

MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING
Radisson Roseville
Roseville, MN
Saturday March 15, 2008

Council Chairman Bob Jechorek called the meeting to order with all District Governors present. The meeting began with the Pledge to the flag of the United States led by DG Clair Mrotek, the Pledge to the flag of Canada led by DG John Fehr, and an invocation by DG Roger Badenhop.

Motion # 33 M/S/P DG Mary Ellen Storley, 5M7 / DG John Fehr, 5M13 to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion #34 M/S/P DG Dave Moen, 5M6 / DG Ken Kolding, 5M11 to approve the agenda with additions.

The letter of recommendation for Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota has been reviewed and forwarded on to Hearing and Service Dogs for their use.

PID Maynard has personally requested PIP Jim Coffey to be our guest at the Multiple Convention and a Speaker Request form has been sent to Lions Clubs International to make it formal.

A letter of endorsement has been written and edited to send to PID Sid Scruggs. This letter will be mailed soon.

Campaign Sight First II – PID Ross Thorfinnson, PDG Debra Wasserman, & PDG Larry Schul

“We are down to the last 3 or 4 months of Campaign Sight First II and first and foremost, the three of us would like to thank the sitting Governors and the Governors Elect for your help during this year and the previous years of the campaign. Here in MD5M we have the highest rate of participation in all of North America. In Southern Minnesota we have 87% of the clubs participating and in Northern Minnesota we are at 83% or 84% which is outstanding. We have surpassed the \$150 million dollar goal and are close to \$160 million. This 50 million dollar challenge, the extra 50 million is really meant for Lions like us, it is meant for organizations like our Eye Bank, it is meant for cutting edge research and clinical studies such as we are performing at our own institutions. So what I would ask you to do is to take the message back to your clubs over the next 3 or 4 months. I want you to talk about the success we have had here in Minnesota and thank the clubs that have contributed and have participated.

Project "New Hope – DG Annette Contos

Project New Hope is an idea that a couple of Lions had and the first meeting was held on August 30 and the first retreat was October 19 – 21. It was deemed a success by the attendees and their families. With Project New Hope retreats, we will be able to help many families. The mission is to provide veterans and their families with the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after leaving the service. The objective is to be low key and offer assistance as requested by the families. We are different that at this time we are 100% volunteer staff. We will service all combat returnees and their families at no cost to the veterans or their families. At this point retreats are being held at Friendship Ventures facilities. For more information please contact PDG Dale Johansen or Bruce Billington.

LCIF Grants – CC Bob Jechorek

There has been one grant request funded by LCIF. That was an \$18,000 grant that went to the MD5M Hearing Foundation/Canadian Division. There is a grant from 5M5 for Camp Needlepoint restoration that is still under consideration.

Convention Bid - PID Maynard Rucks – VDGE Darwin Mathwig

Announced that 5M2 is bidding for the 2011 Multiple District Convention to be held on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011.

PDG Jack Riordan – Honduras

A bank draft has been hand carried to the Honduras Lions for \$169.00 as the last payment on funds collected and it was to be used to finish the project. We have now built 3 cities down there after different events. As soon as a photo of the Plaque from Honduras recognizing the Lions is received the Honduras project will be closed.

Committee Reports

Diabetes – PCC Bill Bard

Written report in packet. A diabetes meeting was held on November 18. 19 of the diabetes representatives were in attendance in St. Cloud. Spring Point made a presentation so all of those attended were able to hear Dr. Sherman's presentation. There was discussion on the relationship with the University of Minnesota, establishing the Diabetes Foundation. A motion was brought forward from that committee meeting to continue the dialogue with the University of Minnesota and to go forward with the diabetes resolution. A follow up meeting will be held on April 5th in St. Cloud.

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota – PCC Frank Loken

Written report in packet. The DGE's had a good visit of Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota, met some clients and had a tour. The District Governors and the District Chairs were thanked for the donations so far in 2008. We have already received over \$51,000 in contributions. Please keep up the good work, thank you.

LCIF – PDG Gordon Affield

Report in packet – not in attendance.

Leader Dog – PDG Curtis Norenberg

Report in packet. On behalf of the Roseville Lions, welcome to Roseville. All of the field reps were brought in to Rochester for a training session and they were encouraged to discuss things that are important to Leader Dog and those things are Leader Dog and Lions. They are downplaying somewhat their personal experiences. Leader Dog has a new CEO who is an aggressive and dynamic person.

LEHP – PDG Dale Johansen

Not present – written report in packet.

LEO's – PDG Jim Martindale

Written report in packet – The LEO Leadership Forum will be held in Marshall July 10, 11, 12 and 13 at the Southwest Minnesota University is progressing very well from the organizational point of view. The facilities are wonderful. The funding is coming, we are over \$10,000, we are shooting for \$18,000 but we have very few registrations. Obviously we have a major problem. We have heard from many of the clubs saying that this is wonderful, but we are not getting much action. We will be contacting all of the LEO chairs and LEO Clubs. The LEO Leadership Forum will be opened to young people in the communities that would like to attend. The cost for them would be \$50.00.

Lions Eye Bank / Lions Foundation of Canada – DG John Fehr

The Lions Eye Bank and the Medical Assistance Program is going strong. Trail of Hope raised \$21,750 this year. A new fundraiser is going to be “A Jump for the Cause”, a fellow by the name of Jim Wilson, who last year set a record of parachute jumps in a 12 hour period. This year his fundraising money will go to the Medical Assistance Program. The biggest success story this year was for the Lions Eye Bank. The Journey for Sight raised \$107,000. They are well over \$1 Million Dollars in the 25 years that they have been supporting this program. Also to date we have distributed over \$251,200 to buy equipment for infant hearing screening.

Hearing Foundation – PDG Frank Leidenfrost

Written report in packet. In a conference call meeting a \$119,000 grant was approved for hearing. On December 19 each of the members of the Ramsey Lions received a Hearing Foundation Fellowship to honor their clubs gift of \$100,000 to the Hearing Foundation.

Long Range Planning – PCC Bert Nelson

No written report. A teleconference meeting was held with the Long Range Planning committee. Some changes will occur and be sent to the Governors as soon as the information is compiled and sent to Exec. Sec Bob.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank – DG Dave Moen

Written report in packet. The Eye Bank is doing well financially so that all grants can be considered on their merit. The Veterans Hospital is asking the University of Minnesota to help treat veterans with eye problems.

Extension – PDG Rodger Palmer

Written report in packet – Congratulations to several districts that have chartered new clubs this year. Governors that have not chartered clubs this year were asked to meet with their MERLO team and ask for a plan from the Extension chair as to when a club would be chartered.

Leadership / Development – PCC Keith Johnson

Congratulations to the District Governor Elects on our fun time of two days of training! I know that every class likes to hear us tell them that you were the best class that we have ever had, so I would just like you to know that you were one of the greatest classes that we have ever had. You were on par with everyone else and let's give these District Governor Elects a big hand. MERLO training - as of now we only have 65 participants. We would like to have at least 12 from each district. Please get your people to attend.

Parade Consultant – PCC Keith Johnson

We will be asking for volunteers to help with the International parade in 2009. Verbal O.K.'s have been received from a number of bands and some drum and bugle corps that will be coming. Colleges and high schools will be contacted to help with housing.

Membership Retention – PCC Brian Sheehan

Not Present – report in packet.

Constitution and By Laws – PDG Bob Wharton

The committee looked at two resolutions, the first was to amend the Constitution and By-laws to establish a Diabetes Foundation. The committee found everything to be in order and voted favorably to pass this on to the members of the Multiple Convention. There will be \$750.00 charge for filing for 501(C)(3) and an additional \$70.00 for the State of Minnesota for incorporation papers. The second resolution was to support the Spring Point project and the committee voted favorably to pass this and advised that it go underneath the new foundation and that money to Spring Point go through the Diabetes Foundation.

Orientation – PDG Bob Wharton

Written report in packet. Plan to work with the team on the MERLO meeting in April and will work with any district chair that would like some help.

Political Liaison – DG Allen Bailey

PID Maynard Rucks addressed issues about the endorsement process and how that would work with the International Convention being in Minneapolis in 2009. Also, the award program was discussed in regards to the Presidential Leadership medals. We heard from PDG Debra Wasserman and PDG Robert Vokes in regards to their campaigns. PID Jack Hines also spoke about the 2009 International Convention next year.

2008 Convention Committee Report – PID Ross Thorfinnson & PDG Mike Griffin

Report in packet. Maggie Hunt will be speaking on diabetes and the title of her talk is "It's A Sweet Life" The other speaker will be "The Hockey Gopher" he has written 35 books about sports in Minnesota. He has written a book with Herb Brooks and his leadership skills and motivation. The 3rd seminar would be the people from the Spring Point project. We will be having a first timers program & some of the questions that will be asked of the first timers were reviewed.

2009 International Convention Committee Report – PDG Jack Hines & PDG Bob Wharton
Communication will be sent to all District Governors telling them when and where volunteers can sign up to help at the International Convention. PDG Lynn Farley is in charge of volunteers. The blue shirt with the Snow Man on the back will be the shirt that everyone will wear for the International Convention.

USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum – PID Maynard Rucks

UP to 300 have signed up so far for Saskatoon. It now takes less time to get a pass port, and you will need one some day, so you may as well get one now. 5M1 is working on a bus to go to the Forum speak to DG Clair Mrotek or PID Maynard Rucks.

Youth Exchange – Lions Darwin & Nancy Mathwig

Written report in packet. We are receiving applications for incoming students, it is up to 15 but is very slow. We are expecting up to 25. 5M6 has placed 1 student, so we need your backing to place the others. We have two new countries that we are placing from, one is Taiwan and the other is Nigeria. All Governors and Vice Governor Elects will be receiving an invitation for the International Banquet on July 20th in Mankato at one of the churches. Lion Jay Norby will give an update on the outgoing students. We have 6 students that will be going abroad and we are working on more. We hope to be at about 10 by the time we get ready to send them out. Now we have 3 going from 5M2 and 1 from 5M9 and 2 from 5M13. Of those 6, two are going to Austria, two to Italy, one to Norway and one to Switzerland. If you know of anyone contact us.

Youth Outreach – PDG Bruce Mintenko & PDG Wally Sapp

Report in packet. Not present

Convention Promotional Consultant – PDG Jack Krage

Written report in packet. Not present.

Insurance Consultant Report – PDG Burdell Wessels

No written report. Not present.

Legal Consultant – PDG Wayne Swanson

Written report in Packet. PDG Wayne has volunteered again to put together a sample to help clubs incorporate. He has received no requests. Everything is put together for the Diabetes Foundation. There are now two filings that the clubs must do, one with the Secretary of State of Minnesota and the 990 filing which can only be done on line.

Liberty Day Consultant report – Lion Duane Jindra

Written report in packet. Not present.

Technology Consultant – Lion Steve Wasserman

Please let Lion Steve know if there is something that you would like to see on the Website. Please look at your district websites and if it is costing you money and it is time to renew, you can be hosted on the Multiple website. It would look exactly the same and may be very cost effective. Please keep Braille in mind, it is a free service and it is something that we really need to be doing. We would like to get all of the Technology Chairs together at the Multiple Convention, so please talk to them about that.

Motion #35 M/S/P DG Deb Harms, 5M4 / DG Mary Ellen Storley, 5M7 to accept the MD5M Committee Reports.

DGE Dan Snobl – announced that on behalf of his brothers and sisters, all the grandchildren and great grandchildren that were able to be in attendance at his mother's funeral they would donate the first \$1,000.00 to the MD5M Diabetes Foundation as a memorial to Dan's mother. This \$1,000.00 would be designated to pay the start-up costs of the Foundation.

Governors Committee Reports

Headquarters & Finance – DG Allen Bailey

Motion #36 M/S/P DG Allen Bailey, 5M8 / DG Ken Kolding, 5M11 to allow the MD5M program chairs to ask for funds from the individual districts.

Motion #37 M/S/P DG Allen Bailey, 5M8 / DG John Fehr, 5M13 to accept the MD5M annual financial audit.

Motion #38 M/S/P DG Allen Bailey, 5M8 / DG Annette Contos, 5M9 table the band stipend because this will go onto next year's budget.

Motion #39 M/S/P DG Allen Bailey, 5M8 / DG John Fehr, 5M13 to add Public Relations, Leadership Development and Membership/Retention to next year's budget.

Motion #40 M/S/P DG Allen Bailey, 5M8 / DG Roger Badenhop, 5M5 to allocate \$17,000 for expenses for the ID Candidate upon receipt of a budget to be approved by the Council.

District Organization – Virginia Spicer

Motion #41 M/S/P DG Virginia Spicer, 5M3 / DG Roger Badenhop, 5M5 to request MD5M Legal consultant Wayne Swanson to prepare step by step instructions for clubs and districts to incorporate and update their incorporation with annual filings to the State of Minnesota and the IRS.

Service Activities Committee – DG Mary Spille

Motion #42 M/S/P DG Mary Spille, 5M2 / DG Annette Contos, 5M9 to support Project New Hope by allowing them to approach the Districts for help. Either via man power or financial power or veteran referral.

Motion #43 M/S/P DG Mary Spille, 5M2 / DG Annette Contos, 5M9 to use the data base of e-mails to announce the readiness of each month's MD5M News Letter.

Convention Committee – DG Mary Ellen Storley

Motion #44 M/S/P DG Mary Ellen Storley, 5M7 / DG Dick Briese, 5M10 to accept the Multiple pin as proposed by the DGE pin committee, but changing the color of the boat to a dark red.

Motion #45 M/S/P DG Mary Ellen Storley, 5M7 / DG John Fehr, 5M13 to accept the recommendation of PCC Keith to have the DG's send the names of band directors that would be interested in performing at the International Convention to him. PCC Keith will send out applications.

Motion #46 M/S/P DG Mary Ellen Storley, 5M7 / DG Dick Briese, 5M10 to make the tentative Multiple Convention agenda permanent.

Legal Committee – DG Deborah Harms

Motion #47 M/S/P DG Deborah Harms, 5M4 / DG Ken Kolding, 5M10 to accept the resolution to establish the Diabetes Foundation and to amend the MD5M Constitution and By-Laws. The Council also recommends that the delegates to the MD5M Convention approve the resolution.

Motion #48 M/S/P DG Deborah Harms, 5M4 / DG Dave Moen, 5M6 that Council accepts the resolution to support the Spring Point Project and to recommend to the delegates that they approve this resolution.

Motion #49 M/S/P DG Deborah Harms, 5M4 / DG Allen Bailey, 5M8 that a summary of the minutes of the MD5M business meeting be printed in the directory and that an audio copy of the business meeting be available on the MD5M website and upon request from the MD5M District office.

Motion #50 M/S/P DG Deborah Harms, 5M4 / DG Dave Moen, 5M6 that the International Director Candidate Campaign literature be placed on the Multiple District website.

Motion #51 M/S/P DG Dave Moen, 5M6 / DG Clair Mrotek, 5M1 to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Bob Harms
MD5M Executive Secretary