange – Lions Darwin and Nancy Mathwig Lion Nancy thanked everyone for all of the well wishes, their thoughts, prayers, cards etc during and after her surgery. The long range plan has six steps, the first on being education for all of the Youth Exchange Coordinators. Some packets were put together and handed out during the training that was done with some of the coordinators this fall. We would also like to provide training to the Vice District governors during one of their early training sessions. We have applications for 16 students right now and only 2 have been placed. We are expecting about 32 applications total. The international banquet will be on July 22nd in Mankato again this year and we would love to have you attend. It is a good time to have you learn how important this program is to the Multiple.

Hearing and Service Dog – PCC Frank Loken Hearing and Services Dogs of Minnesota also provide special needs dogs. A lady spoke to the DGE's that had a dog from Hearing and Service Dogs that told her when her blood sugar was low. The dog let's her know when she is low by stopping directly in front of her. The Heel and Wheel walk will be on Saturday Sept 15 at Phalen Park. It is a wonderful experience. The Lions contributions have decreased over the last 3 years and we would like to see a change in that trend.

Honduras Consultant – PDG Jack Riordan MD5M has been working with the Country of Honduras for over 30 years. During this time, they have survived 3 hurricanes and we were a great part in helping them restore everything back to normal. We have currently completed a sewer project that was started almost 4 years ago. A number of people from 5M5 went along with PDG Jack in October to Honduras. They got a wish list from the Dr's there and sent material to them. They are also assisting a young 11 year old girl with cataract surgery.

2007 Convention Report – PCC Brian Over ½ of those registered for the Convention have registered on line, which is really good. We have 11 first timers registered so far, so continue to push that at your Cabinet meetings. Registration is pretty much on track for where we have been in years past. We are looking to having an exciting time in Willmar.

Long Range Planning – PCC Brian Sheehan For the Long Range Plan, PCC Brian will send it to the Long Range Planning Committee and will set up a conference call before the convention.

2008 Convention Report – PDG Mike Griffin The planning for the 2008 convention is going well and we have been meeting with the Shooting Star getting the entertainment set up and starting to work on the meals.

2009 Convention Report – Email from Ben Ward Report in Governors folder. The St. Louis Park Lions have negotiated the date of April 30 through May 3 for the MD5M Convention and it will be held at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Diabetes – PCC Bill Bard Not present. PCC Bill is in Browns Valley, Minnesota working with the Red Cross assisting the flood victims.

LCF – PDG Gordon Affield No Report.

Constitution and By-Laws – Lion Allan Rogalla – PDG Wayne Swanson acting.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee met this morning. Members present were PDG Larry Lindquist, PDG Bob Wharton, PDG Ken Steies, PID Gerry Robbins and PDG Robert Vokes. There were 4 issues to consider. The first was to dissolve the charitable foundation. The motion was that this be approved and it passed unanimously. The second item was the proposal for limiting the term of any member of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors to a total of 6 years. That was approved as being in proper form, there was a motion made by the committee to oppose passage of that proposal. That motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1. The third item was clerical changes and this item would properly change the wording in the Constitution and By-laws from Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and Children's Eye Clinic to Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Inc. This is a clerical change only. The final one is a change that would authorize the use of email for communications. This change was passed unanimously.

Canadian Report – DG Roger Poirier The Canadian Lions Eye Bank and Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario are both very active. The Journey for Sight which is now complete has raised over \$55,000.00 and with the raffle that we had we are hoping that we will be close to \$80,000.00. For our medical assistance program which is part of the Lions Foundation we raised over \$22,000.00 . Our programs are working very well.

Technology – Lion Steve Wasserman We did some training on the computerized directory database and the LCI website. I really enjoyed working with the DGE spouses on working with digital cameras. I believe that this will contribute to your enjoyment of the upcoming year. I have been updating the MD5M website as information comes to me . I am open to suggestions either on the Website or on the computerized directory data base. If you have changes that you would like to see, just let me know. Another thing that I do for the Multiple is to provide Braille. Blind people are entitled to reasonable accommodations and I want to help you by producing material for your cabinet, your Mid Winters and any other function that you may have blind people attending.

Public Relations – VDG Allen Bailey They say that “no news is good news” I disagree with that. We all have something to promote, and one way to do that is with the Multiple District News Letter. If you have not heard of this news letter, let me know and we will talk. There are 2 Public Service Announcements that are available on the MD5M website for you to use. If you would like to have them personalized, please let me know.

Governors Committee Reports

Legal Committee – DG Bob Hoofnagle We discussed the issue of bonding for the Districts or Clubs that have Foundations. These Foundations are not covered under the Multiple Fidelity or Trust bond. The discussion was that possibly the Multiple should be self insured. We would then put approximately \$4,500 per year in an “insurance account” and let it build for a possible claim. In a 10 year history, there have been no claims. The current bond covers a maximum of \$25,000.

Motion #30 M/S/P DG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8 / DG Jack Krage, 5M1 To refer this to our legal and insurance advisors for their review and recommendation as to if self insurance for the maximum of \$25,000 of liability on the part of the Multiple District is a wise move for the Multiple and make a recommendation at the May Council Meeting.

Motion #31 M/S/P DG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 That if the Multiple makes the decision to self insure, that the cap be limited to the same \$25,000 as our current coverage.

Motion #32 M/S/P DG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8 / DG Jack Krage, 5M1 To have our Insurance Consultant contact those clubs that have Foundations that are not currently covered by the bond and see if they were interested in being covered and make arrangements for them for insurance. This would be paid for by the Club or District that has the Foundation.

Motion #33 M/S/P DG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8 / DG Bob Jechorek, 5M5 To accept the resolutions of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Motion #34 M/S/P DG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8 / DG Mike Vos, 5M2 To have the DG's make certain that their Districts are incorporated and that if they are not, to make certain that the proper paperwork is started by the May Council of Governors meeting.

Convention Committee – DG Darvin Raddatz

Good afternoon, you heard the debate on the Convention Committee and PCC Brian reported on the wonderfully inclusive printed materials and from those materials the 2007 Convention committee is on task and doing a wonderfully great job. Innovative, and yet responsive to all of our DG's as shown by his questions.

Motion #35 M/S/P DG Darvin Raddatz, 5M3 / Roger Poirier, 5M13 To accept the recommendation of the Vice Governors Elect for the design of the 2008 Bangkok pin.

Service Activities Committee – DG Carroll Kukowski

Our first Item was Mary's wish and the committee felt that this item was too localized to be at the Multiple Convention this year, so we felt that no action was required at the Multiple level.

Our second Item was Reading Education assistance Dogs. We felt that we didn't have enough information to take action on this item.

Our third item was Liberty Day. We have to remember that we do this program for the children for our Country. It may not be going in the direction that we really feel that it should be going in, but we need to keep everything in perspective. Our recommendation is that MD5M encourages the Liberty Day program to refrain from any participation in any political activity.

Motion #36 M/S/P DG Carroll Kukowski, 5M9 / DG Jack Krage, 5M1 to encourage the Liberty Day program to refrain from any participation in any political activity.

We all received information on the Safe Water Program and after quite a bit of discussion we are recommending that this is a District Level program and no action needs to be taken by the Multiple.

Diabetes Cook Book. We would have liked to have discussed this more, but we did not have enough information or a copy of the cook book. We hope that someone will have more information and bring it forward again at the May Council of Governors meeting.

Council of the Blind. This was a request for volunteers to assist at their convention in Mpls. and we have discovered that District 5M5 has this under control. They will be asking for support from 5M6 and 5M7, which will be really good as those of us in the outlying areas and those of us that are not going to be here will really appreciate it that it will be taken care of.

We would like to have the Service Activities Committee join with the Headquarters Committee to look further into the Speak Off or Write Off. The representatives of the Service Activities Committee would be DG Mike Vos, DGE John Fehr, and DGE Spouse Jim Spille.

Motion #37 M/S/P DG Carroll Kukowski, 5M9 / DG Al Zimmerman, 5M7 to have the Service Activities Committee work with the Headquarters and Finance Committee to look into the Speak off /Write off and report to the May Council Meeting.

Motion #38 M/S/P DG Carroll Kukowski, 5M9 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 to request that one of the winners of the Write Off from 5M2 speak at the 2007 Multiple Convention Business meeting if possible. 5M2 will cover the expenses of the speaker.

District Organization Committee – DG Mike Vos, Roger Poirier

Motion #39 M/S/P DG Roger Poirier, 5M13 / DG Tom Sailstad, 5M10 to allow Friendship Ventures to approach all clubs in MD5M in 2007 and 2008 for the purposes of soliciting funds and support. This would include allowing them access to a directory if requested.

Motion # 40 M/S/P DG Roger Poirier, 5M13 / DG Robert Hoofnagle, 5M8 to leave the Districts as they are and not redistrict at this time.

Motion #41 M/S/P DG Roger Poirier, 5M13 / Seconded by everyone to forward the following resolution to the resolution committee at the Multiple Convention.

Be it resolved that PID Lion Ross and Lion Lynda Thorfinnson be thanked for their service to MD5M and Lions International, and where as they have been extremely active in the past and hopefully will continue in the future.

Headquarters and Finance Committee – DG Bob Jechorek

Motion #42 M/S/P DG Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Bob Hoofnagle, 5M8 to permit the Pequot Lakes – Breezy Point Lions to sell bottled water for club fundraisers as well as for CFSII fundraising projects before, during, and after the Multiple District Convention. The proceeds from the sale of any bottled water sold with the CFSII logo on it must go to CFSII.

Motion #43 M/S/P DG Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 that the Council Chair email each Committee chair and remind them that Budget Requests are due to Lion Secretary Bob 10 days following the Council Meeting so that the District Governor Elects can examine the budget prior to the July Council Meeting.

Motion #44 M/S/P DG Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Roger Poirier, 5M13 that the policy manual be updated to reflect the award and the dollar amount for the Peace Poster winner. The Youth Outreach Chair would purchase the Plaque and a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

Motion #45 M/S/P DG Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 that the Headquarters and Finance Committee work with the Service and Activities Committee to work on a framework for a Speak off or Write off and that Exec. Sec. Bob would work that in the budget proposal.

The Committee felt that forgiveness of dues for the South West Minnesota State Campus Club was a District issue and need not be addressed by the Multiple at this time.

Motion #46 M/S/P DG Bob Jechorek 5M5 / DG Al Zimmerman, 5M7 that members of individual clubs must pay dues according to the club roster on Jan 1st and June 30th. Clubs and districts that issue a short check will be billed for the balance due.

Motion #47 M/S/P DG Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Jim Demaree, 5M4 to approve the auditors report as written.

Motion # 48 M/S/P DG Jim Demaree, 5M4 / DG Robert Hoofnagle, 5M8 to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Bob Harms
MD5M Executive Secretary