

## **DISTRICT 5m-2 Cabinet Meeting**

**May 27, 2009**

### **Nay Nature Center Henderson, MN.**

Prior to the start of Meeting a very delicious pot luck supper was served by Cabinet Members whose name started "N-Z".

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Governor Rick Wagener, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. PID Maynard led us in song of MY Country.

**Roll Call:** Was taken by Secretary Lion Ken Farrell.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by DGE Darwin M, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jack W, M.C.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting and the Business meeting, as well as the special E-Mail approval minutes for the LCIF Grant were sent out with the notice for this meeting. One correction, on page 4 "Sergeant at Arms" levied several fines", Lion Braine stated that I used the wrong choice of words, he can't levy fines, it should be Fees!!. Are there any other corrections or additions? Motion to accept by PID Maynard R., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Duane J. M.C.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Dale O. had a hand out of his report for every one. The report showed income of \$62,998.50, expenses of \$36,513.36, and on the back side shows Chas Flow 7/1/2008 through 5/26/09 Total of \$63,833.99. All International & District Dues are paid and there is no out standing bills at this time. Motion by PDG Mike V, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Janet K, M.C.

### **Old Business:**

**Diabetes Foundation:** Lion Arne L reported that the application for 501c3 has been approved and is on file. Request have been sent in for several Dream Catcher Plaques and will be presented to clubs that qualify. Also have approved 2 camper-ships to Camp Needlepoint @ \$ 200.00 each, had several inquiries, but not finalized yet.

**LCI Grant Glencoe Grant:** PDG Bill C reported on the progress of the project (Remodeling of the old Middle School Building) to be a event center/community center, plus house the city offices, city library. The Grant application is for \$30,00.00. Total cost of the project has been reduced from \$6 million down to \$5.1 million, and the city council has given the approval to go ahead with the project.

**Multiple 2011:** DGE Darwin M started the report with ref. to the mid-winter report, where each club would be requested to contribute toward this convention, and several clubs have already done so. They will be kicking the convention activity up a notch starting at the Jungle Days Meeting. PID Maynard commented that we will be able to put on a good convention for a reasonable cost, and one of the reasons is because we were able to book so far in advanced.

**Mid-Winter Convention wrap-up:** Lion Joan B. reported that the saddle shoes, poodle skirts have been put away. After a full house at the Necrology Service, the lions of 5M-2 rocked and rolled Friday night away and were educated by great seminars and guest speakers the rest of the week end. The Zone 4 Mid-Winter

concluded that the 31<sup>st</sup> Mid-Winter Convention was a success, even with the major glitch of the cancellation of the “Whitesidewalls“. \*\* Final numbers were: 4449 registered guest with 5 cancellations = 444guest, 83 for Friday Night Supper, 98 for Lions Saturday Morning Breakfast with \$1.00 bounce back to Lions, 336 for Saturday Luncheon, 236 for Saturday Night Banquet, 226 for Sunday Brunch.\*\* Even with the loss of \$1,125.00 down payment to the Whitesidewalls, which we have not recouped nor have we heard a thing from their manager, Kathy Worke, the ending Mid-Winter budget was short \$295.96, which the District Treasury picked up.\*\* The Zone 4 Committee was a great group of Lions to work with, thanks also to the support staff, PDG Gordy A, PDG Mary F, PDG Mary S, PDG Mike & Lion Sue V, DGE Darwin & Lion Nancy M, and Gov. Rick.\*\* Lion Kevin and I have turned the books over to next year’s Co-Chairs, PDG Mike and Lion Sue Voss and look forward to next year’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Winter Convention.

Lions Lights on for Life: Governor Rick briefed the cabinet on what’s happening on Lions Lights On Project, we did order the static sticker’s for the back window of vehicles, plus some 3”x3” reminder sticker for the front wind shield. We did get \$750.00 matching Grant from LCIF to help with the cost.

### **New Business:**

Computers Updated: Lion Steve W. up dated the cabinet on the status of the two lap top computers that we now have. One is slightly older than the other and could have the memory updated with 1GB, for \$80.00, which is the maximum that could be added to it. The other possibly could be increased to 2GB, at a cost of about \$160.00. The 1GB would probably work, but would be a minimum. The problem with staying with the old stuff, is you end up with unsupported software/security packages etc. Lion Steve’s comment was if it was his personal choice he would go with new, instead of spending money on old. \*\* We now have two projector’s, and they are shuttled between the north and south parts of the District, where some people use their personal lap top. \*\* The question really comes down to should the District own a couple of lap top’s or force people to use their own personnel lap top’s? \*\* Lion Lori K. reported that the Projector’s & Lap Top’s have been used a lot, “New Officer Training, Membership Extension Workshop, etc.” so there has been a lot of use. \*\* There was a question & discussion regarding a new Microsoft Software coming out, and should we wait and see what it has before we decide? \*\* Question on what was the cost proposed for new ones at last meeting? (\$768 to \$920). PID Maynard R made a motion to up grade the newer Lap Top to 2 GB and hold off on the other until the fall cabinet meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Lyle H., discussion about loss of support for older machines and Motion states 2GB, may have to adjust to close to what the computer can be up graded to !! M.C.

New Club Updates: PID Maynard R. reported that we will not have a Campus Club, it has stalled, but Winsted we are about half way their. We have another meeting on Monday night.

Announcement: PDG Mary F. spoke on the up coming “Tiny Brandt Family Benefit” to be held on June 20, 2009. There is a \$2500.00 match, so we need to raise \$2500.00 to get this match. We need silent auction items to be donated. \*\* PDG Mel S. asked if the District could help in any way? Lion Dale O. pointed out that there is \$2500.00 in the Treasury from when PDG Tiny was to go to the International Convention and could not go do to health. Motion by Lion Steve W. to donate that \$2500.00 to the Brandt family, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Marlys M. M.C, PDG Bill C. reported on the Jungle Days program will be he in Glencoe on August 3, 2009, mailings will be going out soon.

I.D. Debra W. spoke on her role of being a I.D., and how nice it was to walk into the room this evening and see faces that they new. As a I.D. she also get to present awards. She presented a Leadership medal to Lion Larry Stangler and Lion Joan Blank, she also presented District Governor Rick with his Past District Governor Pin, but not to ware it until July because we don’t want him to think he is done yet!!.\*\* She made remarks regarding the Board Meetings and some of the decisions made by the board, one being a change made to cap the travel expense reimbursement of incoming Governor’s spouse @ \$500.00. She asked if anyone had any questions that

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she could answer.

PID Maynard R. Thanked every one that has volunteered to work at the International Convention, and it is still not to late sign up.

### **Region and Zone Chair Reports:**

**Region 1 - Lion Ron Dahlke:** Lion Ron called on the zone chairs.

Zone 2 Lion Allen Heidorn e-mailed his report. Zone 2 has 7 clubs, all are sending M&A's. There are 455 members, a net gain of 7 since February. All clubs have been involved in activities & fund raisers, such as pancake breakfasts/dinner/bloodmobiles etc.. Zone 2 clubs have made donations to local, district and international programs.

Zone 3 Lion Harry Klenke reported membership is 372 and the club's are working to increase this number. N.E.W. hosted the Spring Zone Meeting, with 65 Lions in attendance. All club's held many activities such as Clean up Days/ hosted Easter Egg Hunt/ held Fish Fry's/ Food Drive/ Steak Fry's for local school team. Lion Ron thanked the Zone Chairs for their reports. The Spring Zone Meetings were held with good attendance at each.. At this time Region 1 membership is up.. It is gratifying to see the number of activities that the club's are participating in, especially the number of unique fund-raisers.

**Region 2 - Lion Eunice Rucks:** Lion Eunice called on the zone chairs.

Zone 5 Lion Donna Wolter reported that the 9 club in zone5 are very active, and that she has competed her club visitations. Fund raisers included fish fry/ waffle, pancake & sausage breakfasts/dinner dance/refreshment & food stand/ wedding dances/ Lions mints/ cartridge recycling etc. Donations to Parade of Green/ city library/project New Hope/ Easter Egg Hunt/after prom parties/ Journey foe Service etc. International & District Dues are paid. Zone 5 membership is up 23.

Zone 6 Lion Steve Wasserman reported membership in zone 6 is at 275, a gain of 2 members. The Spring Zone meeting was held April 7 at Montgomery, with all clubs in attendance. All clubs have been active, reporting service projects including highway cleanups/unloading food shelf trucks/ collecting books for library in Africa/ donating to Leader Dog and giving scholarships.

Lion Eunice thanked all the clubs in the zone for their service projects and fundraisers. She commented on the new M&A's for next year, as well as the need to file the 990-N after June 30, 2009. Also to make sure your club is incorporated, any questions please contact her.

**Region 3 -Lion Lyle Hinz:** Lion Lyle called on the zone chairs.

Zone 7 Lion Donna Day reported the 7 clubs have a membership of 191. There are two clubs not reporting on a regular basis. Zone 7 meeting was April 28<sup>th</sup>, with all clubs in attendance but one. The three Mankato Clubs joined together in a few fund raiser projects, the other clubs have had several fund raising projects and helped with community activities/projects. Several clubs are getting ready for their summer programs. The Mankato Sunrise Club will be celebrating 25 years of service on July 16, 2009.

Zone 8 Lion Larry Stangler reported that the Spring Zone meeting was well attended by all 6 clubs. He commented he was hearing of club activities, but they were not included on their M&A's, so he encouraged the secretaries to be sure to list all activities. Membership in zone 8 is 212.

Zone 9 Lion Bill Bowman reported zone 9 membership is at 247. The Wells Club hosted the Zone 9 Meeting. All the clubs are active with community and high school project/ collecting eye glasses/ delivering Meals on Wheel/ held silent auction for fund raiser.

Lion Lyle reported that Region 3 membership is at 642. The fall Region meeting was held September 9, 2009. We had two snowstorms out of the three zone meetings in the fall, but the spring zone meetings did not have rain or snow storms. All clubs are at work with their various projects and activities.

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## **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Computer & Technology Support:** Co-Chairs Lion's Steve W. & Lori K. reported. Computer Technology Support has been busy maintaining the website, assisting with development of new M&A for upcoming year, and answering questions as they come in. The projectors and laptops have been used this spring for New Officer Training, the Global Membership Team Extension Workshop, and by DGE Darwin for Region and Zone Chair Training, as well as for various club functions.

**Constitution & By Laws:** PDG Wayne N. e-mailed his report, stating that the 5M-2 Constitution and By Laws have been updated with the changes that were made at the Mid-Winter Convention. Thanks to Lion Lori Klein for her help with the updates and putting them on a disc. The 5M-2 Web Site will also have an updated version for access by our members. \*\* The resolutions passed at the MD5M Convention do not effect our Constitution and By Laws. The proposal to increase dues for additional funds for MD5M Convention Fund was defeated.

**Conventions/USA Canada Forum:** PDG Mary S. reported, Multiple Convention, Bloomington - May 1-3, 2009/ International Convention, Minneapolis - July 6-10, 2009/USA-Canada Forum, Memphis, TN - September 24-25.\*\* I attended six zone meetings and focused the message on the upcoming conventions. \*\*International Convention: this will be a lifetime opportunity for many of us to attend an International Convention.. I recommended that each of us check [WWW.lionsclub.org](http://WWW.lionsclub.org) to retrieve information about registration, parade, volunteering and all scheduling. Some mailings have been sent to clubs and it is my understanding that the 5M Committee will be sending more: there is also the website [WWW.2009LionsConvention.org](http://WWW.2009LionsConvention.org).

**Diabetes:** Co-Chairs Lion' Arne L. & Roger S. - see report above, under Diabetes Foundation.

**District Activities:** Lion Nancy M. reported there were more than 40 First Timers at the Mid-Winter, with 6 participating in the contest. The contest was changed some this year to include Lion's information. First place with 164 signatures, registration and all meal package for the 2010 Mid-Winter convention, went to Lion Cathy Elke of the Carver Lions. Second place with 139 signatures and her registration paid to the 2010 Mid-Winter convention went to Lion Maxine Daly of the Minnesota Lake Lions. The remaining 4 participants each received a stuffed Lion. \*\* Memorial Service was well attended. We remembered 23 Lions who passed away between January 2008 - January 2009. \*\* As of today we have 48 Women in Lions pins left, 24 2008/09 Bird pins and 60 2009 Snowman pins. The 2010 Snowman pins will be available at the September Region meetings. The 2009/2010 bird pins will be ordered next week.

**Hearing/ Service Dog:** Co-Chair Lion's Deborah K & Charlie K., Lion Deborah has given 3 club presentations. \*\* HSDM has signed a purchase agreement on 4 acre property in New Hope. This will provide increased office and training space, and will house up to 40 dogs in training. \*\* 13 assistance dogs and their human partners graduated on May 16. \*\* Lion Charlie didn't make any zone meetings do to conflicts, but did attend the Mid-Winter.

**Historian:** Lion Ken F. reported he reviewed the list of International Presidential Awards/ International Leadership Award Recipients listed in the Multiple 5M Directory, where the whole Multiple is listed together. I decided to break out the names of the 5M-2 recipients for our 5M-2 History files.

**Journey for Service:** Lion Jack W. reported that they traveled 2 1/2 days and had 100% participation from all the clubs in the District. Collected \$15,344.00. (Governor Rick presented Lion Jack with a T-Shirt, that said "Where the HE\_\_ are we ??).

**LCIF:** : PDG Gordy A. reported 5M-2 has a couple of LCIF grants that will be applied for in the near future. One is for Glencoe Lions, and the Plato Lions, are working on one. As far as I know nether one has come to the Grant Stage.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind:** Co-Chair Lion's Shirley H. & Joan B. Reported that Lion Shirley gave presentations to 4 clubs since the Mid-Winter.\*\* They received \$8,958.00 from the Parade of Green, \$533.00 from Quarter Savers and Tail-twisting at Mid-Winter. They also collected \$367 at the Region and Zone meetings.\*\* From the

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information they have, 5 clubs did the 70 for 70 Programs. There may be clubs that sent their money directly to Leader Dogs for the Blind. \*\* Plan on sending e-mails to all clubs informing them of the Founder's Tribute and the 70 for 70 pin award, and to remind those clubs have not contributed to Leader Dogs for the Blind at this time.

Liberty Day: Lion Duane J. reported that the Hutchinson Lions sponsored a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Liberty Day program at the Hutchinson Elementary, with city Attorney Marc Sebor schooling the students. Also the Lafayette Lions sponsored a Liberty Day for the Charter School. He met with 3 Lions clubs and gave presentations. He attended all but one spring zone meeting.

Lion MD5M Hearing Foundation: Co- Chairs PDG Mike V & Lion Sue B. reported that they were pleased with the donations from Mid-Winter, with 90% of the clubs contributing. \*\* We continue to collect used hearing aids which are then processed at Starkey Labs. The useable hearing aids are refurbished and sold at a very reasonable price. The rest are salvaged for parts by Starkey staff. Each district has an account with Starkey and the fund earned from the salvaged aids are credited to the account. We will get a list of available refurbished hearing aids and available funds for use in our district. \*\* We gave brief reports at the Spring Zone meetings; have responded to several clubs requests for Hearing Foundation programs, and attended the Multiple Convention. The Foundation will have a booth at the International Convention and 5M-2 will host it on Wednesday afternoon. They will also be collecting hearing aids at the convention.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom F. reported he continues to encourage Lions to make a 5-year plan. This plan should include both their personal life and where they will be as a Lion in 5 years. He is also working with clubs and encouraging them to write a 5 year plan. \*\* The MD5M long range plan is currently being updated, but not completed.

Mid-Winter Convention: Co-Chairs Lion's Kevin & Joan B. (See Joan's report above)

MN Lions Eye Bank/Children's Eye Clinic/MAC Center: Co-Chair PDG Marlys M & Lion Jean D. reported they attended the Region and Zone meetings, as well as also had club visitations. \*\* The 10,000 Signatures for Sight Campaign continues until the end of June. Something special is in the works at the International Convention to culminate the campaign. \*\* The MN Lions Eye Bank has recently distributed their 20,000 cornea for transplant use in the history of our Eye Bank. \*\* The MN Lions Eye Bank has been contacted by the Veterans Administration for retina service to begin in July 2009. \*\* The Eye Bank will have a booth at the International Convention. The MLEB will also be having tours on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Buses will be leaving from the Convention Center every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \*\* The MLEB & Hearing Foundation will be having a booth at the MN. State Fair this year. If interested in working a shift please let Lion Jean or PDG Marlys know. The date is Aug. 28, 2009. \*\* The All-Star Baseball games are scheduled for June 18 - 20<sup>th</sup> @ Chaska Ball Park. This is a great Fund Raiser for the Children's Eye Clinic.

MT Leadership Development: Lion Brian T. reported the new officer training was held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with 109 people attending. This year we had a new session on Cabinet Membership which was well received and attended. Thanks to PDG's Larry & Marlys Meskan and PID Maynard Rucks for answering questions during the cabinet training session. A special thank you also goes out to all presenters who took the time to make the training session valuable for all who attended. One item considered for next year is a training session for the membership committee.

MT Membership: Lion Sandy S. e-mailed her report, due to a majority of clubs not being interested in listening to a uplifting presentation about membership and such. \*\* I have not had any luck in giving any presentations at any clubs this year. Lion Jim Spille should be commended for his tremendous efforts in the retention position, as he has done a much better job than I! I do think that going forward that the membership/retention position should be combined, but that is just my two cents.

MT Extension: PID Maynard R. reported we will not have a Campus club this year. Winsted is about half way

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there. We have a meeting Monday night and hope to get it started in June.

MT Retention: Lion Jim S. sent his report stating the Lion Sandy B and he formed an alliance whereby we can support each others presentation. \*\*He attended all three Region Meetings and plan to attend most of the Zone Meetings.\*\* I have had only one club presentation but have offered my presentation to all clubs. The Merlo team has not met again this year.

MT Orientation: PDG Lowell P. sent his report stating he finished the year with two good presentations to two very good clubs. He visited Jordan Lions and NYA Lions. Both clubs were very receptive, very cordial, and lots of fun.

Newsletter: PDG Bill C. reported the Governors newsletter is doing very well. Most of you are receiving it by e-mail. We still have over 500 receiving it by mail and a lot of clubs still are receiving it for their entire club. \*\*Club's are sending photos and should send them by e-mail or send the original photos to be used. \*\* His new e-mail address is [wfcurtis@embarqmail.com](mailto:wfcurtis@embarqmail.com).

Public Relations/Protocol: Lion Paul S. reported on Memorial day is the official beginning of the summer season of community celebrations. Lions clubs participating in these community events should be sure to publicize Lions activities with pictures and brief caption in their local newspapers to show what Lions do for their town.\*\* The same is true for Lions Clubs that give scholarships to their graduating high school seniors. Recognition of the recipient's educational aspirations and the support the Lions scholarships provide should be mentioned at the graduation ceremony and publicized in the local newspaper. \*\* Many Lions Clubs are participating in the Dictionary project again this year. A photograph of Lions members presenting the dictionaries to students is great photo opportunity. Invite your newspaper people to the event. \*\*Lights on for Life is a continuing project of DG Rick. Thank you to the committee members and Lions that have helped promote the project. We received three bids for window stickers and chose the least expensive. We have ordered 5000 static cling strips and window reminders at a cost of about \$1350. We have over half of our budget left. The window stickers will be distributed to Lions Clubs. T-Shirts with the LLOF Logo can be ordered from Lion Shellie Guenther in Lester Prairie for \$15. \$2.50 of that will go to the LLOF project.

Write OFF- Competition: Lion Jim S. sent his report, The write-off Project has been completed for the current year. At this point I have nothing further to report since I have no information as to what the District plans to do with the project.

Youth Outreach: Peace Poster: Co-Chair Lion's Janet K & Sheila S. reported on the Peace Poster Theme for 2008 was "Peace Begins with Me". The 2008 Poster winner from 5M-2 was Trevor from Ellendale. Trevor was awarded a plaque and \$100.00 from 5M-2. \*\* The theme for 2009 is "The Power of Peace". The kits are available for \$9.95.\*\* The best way for Lions Clubs to become involved in Peace Poster Contest is by appointing a chairman and asking school art teachers in the spring if they would like to participate in Lions Peace Poster contest. Art teachers are planning their fall classes and can include the Poster Contest in their curriculum. Inform the teacher of the rules, conditions, and deadlines. Occasional reminders are a good idea to check on the students progress for competing on time.\*\* If there is more than one school participating, each club may submit One poster from each school. Often times there may be public and parochial schools each submitting posters. The deadline for the contest is November 15, 2009.\*\* Remember to check the posters for accurate dimensions. \*\* Letters will be going out to the club Presidents & Secretaries informing them of the Peace Poster Contest. The Contest is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the students in the community and give them a chance to show what peace means to them.\*\* Lion Janet went to Ellendale Lions on May 18<sup>th</sup> and presented Trevor Tracy with the check for his winning the Contest.

Youth Outreach: Quest: Co-Chair Lion's Mike & Cathy W. reported they have a teacher training set for August 24&25, 2009. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 601 2<sup>nd</sup> St. E, Waconia in the Fireside room. So far we have 25 teachers and staff signed up. We have two more schools that are completing

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applications. We anticipate 6 to 8 from those schools, plus a possible one from down near Webster. That would bring the class up to 33 to 35, which leaves only 1 spot left for a full class. \*\* We are pleased to see that Lions

seem to be stressing youth programs more lately. The youth of today will be Lions of tomorrow, and they will be great if they are trained by teachers that we have trained, because we are the master servers.

All detailed reports are on file with the Cabinet Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Ken Farrell - 5M-2 Cabinet Secretary