

**MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HOLIDAY INN**  
**MANKATO, MN**  
**SATURDAY JULY 25, 2009**

Council Chairperson Judy Loken 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 Darwin Mathwig, 5M2, the Pledge to the flag of Canada led by DG Ivan Pollock, 5M10, and an invocation by DG Barb Ernster, 5M1.

CC Judy/ reviewed the rules for the meeting along with welcoming dignitaries and guests.

Motion #09-10/01 M/S/P DG Darwin Mathwig, 5M2 / DG Mike Appel, 5M3 to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

Motion #09-10/02 M/S/P DG Dewey Essig, 5M4 / Barb Ernster, 5M1 to approve the agenda of the July meeting.

Motion #09-10/03 M/S/P DG Jeannine Windels, 5M11 / DG Clay O'Flanagan, 5M7 to accept the changes made by our Legal Advisor to the policy manual.

IPDG Greg Langbehn, Financial Reporting Committee PDG Greg reviewed the report presented by the Special Financial Reporting Committee. The recommendation is to get each District on the same format as the Multiple. The objective of the committee is to educate the Governors and show the Governors how to understand the financial reports.

Motion #09-10/04 M/S/P DG Kevin Walsh, 5M5 / Ivan Pollock, 5M10 to accept the report of the Financial Reporting Committee.

PDG Ken Harwick Introduced a guest speaker from the Department of Homeland Security who spoke about CERT, Community Emergency Response Team and how the Lions ALERT program could work in conjunction with the Department during emergency situations. This project was referred to the Service Activities Committee.

2012 – Convention bids: The Princeton Lions and the St. Louis Park Lions presented their bids to hold the 2012 convention. Further consideration on this item was referred to the Convention Committee.

The Sydney Pins have been distributed and the Districts will be charged \$1.40 per pin. The Governor Award Pins will also be billed at a charge of \$.53 each.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Exchange – Lion Jay Norby The Youth Exchange Camp is currently in progress and 4 of the 21 students attending introduced themselves. All attendees at the Council meeting were invited to the Youth Exchange banquet on Saturday evening.

Leadership Development – PDG Mary Ferleman September 12 will be the MERLO training in St. Cloud. In October we will have Vice District Governor training and we have a good program planned for our October training. Any time you need me, give me a call.

LEO Clubs – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Val Martindale PDG Jim has a report in your folders. It is hard for us to know exactly how many LEO's are out there because LCI does not have a way to track LEO's. Please have your District LEO people report to your Multiple Chair how many LEO clubs are in each District and how many kids are actually involved in these LEO clubs. All this is important because we have our LEO Forum coming up in October which will be in Camp Friendship in Annandale. There will be more information on this in the Multiple District Newsletter in September. Remember that this Forum is not just for LEO's. It is for any kid that you know that your club would like to sponsor.

Spring Point – Lion Larry Winner Thanks was expressed to the past Council as well as the current Council for recognizing the importance of the Spring Point project. Spring Point was formed to provide pig islet cells for infusion into the blood stream of type 1 diabetics. A complete report and a plan is included in your folders.

Constitution/By-Laws – PDG Bob Wharton The one goal for this year is to make sure that on line copies of the Constitution and By-Laws are up to date. We have passed several amendments over the last several years and PDG Wayne and myself are not certain that they are all in there, so we are going to take a look at that and get them all up to date. Remember that any proposed amendments have to be in for consideration at the March Council meeting.

Diabetes – PDG Tom Shinnick The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is entering it's 2<sup>nd</sup> year. We have 2 signed agreements, one with the Spring Point people and one with the University of Minnesota. The Dream Catcher award has been revised and is a beautiful award. It will be presented similar to the Helen Keller award.

Hearing and Service Dogs – PCC Frank Loken The Heel and Wheel fundraising walk is Saturday September 26. Unfortunately it is the same time as the USA/Canada Forum. I am sure that not all will attend the Forum, so please form some teams of 5 or more and come down and walk 1 mile, 3 miles, or run 5K. Not all of the members need to participate in the same walk. You will raise some money, you will have a lot of fun and you will help a lot of people who need a trained assistance dog.

LCIF – PCC Bert Nelson There are a lot of changes being made by Lions Club International. Your LCIF chairs should be appointed for a 3 year commitment. LCIF would like some continuity and the goal is to raise public awareness. Not just in Lions or in your District, but also out in the public. The overall goal of LCIF is to continue on with the success that we had with Campaign Sight First II. We do want to raise more funds, but we are not pushing that this year. We have received in MD5M over 4.2 million dollars in grant money from LCIF.

Honestly I don't think we have given that much to LCIF. Governors, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governors, we need your support.

Lions Hearing Foundation – Lion Marlene Martinek Our first meeting was on October 3 and one of the things discussed was the Starky account. We have raised over \$10,000.00 in salvage money from the collection of used hearing aids. One of the things that we are trying to do is to educate our trustees on how to use that money and to be proactive within their Districts to get the word out that we want used hearing aids. We will be using a newsletter to share information with the Trustees.

Long Range Planning – IPCC Deborah Harms I have received a copy of the Long Range Plan from PCC Bob Jechorek. Once I receive updates from the Program Chairs that are part of this plan I will be reviewing this plan with your Long Range Planning Chairs. I will have this ready for your approval at the March Council meeting. The current Long Range Plan will be sent to each of you. I am now ready to focus on updating the Convention Bid package. I have people that are ready to serve on this committee and we will start working on it. Those folks are PDG Robert Vokes, PDG Wayne Swanson, Bob Wharton, and Dudley Parsons. We are hoping that we will be back at the October Council meeting with a revised bid package.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank – DG Kevin Walsh The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank met on July 18<sup>th</sup> with all districts were represented. The Eye Banks fund's are in good shape, however Lions donations were down. August 27 – Sept 7 we will be looking for volunteers to staff the Eye Bank and Hearing Foundation booth at the Minnesota State Fair. The Lions Fall tours are October 17<sup>th</sup> with Donor Family Recognition on the 18<sup>th</sup>. October 31 will be Thanksgiving for Vision. Starting in January of 2010, we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eye Bank.

Extension/New Clubs – PID Maynard Rucks We are having a MERLO Team training session on September 12 in St. Cloud. We are also having Guiding Lion Training and my charge to you is that you have someone from your District come and take the Certified Guiding Lion training. They can act as mentors for clubs that are in trouble, they do not have to necessarily be a new club that they are going to be guiding. Every District has clubs that could use come guiding. Have your Extension people contact me if they want help. There are lots of materials available.

Membership/Retention – PCC Brian Sheehan CC Judy - PCC Brian is not able to be here today, but I would like to go on the record as thanking him for the great job that he did last night.

Orientation – PCC Bob Jechorek Thank you for appointing me to this position. I am very much looking forward to working with the District Chairs for the next few years. We have some major work to do in the area of Orientation. Each new club that is formed ought to have an orientation before the charter night of that club. Orientation is absolutely critical for membership and retention. I have a CD that has 4 different orientation programs on it, one of them is from the International Association which is really tremendous. I would be more than happy to travel to any of the Districts that would ask for help.

Political Liaison – DG Mike Appel The Political Liaison meeting was held this morning and there was no business other than a report by ID Debra Wasserman. ID Debra addressed the

change in the LCI policy regarding the reimbursement for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Spouse to attend International Conventions. This new policy allows \$500.00 travel for the Spouse. The DGE seminars cost approximately 4.5 million dollars to put on. ID Debra also reminded the Governors that when holding health care screenings that a registered health care professional should be in attendance. The Governors were also reminded to make certain that their Presidential and Leadership awards were sent in to CC Judy so that they can be reviewed on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Project New Hope – PDG Dale Johansen Thanks to the Governors for appointing me as Multiple Chair of Project New Hope. We have spent \$18,010.83 of the \$20,000 dollar grant. Wrist bands are available for you to purchase as well as a \$25.00 fund raising pin.

Public Relations – PDG Allen Bailey PDG Allen showed a card that was done by a club from a very small town that detailed all of the donations that they made and credited the organizations and businesses in the towns involved. This club has given out 1.2 million dollars since 1979. It was suggested that other clubs could use this as a model to use as a public relations tool.

2010 Convention Report – PDG Dale Johansen The rooms are \$75.00 through March 31. After April 1 they go to 120.00. The convention package is \$98.00 which includes 4 meals. There are entertaining speakers lined up and Shotgun Red for entertainment. Expect a great convention.

2009 International Convention – PDG Jack Hines – PDG Bob Wharton PDG Jack thanked the Committee and the Immediate PDG's for all of the help that they provided in putting on the convention. They have received many positive comments on the convention. PDG Bob mentioned that there were 495 volunteers that worked and were registered for the convention. There were probably another 2 to 3 hundred that volunteered that did not register for the convention. There are still some items left for sale including the banners that were used on the streets of Mpls. Please get the flyers in your news letters. Any remaining funds will go back to the Multiple.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – PID Maynard Rucks Everyone was encouraged to attend the Forum including the DG's 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's. It is great leadership training for the positions that you will be filling.

Youth Outreach, Peace Poster and Quest – PDG Jack Riordan PDG Jack has been working with Quest for 23 years. Most of the schools in the area are required that the students do some community service in order to graduate. I would suggest that one of your Lions work with the school and talk to the counselors and find out what we could do to better coordinate between the two. Peace Posters – If you went to International you were able to see all of the Peace Posters that were there. The rules for the Peace Poster contest are printed. They should start in September in order to get done by the deadlines. Quest – is going on it's 25<sup>th</sup> year and LCI is sort of rejuvenating itself with Quest and wants the kids to better get along with their parents and peers. We have got to get this program into the schools.

Legal Consultant – PDG Wayne Swanson The policy manual updates are completed. The Draft club articles of incorporation are completed and are now on the MD5M website. They have been pre approved by LCI legal so you don't need to send them to legal before sending them in to the Secretary of State. We have been working with the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation on the funds transfer from the Park Nicolet Foundation.

Protocol Advisor – PDG Robert Vokes The Protocol Advisor is primarily a resource. Are the flags set up correctly, how do you have people seated at the head table, what is the protocol that is to be used when you have a number of people to introduce etc. We also have to remember that Lions Clubs International is not specific to the Christian faith and that our prayers should be sensitive to that fact. I would like to be a resource to you in your District as well as to you in the Multiple.

Technology Operations – Lion Steve Wasserman Lion Steve has done a great deal of work in support of the MD5M directory and has taken the data and placed it on a CD. If you would like a copy of this CD, please contact Exec. Sec. Lion Bob. If you have Vista on your computer, it may take a very long time to get it on your computer. The website continues to be updated so check it out. The Governors were reminded that Braille service is available to all of them and that he would very much like to do it for every District.

PDG Bob Wharton explained the large trophy that was on display. This trophy was won by the Winona Cotter High School Band along with a check for \$500.00.

Motion #09-10/05 M/S/P DG Jim Arvidson, 5M9 / Darwin Mathwig, 5M2 to accept the reports.

## **GOVERNORS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Convention Committee – DG Jeannine Windels

Motion #09-10/06 M/S/P DG Jeannine Windels, 5M11 / Convention Committee to accept the bid from the Princeton Lions club for the 2012 to be held on April 27 – 29 at Grand Casino Hinckley.

## ***RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE HOST COMMITTEE OF THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION***

*Whereas*

*The 2009 International Convention in Minneapolis was very well organized and executed; and*

Whereas

*The Lions in MD5M have heard nothing but compliments, praise, and very positive feedback from the Lions who attended from throughout the world; and*

Whereas

*The leadership of the Host Committee inspired and motivated many Lions in MD5M to volunteer, helping to insure the success of the 2009 International Convention; and*

Whereas

*The Host Committee worked tirelessly for many months on behalf of the Lions of MD5M and the Lions throughout the world, resulting in one of the best International Conventions in recent history, representing our Multiple as one of the best,*

Now, Therefore,

*We, the 2009 – 2010 Council of Governors, on behalf of all of the Lions in MD5M give you our most profound thanks and appreciation for a JOB VERY WELL DONE!*

*Unanimously passed by the 2009 – 2010 MD5M Council of Governors. July 25, 2009*

Motion #09-10/07 M/S/P DG Jeannine Windels, 5M11 / Convention Committee to approve the resolution of thanks.

Service and Activities Committee – DG Clay O’Flanagan

Motion #09-10/08 M/S/P DG Clay O’Flanagan, 5M7 / Service and Activities Committee to instruct the Executive Secretary to purchase and bill to the Districts the cost for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors and Spouse badges as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors and Spouse Badges beginning with the year 2010 – 2011.

Motion #09-10/09 M/S/P DG Clay O’Flanagan, 5M7/ Service and Activities Committee to make the following recommendation.

It is the recommendation of the Service and Activities Committee that the District Governors continue to promote increased awareness of the ALERT program back at the District and the Club level. It is also recommended that ID Debra explore liability issues as they would relate to the CERT program and report back to us at the next Council of Governors Meeting.

Legal Committee – DG Kevin Walsh

Motion #09-10/10 M/S/P DG Kevin Walsh, 5M5 / Legal Committee to approve the updated policy manual.

Motion #09-10/11 M/S/P DG Kevin Walsh, 5M5 / Service and Activities Committee to request CC Judy to appoint an ad hoc committee to review the Policy manual and make certain that changes made do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws. Chair of this committee would be PDG Bob Wharton with members PCC Bob Jechorek and PDG Wayne Swanson.

Headquarters and Finance Committee – DG Ivan Pollock

Motion #09-10/12 M/S/P DG Ivan Pollock, 5M10 / Headquarters and Finance Committee to Dissolve the Financial Reporting Committee and thank them for their efforts.

Motion #09-10/13 M/S/P DG Ivan Pollock, 5M10 / Headquarters and Finance Committee to continue to use the United Prairie Bank in Spicer, Minnesota as our financial institution.

Motion #09-10/14 M/S/P DG Ivan Pollock, 5M10 / Headquarters and Finance Committee to accept the proposed budget as presented by Executive Secretary Bob Harms.

Our next meeting will be in Mahnomen on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion #09-10/15 M/S/P DG Clay O’Flanagan, 5M7 / DG Darwin Mathwig, 5M2 to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Lion Bob Harms  
MD5M Executive Secretary