

**Minutes of Multiple District 5 – Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn – Minot, ND
August 21&22, 2009**

Introductions of the whole council, partners and guests were done and a short review of the weekend of activities was given. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by CC Duane Zwinger with the following members present: CS/T PCC Brand, PID Schwartz, PID Davis, PID Hansen, PCC Ziegler, PDG Schley, PCC Grossman, PDG Froemming, PDG Phillips, PDG K. Gifford, PDG C. Iversen, PDG C. Wollenburg, PDG G. Andrew, DG Madill, DG Cook, DG Ewles, DG Waldron, DG Ruff, DG Westlund, DG Grimmond, DG Scheller, PDG K. Vannett, PDG G. Pretli, VDG Hildebrand, VDG Reid, VDG Hill, VDG Littlefield, VDG Charles, VDG Becker, VDG P. Vannett, VDG Adrian, VDG Burkhead, 2nd Vice: Louise Schley, David Gibson, Steve Johnson, Duane Schatz, and Lions Maureen Meston-Pockett and Deb Michels.

CC Zwinger welcomed the council. He expressed that it is your council and he believes in communication between the members. MD5 council is in transition; working with redistricting. He welcomed the second vice district governors for their training and now we have district teams of District Governors, Vice District Governors, and Second Vice District Governors. Mentor/MERL program will be presented to the council on Saturday morning. This years International theme is “Move to Grow”.

Additions to the Agenda:

Items to add to the agenda are:

Campus Club Dues, Rookie Lion Award, 2010-2013 MD5--YE Opening, MD5 Pins, MD5 Cabinet Sec/Treas Training, Leader Dog, MD5 Web Site, LOFY.

Correspondence

- From LCI-- regarding cancelled charter of Edam/Vawn and District Lions Club, 5CN
- From LCI-- regarding cancelled charter of Lake Andes Lions Club, 5SW
- From LCI-- regarding cancelled charter of Marion Lions Club, 5SE
- From LCI-- regarding a notice and application form for the Senior Lions Leadership Institute to be held November 12-15, 2009
- From LCI-- sending congratulations to the Saskatoon Lions Band receiving 2nd place of \$324 at the Minneapolis Convention in the Precision Demonstration Unit Contest.
- Thank you note from the Saskatoon Lions Community band for our financial support and assistance and they were proud to represent us.
- From LCI-- regarding the MERL Team Coordinator application of PID Garnet Davis

Announcements

- Mike and Barb will not be present at the November 20 & 21, 2009 meeting. Their son, Matt, will be getting married in Florida that weekend. PDG George Pretli will fill in for Secretary/Treasurer Mike. S/T Mike will make all hotel and other arrangements for the meeting.
If a room is needed other than Friday or Saturday, please advise S/T Mike before November 1st.

**Committee Assignments:
Note Attachment**

Long Range Planning Change

Motion by DG K. Vannett, seconded by DG Cook to accept PCC Tinker's resignation from the Long Range Planning Committee as Chair. **Motion carried.**

Motion by DG Westlund, seconded by DG Ewles to accept CC Zwinger's appointment of PCC Dale Ekstrom as the Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee for the 2009-2010 year. **Motion carried.**

Long Range Planning—Redistricting

- Two years in the works for redistricting
- August 15th was the deadline for the proposal to be sent to LCI by courier
- It is in two parts, with maps and charts, and a statement of what we are trying to accomplish in redistricting
- At the end of the report, there is documentation of certified minutes and statements from each of the nine sub districts of the multiple districts.
- The \$500 redistricting fee is being waved.
- Important: all club accounts in the Multiple District 5 must not have any outstanding balances past 90 days.
- District Governors are to make sure that their clubs are current with any outstanding balances with LCI.
- The council agreed that the redistricting copy will be recopied and given to all the District Governors. There is the possibility that this document may be posted on the MD5 website.

MD5 Youth Exchange Opening for 2010 to 2013

MD5 will be announcing the following opening for the year 2010 thru 2013; Youth Exchange Chairperson. Notices will go out to the MD5 Lions papers with a deadline of March 15, 2010. An application and job description can be obtained from MD5 Secretary/Treasurer Mike Brand.

Minot 2009 MD5 Convention

See attachment

The convention made a profit of \$5600 and also a return of the \$2000 advance that was given to them as start up funds. The council extends a BIG THANK YOU to Chairperson Lion Deb Michels and the Minot --- (Zone 3) area Lions Clubs.

Adoption of the MD5 Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manuals for 2009-10

Each member of the MD5 Council was presented with a CD disc. On this disc is the newly revised 2009-2010 Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy Manuals. These can also be found on the MD5 website. (md5lions.net)

Web Site (md5lions.net)

- Web master is Lion Bill Jockheck from Redfield, SD
- Any suggestions to improve the site will be appreciated

- The site is improving monthly
- Downloading of certain items can be done
- MD5 updated and complete history is hoped to be on the site in the near future.
- Council minutes will be going onto the site like it was in the past.

Special thanks to PDG Phillips for incorporating the changes from last years' council.

Authorization of Bank for MD5 Funds

Secretary Brand gave an overview of the funds that MD5 has. At this time Secretary Brand stated that all MD5 checking and investments—(CD's) are in Bank Forward in Valley City, North Dakota. PDG C. Wollenburg moved, second by PDG Andrew to accept the bank report.

Motion carried.

2008-2009 Year Ending Financial Statement, June 30, 2009

Secretary Brand went over the statement with the council. A motion was made by DG J Ruff, seconded by PDG Andrew to approve the financial statement and place on file. **Motion carried.**

2008-2009 Review

CPA James Lochow provided the Council with the year ending figures in the annual review. After discussion a motion was made by DG Waldron and a second by D. Scheller to accept the Review. **Motion Carried.**

Appointment of International Liaison Committee for 2009-2010

CC Zwinger has appointed PID Schwartz, PID Davis, and PID Hansen to serve on the International Liaison Committee for 2009-2010 along with the council chairman.

Approval of June 4 and 6, 2009 Minutes (Minot Convention)

CC Zwinger asked the Council if there were any questions on the June 4 & 6 Minutes. CC Zwinger than stated with there being no objections the minutes stand approved as printed.

MD5 Youth Exchange- (Deadwood, S. Dakota) Camp 2009—

Congratulations to the Camp Chairperson PDG Neil Vollmer and his staff for running a very successful Camp. PDG Ken Gifford and MD5 Youth Exchange Chair PDG George Pretli gave a report. A Motion was made by PDG Gifford, seconded by DG Cook to accept the report. **Motion carried.**

See Attachment for Final Report

Council Chairman to Conventions and District Conventions

The Council Chair will attend the North Dakota Convention in Mandan, ND, South Dakota Convention in Mitchell, SD, and the District Conventions in CN & CA—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and CE & CW in Regina, Saskatchewan. District Governors are to send a request for our Council Chairman to be at their convention. **Reminder----**As stated in MD5 Policy Manual-----**The Convention hosting district is to pay for the registration and hotel bill for the visiting CC and his spouse. The Multiple District is responsible for the mileage to the Convention.**

Lions Opportunity for Youth (LOFY)

See Attachment

MD5 Pin

A copy of the Seattle pin was circulated to the council. PDG Joan Moore needs the number of pins each district wishes to order by the next meeting. District Governors please work with your pin chair.

2009 Minneapolis International Convention

- 70 marched in the parade as number 15 along with the Saskatoon Lions Community Band
- 107 registered delegates attended the convention from MD5
- The Saskatoon Lions Community Band placed 2nd in the Division I, Precision Demonstration Units contest
- The Beach Boys were awesome!!

2010 MD5 Saskatoon Convention

Lion Wayne Chophonis will be chairing the 2010 MD5 Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Convention Chairs will be invited to present a final report of all convention preparations at the November Council meeting.

MD5 2011 Convention June 8-11, 2011

Hotel headquarters will be at "The Lodge at Deadwood" in Deadwood SD.

5SW—Zone 5 will combine in hosting the Convention.

Price of the hotel rooms are booked at \$129.00 US a night.

Co Chairperson for the Convention will be PDG Ken Gifford and VDG Dave Gibson.

The working Committees are being put together at this time.

An update -----on progress will come at each Council meeting.

MD5 2015 Convention

A presentation will be made in November---- of the location of this Convention.

MD5 Rookie Lion Pin

Secretary/ Treasurer Brand has the Rookie Lions Pins on hand. Each District Governor is to contact him when they need pins and certificates. The criteria for this award can be found on the MD5 website. District Governors are to send Secretary/Treasurer Brand the Rookie Lions Recipient's name, Date received, Club, District and City/Town, and State/ Province at any time they have a Lion qualified to receive the award.

Secretary Brand presented to PDG Gifford two Rookie Lions Certificates and pins for Noreen and Matt Jones of the Rapid City Downtown Lions Club. A certificate for supporter was presented to Dave Gibson for sponsoring these two Lions.

Long Range Planning – PCC Ekstrom

Lions present: ID's Bruce Schwartz and Garnet Davis; Council Chair Duane Zwinger; Council Secretary Mike Brand; IPDG's Craig Wollenburg, Ken Gifford and Gladi Andrew; and PCC Dale Ekstrom.

Members of the committee were asked to suggest topics or tasks for the committee to address this year. After some discussion, by consensus, the group decided that updating the MD5 Constitution and By-laws to align with the proposed redistricting plan under consideration by Lions Clubs International. IPDG Gifford was asked to review the current MD5 Constitution with his committee and bring recommendations forward at the November Council of Governors meeting.

Some discussion ensued regarding evaluating the newly created Mentoring Plan implemented this year. This group agreed that the previous issue was enough of a workload to accomplish this year.

Campus Club Dues

Motion by DG J. Ruff, seconded by DG R. Ewles, that we (MD5) waive the membership dues owed to MD5 for the 2009-10 by campus clubs. **Motion carried.**

Leader Dog

DG Cook was wondering why two Saskatchewan governors were invited to Leader Dog in Rochester, Michigan instead of all four governors as has been in the past. DG Cook expressed his disappointment that the communication was very poor as to why they were not going to be invited to the Leader Dog School. DG Cook said they were told that due to budget cuts that some trips had to be eliminated. DG Ewles stated that probably the Leader Dog School would no longer invite the Canadian Governors because 98% of their donations go to Lions Foundation of Canada/Guide Dogs with very few supporting the Leader Dog program. DG Ewles said that due to the way the economy is, they could see it coming. DG Cook expressed that a letter explaining should have been in order.

Public Relations Grant

CC Zwinger led the discussion in the applying for a district and multiple district grant for public relations.

- Newman Signs—a billboard contract for a year is \$10,000 for minimum of 3 years
- MD5 can apply for a grant for \$20,000, no matching, no signing, just need an acceptable plan
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Motion was made by DG K. Vannett, and seconded PDG Andrew that we as a Multiple District apply for the \$20,000 public relation grant provided by LCI. **Motion carried.**

The district governors are to email to PDG Andrew their ideas and then she will put together the info for the grant.

MD5 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Training (Council 3rd Meeting)

A district governor expressed to the council that could the council secretary/treasurer training be more efficiently presented. Could this training be put on a CD Rom as the teaching device for those people who will be cabinet secretary/treasurers instead of a three trip to Minot? A motion by DG Grimmond, seconded by DG Waldron was made to have the Administrative Committee (PDG K. Gifford---Chair) investigate how MD5 can develop a better training for the incoming

District cabinet secretary/treasurers. This is to be presented at the November meeting. **Motion carried.**

Liaison Report – PID Schwartz

- PID Schwartz requested that the VDG's get him the dates and location for their 2010-2011 conventions so that he may begin scheduling speakers
- Each sitting District Governor is to **immediately** fill out the speaker request form , from LCI, asking for your specific speaker that has been assigned to your convention for the 2009-2010 year.. ****No request form sent in***no speaker!** This request can also be requested On Line.

Directory of Convention Speakers

5SW Rally	October 3-4, 2009	Hill City, SD	PID David Stoufer
5CE/CW	October 23-24, 2009	Regina, SK	ID Richard Sawyer
ND State	October 30-31, 2009	Mandan, ND	ID Arthur Mason
5SE Forum	November 14, 2009	Sioux Falls	
SD State	January 29-30, 2010	Mitchell, SD	ID Douglas Lozier
5CN/CA	February 12-14, 2010	Saskatoon, SK	ID Jerimiah Myers
5NE Forum	April 10, 2010	Valley City, ND	PID Maynard Rucks
5NC Forum	April 10, 2010	Washburn, ND	PID John Rabideau
5NW Forum	April 17, 2010	Dickinson, ND	
MD5 Conv.	June 3-5, 2010	Saskatoon, SK	ID Debra Wasserman

Awards

District Governors were reminded to place the names, of the Lions, in their Districts they feel are deserving, to receive the Presidential Award, Leadership Award and the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation. Three---Presidential Certificates of Appreciation may be presented at your District Convention or Conference. Makes sure all documentation accompanied the recommendation. ******** Note the deadlines for this request. ******** Send all applications to PID Schwartz.

All materials were handed out to the District Governors at this time.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT FOR 2009

The seventh Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute was held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa on July 17 – 19, 2009. A total of 68 Lions participated in the Institute. This included 27 from Iowa, 11 from Nebraska, 8 from Kansas, 13 from MD-5 (6 from ND, 3 from Sask. and 4 from SD), and 9 from Missouri.

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PID Lloyd H. Hansen

Final Reports

Organization and Finance—PDG Gifford

Members Present – PDG Ken Gifford, Chairperson, 5SW District Governor Doug Scheller, 5CN District Governor Ron Ewles, 5CW District Governor Gordon Waldron. Others present – S/T PCC Mike Brand.

8/21/09 -The committee met at 9:00 p.m. in a joint meeting with the Membership & Leadership committee. The purpose was to bring both committees up-to-date with the current financial situation, in particular as it pertained to the funding of the MERL/Mentor program for the 2009-10 fiscal years. Input was received from both committees with suggested options for consideration.

Following the joint meeting the Administration & Finance committee met with the goal of putting together a balanced budget which would be presented to the Council the next morning. Following much discussion and scrutiny a tentative budget was put into place.

8-22-09 – The Administration & Finance Committee reconvened at 8:30 a.m. All members were present. The purpose for the meeting was to finalize a preliminary budget for presentation to the Council. A balanced budget was achieved thanks to the successful MD5 Convention held in June in Minot. This convention returned an excess of \$7,400 to the Council’s budget. This budget was then presented to the Council by Chairman Ken. Following a series of Q&A, the preliminary budget was approved. It should be noted that the budget will now be reviewed, modified if necessary and brought to the Council in November for final approval.

The committee received a concern which was raised during the Council meeting regarding the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer training. The concern revolved around the fact that the training actually took only about an hour and yet the cabinet secretaries had to take 2-3 days from their schedules to attend the training session. It was requested that the training process be reviewed and a recommendation be brought back to the Council for official action.

A motion by DG Ewles and seconded by DG Vannett to accept the report as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Service and Public Relations--PDG Andrew

- MD5 Youth Camp - reported presented by Lion G. Pretli
- Youth Exchange - report presented by Lion G. Pretli
- MD5 Pin Trader - report presented by Lion Joan Moore
- LOFY - report presented by Lion Maureen Pocket
(Includes Peace Posters to be handed in to Lion Maureen at the November Council meeting.
- MD5 Convention – hosted in Saskatoon. Convention Committees are working on arrangements. **Final presentation will be made at the November mtg.**
- Rookie Award information promoted by DG, information also available on the MD website.
- MD5 Club of the Year Contest, MD5 Club Newsletter Contest, MD5 Club Scrapbook Contests, MD5 Club Web Site Contest, and MD5 Environmental Photo Contest information will be published in the Lions newspapers and on MD5 website. (MD5lions.net)
- The Service and P/R Committee met and discussed the \$20,000.00 MD Grant available. DGs will submit suggestions and will forward an application to LCI.

PDG Pretli has presented an idea—(Awards) to honor Lions, and Clubs that have done a tremendous amount of work with MD5 Youth Exchange/Camp programs over the years. More information will be forth coming.

A motion by DG Westlund seconded by DG Scheller to accept the report as presented. **Motion carried.**

Membership & Leadership Committee Report—PDG Wollenburg

In attendance along with members of the committee were:

PDG Joan Marlette, IPDG Cindy Iverson, PID Garnett Davis, CC Duane Zwinger, CS Mike Brand, Members of the Finance Committee, and several of the VDG's and VDG Elects.

The main topic of discussion was the MERL conference and the new Mentor program. The Finance Committee was in attendance because of questions they had regarding the cost of the

program. When they had their questions answered they excused themselves and we continued with our discussion of the program.

I asked PDG Joan and IPDG Cindy to attend the meeting. PDG Joan was instrumental in its development and IPDG Cindy served on last years Leadership, Extension, and Membership committee and is one of the mentors. They along with PID Garnet answered questions regarding the implementation of the program, costs to the districts, and the mentor's responsibilities. PID Garnet spent a great deal of time discussing the goals of the program and the relationship of the mentors with the districts, responsibilities of the mentors, lines of communication, and how the program will dovetail into the Global Membership Program. He also gave us background on membership trends in the multiple district and why things were not working in the past. He also explained what his role would be as the Mentor Coordinator.

Any time there is change there is uncertainty and much of the concern regarding this new concept was just that. PID Garnet went a long way toward relieving the uneasiness regarding the new program. PDG Joan and IPDG Cindy also helped us answer many of the questions dealing with the "nuts and bolts" of the program. Many times we receive reports regarding actions taken and decisions made and we are left asking the age old question "what were you thinking"? This meeting and these discussions went along way towards answering that very question. Thank you PID Garnet, PDG Joan, and IPDG Cindy for taking the time to meet with us and showing a great deal of patience while answering our questions.

Discussion was also held regarding VDG Governor training for the coming year, the MERL conference for next year, sending out a questionnaire after the MERL conference, and a review of the election process for CC if LCI does approve the re-districting plan.

The committee's recommendation is to approve the Mentor/MERL budget and also the program as presented –with the mentors staying with it for 3 years.

DG Cook made a motion, seconded by DG Grimmond to accept the report. **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned

Remaining ---- 2009-2010 Council Meeting Dates

November 20-21, 2009 ---Minot, ND

March 26-27, 2010 ----- Minot, ND

June 3-5, 2010 ---- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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2009-2010

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

SERVICE and PUBLIC RELATIONS

Gladi Andrew, Chairperson Advisor---- PID Schwartz
James Ruff, 5NC
Kevin Vannett, 5NW
Doug Madill, 5CA

ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE

Ken Gifford, Chairperson Advisor---- PID Hansen
Ron Ewles, 5CN
Doug Scheller, 5SW
Gordon Waldron, 5CW

LEADERSHIP, EXTENSION and MEMBERSHIP

Craig Wollenburg, Chairperson Advisor ---- PID Davis
Wayne Westlund, 5NE
Tom Grimmond, 5SE
Al Cook, 5CE

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dale Ekstrom (PCC), Chairperson
Mike Brand (Sec/Trea)
Duane Zwinger (CC)
Bruce Schwartz, Lloyd Hansen, Garnet Davis (PID's)
Gladi Andrew, Ken Gifford, Craig Wollenburg (REPS)

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MD 5 Lions Opportunities for Youth (LOFY) – M. Pockett

As I begin my second year as L.O.F.Y. chairperson I look forward to the challenges of expanding my knowledge of the peace poster program and the other youth programs of MD5.

District Governors, if you have not done so as of now, please encourage your clubs to order their peace poster kits as soon as possible. The earlier the clubs receive them the sooner the children can get started on the posters. Last year we had several groups that could not meet the deadline due to late starts and were not able to participate.

District Governors are reminded that the **winning District posters are to be submitted to MD5 LOFY Chairperson not later than the November 2009 council meeting in Minot.** Please ensure that your clubs get them into you in time to meet the revised deadline.

In addition to the Peace Poster contest I would like to compile a list of all the youth programs being conducted in each of the clubs and districts of MD5. I have asked each of the District Governors to provide me with a brief report on these activities within each of their districts. Once I have collected all the information it is my intention to share it with all the members of council.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the contest or any matters relating to the Lions Opportunities for Youth programs.

MD5 Youth Exchange Report

PDG George Pretli

The 2008 – 2009 Lions year has come to an end and the Youth Exchange met a number of goals that were set in the beginning of the year. We had successful exchange program with Australia, Peru, Italy and Japan in the Family only stay program. We sent a number of youth overseas this past summer to Brazil, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Switzerland, Ireland, Romania and Mongolia.

The 2009 Lions Paha Sapa Youth Camp in Deadwood, South Dakota was a great success with 42 youth in attendance from all over the world. We had 11 countries represented which included the USA and Canada. We had a great representation from Multiple District 5 with seven of the nine Districts sending a youth. I would like to add that all the youth were perfect representatives of their respective country and they were truly great young adults.

The 2009 Camp Committee did a great job in putting on the Camp and it was through their hard work that the Camp was a success. The 2009 Camp Committee was PDG Lion Neil Vollmer – Camp Coordinator, PDG Lion Ted Pukas – Registration and Assistant Camp Coordinator, PDG Lion Joe Harris – Hosting and PDG Lion Ken Gifford. There were a number of other Lions who assisted the Committee along with a number of Lions Clubs who sponsored meals for the Youth while on their tours throughout the Black Hills. A very enjoyable Camp and one to remember.

As we enter our new Lions year we have a number of goals for the 2009 – 2010 Lions year. One I hope to see all the Districts take part in the Youth Exchange Program and the respective District Chairpersons promote the program along with the help of Lions and get our youth involved in this great program.

Secondly, I would like to see all the Districts in MD5 send at least two youth from their respective Districts to the 2010 Lions Youth Camp which will be hosted in Saskatchewan by District 5CN.

Third, I would like to see all the youth coming to MD5 for the Winter Exchange Program placed with Host Families. We will be receiving requests from Australia, Peru and Japan to host youth this upcoming winter. (Requests not received at this time – but they are coming).

Last, I would like to see MD5 adopt an award program whereby we can recognize Lions and Lions Clubs who have been so involved in the Youth Exchange Program. Unfortunately, this has been sadly missed and we have failed to recognize those who have contributed so much to the Program.

I will be starting my third year this year as the Chairman for the MD5 Lions Youth Exchange Program and it has been a great learning period and I look forward to another successful year.

2009 MD5 ---South Dakota-----Youth Camp

2009 Lions “Paha Sapa “Youth Camp

The 2009 Lions “Paha Sapa” Youth Camp has come and gone. The Camp was held on July 5th to July 11th, 2009 with 42 Campers in attendance. The following was the makeup of the Camp:

- 10 youth from Saskatchewan
- 1 youth from Minnesota
- 3 youth from Austria
- 3 Youth from Poland
- 1 youth from the Netherlands
- 2 youth from Mongolia
- 3 youth from Italy
- 1 youth from St. Martin – French West Indies
- 1 youth from Brazil
- 8 youth from South Dakota
- 3 youth from North Dakota
- 3 youth from Germany
- 3 youth from Finland

In addition to the youth there were 4 Camp Councillors in attendance along with the Coordinator and Registration Chairpersons.

Tours started Monday a.m. with a tour to Crazy Horse followed with a tour of the Jewel Cave and Evans Plunge. Tuesday saw the Camp on tour to Deadwood and a tour of Boot Hill followed by a stop at the Gulches of Fun. A side trip was taken to the Spearfish Canyon. Wednesday saw a trip to Belle Fourche, geographic centre of the United States and then onto Rapid City. Thursday saw a tour to the Journey Museum in Rapid City followed with a break for the youth which included some shopping and swimming. The evening was highlighted with a tour to Mount Rushmore to view the evening ceremony. Friday saw the morning where the youth experienced the rock climbing wall and a trip on the zip line (enjoyed by all who took part) The afternoon again involved a little swimming and shopping with a supper in Rapid City followed by the retiring of the flags.

The remainder of the evening was the saying of goodbyes between the youth. A number of friendships were made and some found it difficult to say goodbye.

Saturday morning was the conclusion of the 2009 Lions Camp and following breakfast goodbyes were again exchanged and the youth left returning to their respective host families.

From all reports the youth enjoyed the Camp, friendships were made and they learned about the history of the Deadwood and Black Hills area.

A number of Lions Clubs in the Belle Fourche, Sturgis, Deadwood, Lead, Hill City, Spearfish, Rushmore, Rapid City, Custer, Hot Springs and Edgemont assisted or sponsored the meals for the youth.

The success of the 2009 Lions Youth Camp was due to the hard work of the committee who put a considerable amount of time and effort into the Camp. A special thank you goes out to Lions Neil Vollmer – Camp Coordinator, Ted Pukas – Registration, Joe Harris – Host Family Ken Gifford – Program and other things. Also to the Lions who worked in the background to ensure the success of the Camp.

A windup meeting is planned in the near future to go over all aspects of the Camp and make recommendations for future camps. From all aspects it appears that the Camp will reach a breakeven point.

2009 MD5 CONVENTION - Minot, ND – Lion Deb Michels

2009 MD5 CONVENTION MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA JUNE 4-6, 2009

REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS August, 2009

The hosts of the 2009 MD5 Convention held at the Holiday Inn on June 4-6, 2009 in Minot were the clubs of Zone 3 of District 5NC. Deb Michels was Chairperson, from Minot Lions club. Members of Minot Lions and other area clubs in the area volunteered to assist in holding the convention. The main members of the Convention committee were established in the spring of 2008.

Hotel:

Convention headquarters was the Holiday Inn on East Burdick Expressway in Minot. The room rate was \$59 per night. The Holiday Inn did an excellent job in working with the convention. Their staff accommodated the committee in every step, and were instrumental in making the convention run smoothly. Many Lions expressed their appreciation to the staff serving the food at each meal and the food was excellent. The hotel worked closely with the committee up to and throughout the convention.

A block of rooms was reserved for the Governors' Council and convention attendees through May 13 at the special rate, and the hotel extended this date until the 20th. Many rooms were booked late/last minute, though the hotel was able to accommodate most. Campground next door was used minimally, committee did not want to encourage campers vs. hotel stays, so it was only mentioned at the bottom of later registrations as a convenience.

Convention Meetings

The Convention planning committee organized and met March 2008, and met monthly during the year until March 2009. Meetings were twice a month in April and weekly in May 2009.

Registration:

Total full registrations were 220 plus individual meals. Four Lions with full registrations asked for refunds. The registration fees were established at the same rate as the 2008 convention with the one difference being that Minot convention included the price of Friday night meal/event: \$105 at Sioux Falls convention; \$115 US dollars for early bird full registration prior to May 1, 2009. Regular Registration from May 1, 2009 to day of the convention \$125 US dollars; registration at the convention \$135. Publicity became an issue when our people in charge could not continue on committee. 74 registrations were received through March 11, with 64 of those from previous convention. Registrations received after May 1 were 29, and 7 registered at convention. Individual meal pricing increased the attendance on Friday & Saturday. Registrations were tracked on a spreadsheet format and CVB was able to use names/title from

format to print nametags. Committee recognizes that electronic registration at convention would have been a convenience. Also suggests changing registration sheets to list titles that should be used, or simplify to just "Lion" on all name tags.

Financial:

Jerome Jorgenson from the Minot Lions is treasurer. The revenue and expense statements are set up in an Excel spreadsheet.

The budget was based on originally based on 250 Lions attendees, 50 partial registrations at \$60 and 30 individual meals. The convention was profitable due to conservative planning by committee with minimum expense for presenters, planning most of convention at hotel for less transportation cost, and working with the hotel on accurate meal counts to the last minute. There were no additional revenue from ad sales in convention booklet nor Silent Auction.

Sponsorships: Farmers Union Insurance/Josh Ressler sponsored the luncheon after the golf outing. Holiday Inn sponsored the Saturday morning break with coffee and rolls.

Publicity:

Publicity was through state and provincial Lions papers, and additional info went out by e-mail to District Governors to pass on to clubs.

Local news media coverage during the convention in newspaper and television stories.

PDG Banquet:

Banquet. was held at Minot State University Student Center at 6:30 pm, following necrology service, with handicap-accessible buses a plus; \$15 per person covered food, bus, and entertainment. 115 attendees.

Programs/Sessions:

Eleven programs were given at the convention Friday morning and afternoon, and Saturday morning. The presenters were mainly Lions or individuals from the community. With last minute changes, signage in the lobby with seminar schedules would have be a good addition. The committee decided to give each of the presenters a gift certificate. Roosevelt Zoo tour: 50 people filled the bus; it added a family activity, and the Zoo gave attendees a group rate discount on gate admission, while the bus was provided by convention.

Necrology Service:

Minot Lion Pastor Janet Hernes Mathistad planned the Memorial Service for departed Lions, along with the decorating committee, presenting flowers for each Lion, and involving a Leo club. PIP "Bill" Biggs felt privileged to present the flower for his original Lions sponsor. Held at Convention Center so attendees would not have to transport to another location since may arrive Thursday evening, this worked out well.

Golf: The golf outing Thursday morning was held at the Souris Valley Golf course in west Minot. \$50 covered golf, cart, and lunch. 23 golfers.

Friday Evening "Nifty Fifties":

The Friday evening social proved to be a popular event; one of the big pluses that it was at the hotel; casual buffet meal in the event center, along with the classic car exhibit and DJ taking dance requests. The committee received much positive feedback on this event and the

opportunity to keep everyone together in a social atmosphere.

International Director:

International Director Dana Biggs, along with her husband PIP Bill Biggs, added an amazing depth to the convention. Both praised PDG Dolly Alef for providing seating charts in registration packets to VIP's; protocol and communication that they say should happen more often.

Summary:

The committee received numerous accolades during the convention; the food, service and hotel were excellent. We made the attempt to keep all events in one facility, provide a little "extra" with the Friday night event, and make sure that all events and meals were totally handicap accessible, with no raised head table--probably a good idea for all future conventions.

Executive Committee

Chairperson	Deb Michels	Minot Lions
Treasurer	Jerome Jorgenson	Minot Lions
Incoming Pres	Jim Johnson	Minot Lions
Current Pres	Leslie Coughlin	Minot Lions
Advisor	Gary Price, Zone Chair	Minot Lions
Advisor	PDG Lowell Latimer	Minot Lions
Advisor	PDG Dolly Alef	Hooterville Lions

Operating Committee:

Registration	Doreen Clock	Magic City Lions
Programs/Events	Warren Gamas, chair	Minot Lions
Necrology	Pastor Janet Hernes Mathistad	Minot Lions
Meal Planning	Jim Johnson, chair	Minot Lions
	Denise Messmer	Minot Lions
	Denise Norsby	Magic City Lions
Golf:	Josh Ressler	Magic City Lions
	Gene Neal	Magic City Lions
Decorations	Doreen Clock	Magic City Lions
	Leslie Coughlin	Minot Lions
	Becky Dewitz	Minot Lions
Program Booklet	Earl Fink	Sawyer Lions
Publicity & Promotion	Garrison Lions Club	Stu Merry; Lisa & Mike Maki
Host & Protocol	PDG Dolly Alef	Hooterville Lions
	PDG Jim Keller	Magic City Lions
PDG Banquet	PDG Lowell Latimer	Minot Lions

Minutes of the Annual Youth Exchange Meeting

Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange
Chairpersons Meeting – August 22nd, 2009
Holiday Inn – Minot, North Dakota.

Meeting called to order by MD5 Chairperson Lion George Pretli

Self introductions made and the following present

Margaret Duncan – 5CE, Wayne Fokken – 5SE, Katherine Tweed – 5NE, Dave Charles – 5NC, Chuck Whitney – 5NW, Marie Boutin – 5CN.

2009 Lions Youth Camp – Chair. George reported that the Camp was held on July 5th – 12th, 2009 in the Deadwood, SD area with 42 youth in attendance. 11 countries were represented and on the whole the youth were a great bunch of young adults and as in the past great friendships were made. The Camp appears to have finished in the black as to finances, final report not submitted to this time. Camp organizers did a great job with the Camp.

2010 Lions Youth Camp – set for July 5th to 11th at the Shekinah Retreat Centre which is located along the shores of the North Saskatchewan River approximately 50 miles North of Saskatoon, Sask. The first organizational meeting was held on Wednesday August 19th between the committee and the Shekinah officials. A tentative plan for events was discussed and planned, however, more planning and fine tuning will have to be made before a draft is submitted.

2011 Lions Youth Camp. District Chair. Katherine reported they are looking at different sites, however, they are looking at Wesley Acres in the Valley City District as the most probable site for the Camp. She will advise when a selection is made.

Forms: YCE-510A passed out amongst the members present and asked them to complete the top portion. Information required by LCI – Programs Dept. For the Lions Youth Camp & Chairpersons section of their website advising the Lions of the world as to who the contact is for each District that is involved in the Youth Exchange Program.

Participant Application – We will be going with the standard application form that is on the website for applicants for the Youth Camp.

Indemnity Form – Sample copy of the Form is on the website and it to be completed by each applicant and submitted with the application prior to attending the Camp.

Travel Consent Form – copy of the form passed out to the members present and advised that the completed form is to be signed by both parents and given to the driver of the vehicle taking the youth to Camp along with his/her passport if they are crossing the Canada/USA border. Failure to have the form completed would have the youth refused transportation to the Camp. Forms required now due to the passport restrictions coming into effect earlier this year.

Goals for 2009 – 2010 Lions Year. District Chairs were advised to set a set of goals they would like to achieve this year. Set the goals that are attainable and work to complete them. If they are not reached – do not feel that you failed. Goals

- Have at least two youth attend the MD5 Lions Youth Camp

- Have the District Host a foreign student on an exchange
- Have a youth attend a Camp outside the borders of your country or attend a camp within your respective country.
- Have the clubs in your District involved in the Youth Exchange Program.

Host Families - this still appears to be a problem in a vast area within the Multiple District. We have to get out there and promote the Youth Exchange Program and the benefits of hosting a youth “a lifetime experience” and once they have hosted they will ask “why not earlier?”

Awards: Discussion held in respect to recognizing those who have or are presently active in the Youth Exchange Program. Felt it was long overdue – who do we recognize? How far do we go back? It was felt that we will have to go through the MD5 records to see who the MD5 Chair was and what was done by this person. It was feared that we would miss someone who contributed unless we do some research in this area. Also have to look at the Club participation. Suggestion that a pamphlet be prepared with the accomplishments shown when the presentation of the Award is made.

How do we show recognition? – Certificate vs. plaque for members who contributed. Banner patch for the Club(s) participation along with certificates. Certificates are normally placed in a drawer and not displayed.

Agreement that we do more research into this and have a finished product available for the 2010 MD5 Convention where some of these awards can be presented.

Chair and District Chair Katherine to work on Criteria for the Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange Awards

Additions:

District Chair Katherine reported that she attended the Youth Exchange session at the International Convention this past July and two points that came out where -

Youth Camp in Brazil cancelled due to the H1N1 virus by the government and the Camp refused to give any refunds to the youth attending due to financial commitments on their part. This angered a number of countries that had sent youth and almost came to blows. Question – what is our position in this matter? Are we covered by insurance through LCI or are the youth covered through their respective insurance? Are we obligated to return registration funds to the youth? No answer at this point to be referred to LCI for guidance and further clarification.

Norway Youth Exchange pays \$1,000.00 for a booth at the International Convention to promote Youth Exchange within their respective country. Question – Why is there a fee for a booth at the International Convention when their program is being promoted? Refer to LCI Programs Department for clarification.

Multiple District 5 – Youth Exchange Award:

Purpose: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

Honours Exemplary Service to MD5 Lions Youth Exchange

Criteria

Adult Category:

- To be actively involved in Youth Exchange.
- To encourage participation in everyday life in another culture.
- To promote serving as an ambassador for international understanding.
- To facilitate participation in local customs.
- To welcome and encourage Youth Exchange in the Multiple District.
- To recruit and encourage Youth Exchange in the local District.
- To encourage youth to take an active part in Youth Exchange Programs.
- To guide and assist host families in being successful.

Youth Category:

- To encourage active youth participation in the YE Program.
- To encourage youth to promote and encourage Youth Exchange.
- To welcome and encourage hospitality for international youth.

MD5 2009-2010 Budget

Projected Income	Budget for 2009-2010	Through 11/1/2009	Balance
Dues Income	\$40,000		
Interest Income	\$1,500		
Bond Premium Income	\$2,060		
Youth Exchange - Merchandise	\$500		
Youth Exchange - Camp	\$1,000		
MD5 Merchandise Sales	\$1,200		
International VDG Training	\$900		
Convention Income - Minot	\$7,600		
Other Income	\$500		
Leadership Training	\$ -0-		
Pin Sales	\$100		
Total Income	\$55,360		

Projected Expenses			
Council Meeting Expense			
Mileage:	\$5,000		
Rooms:	\$3,000		
Meals:	\$3,000		
Miscellaneous:	\$500		
Telephone	\$650		
Postage	\$400		
Audit	\$900		
Supplies	\$1,400		
Surety Bond	\$2,080		
Misc. Administration	\$2,000		
Youth Exchange	\$2,350		
Youth Exchange Merchandise	\$100		
Sec./Treas. Honorarium	\$5,000		
Council Chair to Conventions (4)	\$1,000		
Publish Proceedings	\$300		
Merchandise Expense	\$1,000		
VDG's Training	\$6,000		
Pin Expense	\$100		
MERL Training	\$4,000		
District Mentor Expense	\$2,000		
Lions Opp. For Youth	\$500		
Pin Chairperson	\$500		
MD5 Convention Advance	\$2,000		
Misc. Convention Expense	\$2,000		
Peace Poster Contest	\$200		
Senior Counselor Award	\$300		
Council Chairman Awards	\$500		
PDG's Pins	\$300		
DG's Jackets & Crests	\$850		
Public Relations	\$300		
Sec./Treas. To Int'l Convention	\$1,500		
Council Chair to Int'l Convention	\$1,500		
Int'l Director Promo.	\$2,000		
Long Range Planning	\$750		
International Liaison	\$1,000		
Band to Convention	\$ -0-		
Council Sec./Treas. Equip.	\$250		
Faculty Development Institute	\$ -0-		
Total Expenses	\$55,230		