

MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING
RADISSON ROSEVILLE
ROSEVILLE, MN
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

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 Ken Harwick, 5M4, the Pledge to the flag of Canada led by DG Craig Bohne, 5M11, and an invocation by DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9.

CC Deborah reviewed the rules for the meeting along with welcoming the District Governor Elects and congratulating them on their successful completion of the DGE Training.

Motion #34 M/S/P DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 / DG Jim Mulroy, 5M7 to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

Motion #35 M/S/P DG Bernie Braegelmann, 5M5 / DG Greg Langbehn, 5M6 to approve the agenda with additions.

Two discussion items were brought forward from the October Minutes. They were motion numbers 25 and 32. Both motions have to do with policy manual changes and will be discussed in the Legal Committee.

Diabetes Foundation – PDG Tom Shinnick

The Diabetes Foundation received welcome news. The IRS has granted our request for 501 (c) 3 status which will allow clubs with gambling funds to contribute those funds. This was made possible by the hard work of Marty Athmann of 5M4, one of the Diabetes Chairs. Thanks to Larry Winner from 5M10, we will have a Diabetes Booth at the International Convention.

Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota – PCC Frank Loken

Unfortunately, Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota did not do very well at the drawing for a time for the Heel and Wheel. So, the Heel and Wheel will be on Saturday, Sept 26, the same time as the USA Canada Forum. The DGE's were thanked for touring the facilities and were asked to consider making Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota one of the programs that their gifts are sent to.

LEO's – PDG Jim Martindale

Those involved were thanked for changing the October Council meeting date so that everyone involved in the LEO program could attend the 2nd Annual LEO Fourm on M.E.A. weekend. Support was requested to help get the LEO's involved in the International Convention. October 15, 16, & 17th are the dates for the 2nd LEO Forum at Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN. Please inform any potential attendees of these dates and help promote this activity.

LCIF – PDG Pete Kleingartner

Written report in packet. Friendship Ventures is working on a grant application to renovate the dining facility. Last year Edenwood was the recipient of a LCIF grant to do some renovation there. LCIF has requested that someone from Edenwood give a presentation at the International Convention. This cannot be a Lion and must be a recipient of the services that the camp provides. They have located a willing individual and will be represented at the International Convention during the DGE training.

Leader Dog – PDG Kay Elliott

The 70th anniversary celebration from Leader Dog is going very well. There are a lot of checks going in from the Multiple for the extra \$70.00. PDG Kay expressed thanks to those districts that are putting articles in their newsletters about Leader Dog. The Leader Dog speaker at the Multiple Convention will be Lion Bunny Tabbat and her dog Baker from Little Fall, MN.

LEHP – PDG Annette Contos

Report in packet, Annette is not present

Canadian Report – PDG Wayne Preston

Dog Guides of Canada- In Manitoba we have received 29 teams. We have a memorial garden at the Dog Guides. We anticipated trying to sell 1,000 trees in 10 years. In 5 years we have 1,800 trees at \$100.00 each.

Eye Bank – for 26 years we have had riders for the Journey for Sight. As of the end of this year we will have raised 1.3 million dollars.

MAP – The Medical Assistance Program. Having a fund raiser this year for the first time in Winnipeg this year.

Lions Hearing Foundation – PDG Frank Leidenfrost

The Governor Elects were thanked for attending the tours of the Hearing Foundation. The Hearing Foundation is interested in working with the LEO's to help our young people to safeguard their hearing. The Governors were thanked for their support and the funds that they directed towards the Hearing Foundation. All used hearing aids that have been accumulated have been sold to Starkey Labs and each district will receive credit for those sent. These funds can be used to help those that cannot afford hearing aids.

Long Range Planning – PCC Bob Jechorek

The long range planning document is currently under minor revision. There are 2 districts that have a written Long Range Planning document and they are 5M8 and 5M13. They are both excellent documents. The Multiple document will be updated prior to the Multiple convention.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank – PCC Richard Reger

PCC Richard Reger was not present, DG Jim Mulroy, Eye Bank Liaison gave the report. Things are going well at the Eye Bank. The Eye Bank will have a booth at the exhibit hall at the International Convention. During the Convention they will be running tours of the Eye Bank.

USA/Canada Forum – PID Maynard Rucks

The Forum has some great speakers lined up. We should have a great representation from 5M at the Forum. Last year we missed being #1 in attendance by about 5 people and this year we would like to be #1.

Extension/New Clubs – PDG Rodger Palmer

Not present, No written report.

MERLO Team/Leadership Development – PCC Keith Johnson

The DGE training was just completed. They are an awesome group of people and our Multiple is in good hands. At this time we have 67 students signed up for the Regional Leadership Institute and could use another 7. We are looking forward to a wonderful time at the Regional Leadership Institute. Next on the agenda for the Leadership Development team is the VDGE training at the Multiple Convention.

Membership Retention/Women's Initiative – PCC Brian Sheehan

Thanks was expressed to the Districts that invited PCC Brian to their Mid Winters to speak at seminars etc. MD5M has gotten 1,283 new members this year, however we have lost 1,551 members which gives us a net of -268. The positive Districts are 5M5, 5M11, and 5M7. We still have one quarter left in order to get our membership in a positive position. We are going to schedule a Global Membership Team meeting the Friday night before the July Council meeting. We will invite the DGE's there and get some momentum going.

Political Liaison – DG Gary Hutchison

There were no issues that came forward, so there is nothing further to report

Public Relations – PCC Bert Nelson

You have received 2 forms, one of them was the International Hero Award. We are hoping that every district submits something. The other form was for the Lions Clubs International Contest for Pins, Photography, News Letters, Trading Pins, Friendship Banners, PR ideas, and the Website. His is available for the Clubs, so let them know about it.

LICF Multiple District Liaison – PCC Bert Nelson

This position officially starts at the convention and it is a 3 year term. Each incoming Governor needs to appoint someone that will work with the Multiple Liaison. There will be a training session for these individuals at the Multiple Convention. Successes in your Clubs and District need to be forwarded on to PCC Bert, so that they can be recognized at the Multiple and International level.

2009 MD5M Convention – Mike Rardin

Things are coming along well, we are waiting for final commitments from the speakers. We do have PIP Kay Fukushima as our International Guest. Bill Austin from Starkey Labs will be speaking about technology and their relationship with the Lions. We will have an Operational Director from the International Diabetes Center in St. Louis Park, and are expecting a letter of commitment from a Minnesota Astronaut. Registrations are doing poorly, we only have about 140 full books and a variety of meals. We are only about ½ way to our goal as we need more to break even on this convention.

2010 MD5M Convention

Written report in folders

2009 International Convention – Jack Hines, Ross Thorfinnson, Bob Wharton, PDG Lynn Farley

The Governors were challenged to help get more volunteers. It was announced that it is possible to volunteer to work at the convention without being registered to attend the convention. Unregistered volunteers will not be allowed to work or enter the convention center, but can volunteer and work at other locations. It was also announced that you no longer need to use a password to get into the website to volunteer.

Parade Consultant – PCC Keith Johnson

The International Parade will go down Nicollet Mall from 10:00 AM to almost 2:00 in the afternoon. It will be publicized, so there should be plenty of people there to watch. PCC Keith asked for additional funds to help pay some of the bands. Currently there are 11 Multiples that have hired bands, those bands that do not get hired, will need some help with funds. We also need 6 people on every block to help with the parade. PCC Keith has also prepared a job description that could be used for future Parade Consultants.

Youth Exchange – Jay Norby & Nancy Mathwig

We have close to 30 students that have sent in applications to come to our great Multiple from 14 different countries. We have 8 students from our Multiple going out. We have 6 placed and we are still waiting for 2 to get approval from their host countries. Camp Spicer will be starting one day earlier this year so that everyone can attend the banquet in Mankato after the Council Meeting.

Youth Outreach – PDG Bruce Mintenko/PDG Wally Sap

Not present, reports from both in folder.

Convention Promotional Consultant – PDG Jack Krage

The purpose of this position is to promote attendance at all Lions Conventions. The suggestion was made that the Chair of this Committee would be from the most current group of governors. Please send your positive feelings about attending an International Convention to PDG Jack Krage so that he can forward good information on to the next chairperson.

MERLO Team Orientation – PDG Bob Wharton

The Governors were thanked for allowing PDG Bob to serve as the Orientation Chair.

Constitution and By-Laws Ad hoc Committee – PDG Bob Wharton

Report in Folders. Updates have been submitted for changes to the deadline for handing in proposed amendments, make the Constitution and by-laws gender neutral, and suggest changes to the policy manual to show dates that are not allowed and to also form a committee to update the bidding process.

Constitution and By-Laws – Larry Lindquist

- **Amendment to delete the \$2.00 Dues from the MD5M Campaign Fund.** This is house cleaning amendment and does not require a vote of the delegates.
- **Amendment to add the Canadian Postal service to the method of communication.** The Committee endorsed this resolution.
- **The Spring Point project** was a resolution that was approved by the delegates to last years convention and it is now being submitted as an amendment to the By-Laws to include it as a supported activity of MD5M. The Committee endorsed this resolution
- **Changing the deadline for review of the Constitution and By-Laws amendments.** This resolution was endorsed by the Committee.
- **Amendment to include the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor in the MD5M Constitution and By-Laws.** This was endorsed by the Committee because it is a requirement by Lions Clubs International.
- **Amendment to the By-Laws to increase the amount of dues to the MD5M Convention fund by \$1.50.** This amendment was submitted in proper format, and the Committee took no position on this proposal.
- **Amendment to increase the MD5M administrative fund to provide additional funds for the MD5M office to operate and allow for future unforeseen increases in administrative expenses. Increase by \$1.00.** The amendment was submitted in proper format and the Committee took no position.

Motion #36 M/S/D DG Bernie Braegelmann, 5M5 / DG Ken Harwick, 5M4 that the Council cancels their request for the \$1.00 dues increase.

There was some discussion on this motion and PID Ross Thorfinnson spoke to it on Bernie's behalf. He spoke against the dues increase because of our current financial condition.

The vote on this motion was deferred until after the committees have their meetings so that additional discussion can occur.

Legal Consultant – PDG Wayne Swanson

Written report in folder. The articles of incorporation for new clubs needs to be sent to Lions Clubs International prior to filing with the Secretary of State. A template for these articles has been pre approved by LCI Legal and will be placed on the website.

The policy manual changes have been made to incorporate the Diabetes Foundation and PDG Wayne has a copy of all of the changes if someone would like to review them. These changes will be reviewed in committee.

Project New Hope – PDG Dale Johansen

Report in folder

Technology Consultant – Steve Wasserman

Late report – distributed as a handout

Governors Committee Reports

Convention Committee – DG Wayne Preston

Motion # 37 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston / Convention Committee to accept the Sydney Snowman pin design selected by the District Governors Elect.

Motion # 38 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston / Convention Committee to approve the wearing of either the White Straw MD5M hat or the Volunteer hat. One Governor voted opposed.

Service Activities Committee – DG Craig Bohne

The Committee decided to defer further discussion on a bus trip to Memphis until DG Ken could find out what the price of this trip would be. He will report this to the next Council meeting for discussion. DG Rick will also check on the price of air travel. The DG's will also speak to the folks in their districts to see what the interest level would be in either method of transportation

Legal Committee – DG Gary Hutchison

Motion # 39 M/S/P DG Wayne Preston / Legal Committee to ask Legal Council to add Motion #32 to the Policy Manual.

Motion # 40 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee to include the Job Description for the Parade Consultant into the Policy Manual.

Motion # 41 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee to recommend the approval of the March 21 revision of the Policy Manual as submitted by PDG Wayne Swanson.

Motion # 42 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee to recommend that the Policy Manual be changed to reflect the Second Vice District Governor uniform is the same as the First Vice District Governor, but without the patch on the jacket.

Motion # 43 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that the Council recommend to the delegates of the MD5M Convention the approval of the addition of the Canadian Postal Service as a method of communication.

Motion # 44 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that the Council recommend to the delegates of the MD5M Convention the approval of the resolution to add Spring Point to the By-Laws as a supported activity.

Motion # 45 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that the Council recommend to the delegates of the MD5M Convention the approval of the resolution to change the deadline for review of MD5M Constitution and By-Laws proposals.

Motion # 46 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that the Council recommend to the delegates of the MD5M Convention the approval of the resolution to add the office of 2nd Vice District Governor.

Motion # 47 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that the Council recommend to the delegates of the MD5M Convention that they not approve the resolution to increase dues for the convention. One Governor was opposed to this motion.

Motion # 48 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that the Policy Manual be updated to include the sentence that a 5 year rolling list of these dates not available for a Multiple Convention shall be maintained by the MD5M office for the use of any club bidding for the MD5M Convention and the Multiple Convention, Convention City Committee. The MD5M Policy manual should then be uploaded to the MD5M website for us of the members.

Motion # 49 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison / Legal Committee that a committee be appointed to review and make corrections to the document pertaining to the bidding process for the MD5M Multiple Convention and upload this document to the MD5M website. CC Deborah Harms will be the chair of this committee.

Headquarters and Finance – DG Peter Van Erp

Motion # 50 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / HQ and Finance Committee to approve the purchase of a new set of flags for up to \$1,000.00

Motion # 51 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / HQ and Finance Committee to donate the old copy machine to the Youth Exchange program.

Motion # 52 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / HQ and Finance Committee to approve the MD5M annual audit.

Motion # 53 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / HQ and Finance Committee to increase the International Band fund from \$3,000 to \$5,000 with the money to come from the unallocated funds.

Motion # 54 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp / HQ and Finance Committee to accept the financial report subject to audit.

Upon recommendation of the Headquarters and Finance Committee, the Council voted on Motion #36. This motion passed by a vote of 8 – 4 of the Governors. The resolution for a \$1.00 dues increase will not go before the delegates.

CC Deborah polled the Governors and asked each Governor if they would be interested in running for Council Chair. Those that said yes will be interviewed by the DGE's and a Council Chair for 2009 - 2010 will be elected.

Note! DG Judy Loken was elected to be Council Chair for 2009 – 2010. Congratulations CCE Judy!

Submitted by Lion Bob Harms
MD5M Executive Secretary