

MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING
SHOOTING STAR EVENT CENTER
MAHNOMEN, MN
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008

Council Chairperson Deborah Harms called the meeting to order with District Governors present from all Districts. The meeting began with the Pledge to the flag of the United States led by DG Dan Snobl, 5M3, the Pledge to the flag of Canada led by DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10, and an invocation by DG Judy Loken, 5M8.

CC Deborah reviewed the rules for the meeting along with welcoming the Vice District Governors and congratulating them for their successful completion of the VDG Training.

Motion #18 M/S/P DG Greg Langbehn, 5M6 / DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 to approve the minutes of the July 19th meeting.

Motion #19 M/S/P DG Dan Snobl, 5M3 / DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 to approve the agenda with additions.

Two discussion items were brought forward from the July Minutes. One was motion #41 to ask the Legal Advisor 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. The second item was Motion #11 to ask the legal advisor to prepare a resolution to bring to the delegates of the 2009 Multiple convention supporting Project New Hope as a Multiple District project. The Legal Advisor is to have a report later and will address these two items.

Camps, Lion Jerry Wohlers, 5M6 – There are four Districts in 5M that have a cabinet position for Camps. Lion Jerry spoke about the importance of Camps in general and specifically about Camp Confidence. Camp Confidence is unique in that a primary care provider may attend along with the camper. He asked that each of the Governors recognize Camp Confidence, put it on their parade of green, and invite them to mid winters for presentations.

CC Deborah Reminded the Governors that the District Constitutions need to be revised to establish the position of 2nd Vice District Governor and that an attempt needs to be made to fill this position.

Canadian Melvin Jones Award, DG Gary Hutchison – DG Gary presented the fact that ID Dr. Patty Hill had requested that the Governors release some funds accrued for Melvin Jones awards by clubs that are no longer in existence so that a deserving Canadian Lion could receive a Melvin Jones award.

Motion #20 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 / DG Wayne Preston, 5M13 and DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 that MD5M approves the use of LCIF donations from the sources designated to be used for a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow as per the request by ID Patty Hill.

PID Mike Butler emphasized the fact that it has been 32 years since North America has had a positive in membership and 23 years since MD5M has had a positive in membership. He asked that the Governors step up to their roll in leadership. Minnesota is one of the key states in this Association. If we can stop the drops in Minnesota and 9 other key states, North America will be a plus in membership. Each Governor was asked to give him a date when an extension workshop could be held.

PID Gary Fry Thanked everyone for attending the Global Membership Team meeting on Friday night and answered a number of questions that were submitted on Friday night. He offered to do what ever he can to help the seated Governors and Vice Governors have a successful year.

ID Debra Wasserman Responded to PID's Gary Fry and Mike Butler by saying that she supported what they have said. We all know that our communities have needs and that they could benefit from having a Lions Club. As long as we keep that in mind and as long as we know why we want to extend Lionism to communities in our Districts then we are really "Serving from the heart". ID Debra also offered her assistance to anyone that asked for help in extending Lionism.

The Governors were reminded that the Hall of Fame award applications need to be submitted to the Governors and voted on at the Mid Winters.

IPID Maynard Rucks spoke to the Governors and said that 4 additional Presidential Awards and 9 additional Leadership awards would be presented from last years applications. This is a first, and will almost fill out all of the requests submitted last year.

The Al Jensen award applications are due to the Council Chair prior to March 1.

PDG Mary Ferleman PDG Mary spoke to the Governors about the Leadership Institute. PDG Mary asked that the Governors use every opportunity to promote the Leadership Institute. Please personally contact those Lions leaders in your District that you think would like to attend the Leadership Institute.

Committee Reports

USA/Canada Leadership Forum – IPID Maynard Rucks

Saskatoon was quite successful. It is too bad that we didn't have 5 more people from MD5M there because we would have taken top prize. The next forum will be in Memphis. Memphis is a great place and we will all have a great time. See you in Memphis.

Leadership Development – PCC Keith Johnson

PCC Keith shared with the group his opinion that the Vice District Governor Training went very well. These Vice Governors are a class act, just as other classes preceding them. PCC

Keith introduced the faculty for the Vice Governor training and also encouraged promotion of the Leadership Institute.

Parade Consultant – PCC Keith Johnson

PCC Keith has over 22 bands scheduled for the 2009 International Convention. They are looking for somewhere in the area of over 100 volunteers to help with the parade. Assembly will be at Parade Stadium, will go down Hennepin Ave to 9th Street. The parade will then go right over to Nicollet Avenue and down Nicollet Avenue to 12th Street. If anyone has floats or units that they would like in the parade, please contact PCC Keith Johnson. Anyone that has vehicles that they would like to use to transport dignitaries in the parade should contact PDG Jack Hines.

Constitution/By-Laws – PDG Larry Lindquist

PDG Larry, in his own unique brand of political oratory, (a pot for every chicken?), was kind enough to remind us that the political process in Canada was completed and in the U.S. was nearing completion. His report was that there are 3 items that will come before the MD5M Convention in March. The first is a house keeping function to remove the \$2.00 MD5M Campaign fund line as it has expired at the end of Lions year 2008. Number two is to amend the 2nd Vice District Governor position at the District Level in conformance with the change approved at the International Convention in 2008. Number three to increase the amount of dues paid annually to the MD5M convention fund. Copy of this was attached to his report.

PDG Bob Wharton

PDG Bob reported on the progress the committee is making on updating the Constitution and By-Laws. Their goals are to make it more gender neutral, study the requirements for Multiple Convention dates, and include the items needed for the 2nd Vice Governor position. These will be presented at the March meeting so that they can be voted on at the Multiple Convention.

Diabetes Foundation – PDG Tom Shinnick

We have had two meetings and will have our third meeting on December 20th at Michaels in St. Cloud. The Vice Chair is Wally Sapp, Secretary is Gary Hahn, and the Treasurer is Marty Athmann. Checks written to the Diabetes Foundation cannot at this point be from gambling funds as the foundation has not yet received a 501(c)3 designation. We have a Long Range Planning committee headed by Mary Snobl. This is going to be a terrific foundation.

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota – PCC Frank Loken

The 15th annual Heel and Wheel walk was very successful this year and raised \$45,563.00. There were 181 walkers and 121 well behaved dogs. There were 7 Lions teams and individual Lions raised \$7,783.00. The goal for next year is to have every Lions club in the Minnesota portion of MD5M donate to Hearing and Service Dogs. They now have 75 applications for autism trained dogs.

LEO – PDG Jim Martindale

PDG Jim submitted a written report, but was not able to attend because he was attending the LEO forum in Kimball, Minnesota.

LCIF – PDG Pete Kleingartner

A written report was submitted as well as supplemental information handed out at the meeting. Emails have been sent to all of the District LCIF Chairs and have received response from only 2. The first quarter reports have still not been received from LCIF. PDG Pete also reported on grants in process and grants applied for. PDG Pete announced that future donations to Campaign Sight First II will not qualify for Melvin Jones Awards. Money sent in towards pledges previously made will qualify.

Leader Dog – PDG Kay Elliott

PDG Kay was unable to stay to present her report so DG Bernie Braegelmann presented her report. The Leader Dog Chairs were invited to Rochester to visit Leader Dog and find out what is happening there. There were 10 chairs there for the weekend and much was learned. Details of the report are in the Governor and Vice Governor folders.

LEHP – PDG Annette Contos

A written report is in the folders. There are only 3 Districts that have a LEHP Chairperson. Vice Governors were encouraged to appoint a LEHP Chair during their year. Governors were also encouraged to order materials now from the National Eye Institute while they are still available at no cost.

Lions Hearing Foundation – PDG Frank Leidenfrost

A detailed report is in the folders. At the last Board meeting a \$134,861.28 grant was approved to the department of Otolaryngology at the University of Minnesota. There is a breakdown in the folders that shows which areas received which funds. Thanks to everyone that helped at the State Fair. It was very much appreciated. The Hearing Foundation is working with Starkey Laboratories to sell used hearing aids. Each District will have a fund established based on the amount of hearing aids contributed. The Governors were asked to monitor the attendance of their Trustees at Foundation meetings. If they are not attending, replacement should be considered.

Long Range Planning – PCC Bob Jechorek

Thanks to the District Governors for appointing some really great people to the LRP Committee. There are only 2 Districts that think they have a long range plan. If you don't have a document, it is suggested that you get one started. The goal is to have a final document to present at the March meeting.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank – PCC Richard Reger

The Treasurer's report showed an income through September of \$33,972.00. Lions giving is down from last year but our income from tissue processing has increased from last year. The financial picture of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank looks good. Operations are going well at the Eye Bank. We are on track to distribute over 1,300 corneas in 2008. At the Eye Bank tour there were 204 Lions were registered and only 110 showed up. The Spring Tour will be held on March 29.

Membership – PCC Brian Sheehan

The membership report is in the folders. A webinar has been sent to all of the District Membership/Retention/Woman's Initiative Chairs as well as the District Governors and Vice Governors so that they will know what is going on. We will continue with that effort and also try to do an interactive one with the individual Districts. We know that there is a need out there for membership and it is good to see the passion and the desire that we have in MD5M to keep us up in the ranks of Multiple Districts. We need to keep up our membership as well as focus on retention and extension.

Political Liaison – DG Gary Hutchison

ID Debra Wasserman requested that the Council consider endorsement of Dr. Wing-Kun Tam for the office of 2nd International Vice President. IPID Maynard Rucks informed the Council that he has started the search again for an International guest as the speaker initially confirmed has been assigned to another engagement.

Motion #21 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 / DG Judy Loken, 5M8 that the Council of Governors of MD5M endorse PID Dr. Wing-Kun Tam for the office of 2nd International Vice President.

Public Relations – PCC Bert Nelson

Report is in the folders. PCC Bert was not present because he is attending the LEO Forum in Kimball, MN.

2008 Multiple District Convention – PDG Mike Griffin

PDG Mike apologized for the inaccuracy of the initial convention report. The report distributed today is a final audited report. The Convention had a total income of \$124,635.19 and expenses of \$114,574.92 leaving a profit of \$10,060.27. The 3 host clubs received \$4,000, so a check for St. Louis Park was cut for \$6,060.27. It was suggested that future clubs do not handle room reservations. It was also suggested that table assignments be continued as was done last year.

2009 Multiple District Convention – Lion Mike Rardin

The Convention report is in the packet. One change that will be recommended to the Convention committee will be that credit card usage not be available because of additional cost and problems that were experienced at the 2008 Convention. Hotel registration will be handled separately by the attendee. If the Districts are planning to have a District meeting, please contact Lion Mike by 11/08/08 to reserve the hotel facility for the meeting. There are plans to produce a DVD to be used for Convention promotion.

2010 Multiple Convention – PDG Dale Johansen

The 2010 Convention committee has met a number of times and is making good progress. The Committee would like some input on speakers so that costs can be determined and work can proceed on hospitality books.

Project New Hope – PDG Dale Johansen

Things are going great, the retreat for October is filled with a waiting list. The teams are booked to attend every Mid Winter Convention except for one and are working on that.

2009 International Convention – PDG's Jack Hines & Bob Wharton

The train is on the track and picking up speed so, we have got to get ready for it. A packet of information was passed out to all of the Governors and Vice Governors. When the Lions volunteer to work at the convention they should volunteer either for a morning shift or an evening shift so that they can enjoy part of the convention each day. The Website for the Convention is www.2009lionsconvention.org There will be more to come on that later. As of Monday we will have \$123,000 plus in the bank. We are planning to take credit cards at the International Convention. We have plenty of money and are really doing quite well. Chicago ran on about \$80,000.00 and I don't believe we will need any more than that so there will probably be some money going back to the Multiple from the convention.

Youth Exchange – Lion Jay Norby

A Treasurer's report will be emailed out to everyone at a later date. If you don't have a Youth Exchange Chair yet, please try to find one. If you need help, Lion Jay would be happy to help and meet with the Governors or interested parties. Sometime within the next month, the voluntary district assessment will be mailed out. It would be very much appreciated if you would pay that, it would help us out tremendously.

Youth Outreach – PDG Bruce Mintenko / PDG Wally Sapp

PDG Bruce is in attendance, but he is next door putting on a program for the Multiple Chairs, unfortunately, there is only six that showed up. Three from the Canadian side and three from the U.S. side. Last year we set out a program showing what we hope to achieve. Our report shows that we have accomplished quite a few of these already so the Quest program is moving along nicely. We would like to establish a checking account, but we need something to put in it. We have received fifteen of the Lions Quest Fellow awards and they are ready to go out. We have orders for two already. They are \$500.00 and you have the forms for ordering them. These are for people in your Districts that have done a good job, not necessarily in the Quest program. This will help us defray the costs involved in this program. We have applied for a \$1,000.00 grant but it has not yet been approved.

Legal Consultant – PDG Wayne Swanson

The Governors have received a list of questions and were asked to email additional questions to PDG Wayne. This will be part of a presentation that could be presented to Mid Winter conventions upon invitation.

Technical Consultant – Lion Steve Wasserman

A report is included in the folders. Training was complete with the Vice Governors on the Directory Data Base. A CD tutorial is available from Lion Steve upon request. Lion Steve again made a request to give him the opportunity to do more Braille. Please send him information in advance so that he has enough time to complete it.

Governors Trip to LCI

There was considerable discussion on the benefits versus the cost of the Governors making the trip to LCI given the fact that the trip to Leader Dog can no longer be used to off set most of the cost.

Motion #22 M/S/P DG Bernie Braegelmann, 5M5 / DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 that 2009 – 2010 District Governors do not make the trip to Lions Clubs International. After some

discussion the Governors felt that it was not their place to determine if the next years Governors make the trip so that motion and second was withdrawn. At this point the Executive Secretary will not be arranging a trip to LCI for next years Governors unless specifically directed to do so by the Council.

Governors Committee Reports

Convention Committee – DG Wayne Preston

Motion #23 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to accept cash or checks for registration for the MD5M 2009 Multiple Convention. No credit cards due to the additional cost involved.

Motion #24 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13/Convention Committee to accept the U.S. \$120.00 cost of the Hospitality Book for the MD5M 2009 Multiple Convention.

Service Activities Committee – DG Craig Bohne

Two issues were brought to the Service Activities Committee:

- #1. What should be done with the issue of Camps. The Committee had much discussion and decided that no Multiple action was necessary, but encourage all Districts to support the Camps program and invite all Camps to be part of your District projects for support.
- #2. Dress for the MD5M Convention. The Committee decided that it was not necessary to make any changes at this time.

Legal Committee – DG Ron Norton

Motion #25 M/S/P DG Ron Norton, 5M1/Legal Committee to change the wording in the Policy Manual from “Evening Gown” to “Business or Formal Wear” for dress for the MD5M Saturday evening banquet.

Motion #26 M/S/P DG Ron Norton, 5M1/Legal Committee to recommend that the MD5M Council of Governors endorse and support the activities and fund raising for Project New Hope within the Multiple District.

On the issue of Camps, the Legal Committee, at the Multiple level made no recommendation. It was felt that each District should invite and support Youth Camps as a part of their total program.

Headquarters & Finance – DG Peter Van Erp

The Headquarters and Finance committee recommends that the Council take no action on the St. Louis Park dues increase proposal at this time.

Motion # 27 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / The Finance Committee, to purchase a Certificate of Deposit for \$55,000.00 for a 12 month period at 3.55% with the money returned from the 2nd VP campaign.

Motion #28 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / The Finance Committee to return the \$144.39 returned from ID Debra Wasserman back into the Campaign fund from which it came.

Motion # 29 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / The Finance Committee to approve the financial report for the period ending 10/10/08 as submitted.

Motion #30 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / Finance Committee that there be an amendment to the By-Laws to increase the Multiple District Dues by \$1.00 and that this dollar be allocated for the Multiple District Administrative fund. There was one District Governor opposed to this motion.

Motion #31 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston, 5M13 / DG Rick Wagener, 5M2 to accept all of the Committee reports.

Motion #32 M/S/P DG Ken Harwick, 5M4 / DG Jim Mulroy, 5M7 to make a change to the Policy Manual that would request that if someone wished to come before the Council of Governors and request support for any reason that the request must be submitted in writing and that they need to stay through the Committee meetings so that they can answer questions that come up.

Motion #33 M/S/P DG Greg Langbehn, 5M6 / Peter Van Erp, 5M9 to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Lion Bob Harms
MD5M Executive Secretary