

**Lions District 5SE Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**  
**September 29, 2023**  
**Sioux Falls, SD Ramkota**

**Call to order-** DG LeeAnn Haisch called the meeting to order at 5pm CST. LeeAnn read the Lions Prayer for our invocation.

**Attendance-** DG LeeAnn Haisch, Secretary Jennie Braaten, Treasurer Sari Merriman, Zone 6 and Information/Technology Chair Meredith Clark, Hunger Chair Todd Smith, Vision Chair Jennifer Sigette, Newsletter Chair Katherine Grandstrand, Constitution and Bylaws Chair Bob Bell, GLT Coordinator PCC John Emmett, GMT Coordinator VDG Dennis Bohmont, PDG David Pigors, Zone 4 Chair Paul Fixen, Pin and Zone 5 Chair Donna Weiland, GST Coordinator PDG Krisha Ashby, Ryan Boyd, Zone 7 Chair Jackie Cerkowniak, Zone 3 Chair Barbara Stephens, PCC Marie Anne Ben, Zone 2 Chair Tom Marquardt, Immediate PDG, GET Coordinator and Childhood Cancer Chair Robyn Tyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and Zone 8 Chair Darlie LaBahn, Constitution and Bylaws Co-Chair PDG Ray Schley, GMT Family & Women's Specialist and New Voices Chair Crystal Beckman, LCIF District Coordinator PCC Tom Grimmond, District Administrator PDG Joan Marlette, Dan Poss President of Eden Lions Club, PID Pat Vannett, ID Joanne Ogden, PDG Angie Sharbot, Eldena Hanson-Russell of Brookings Lions Club, Sarah Chadima of Vermillion Lions Club, CC Jeanette Bean, Betty Collett of Vermillion Lions Club, Tom Silverthorn (service partner of Meredith Clark), Riddick Silverthorn (service dog of Tom Silverthorn), Ellie Beckman of Siouxrise Lions, Deb Schultz, Mariah Schultz Jordan & Housman of Freeman Lions Club, Art Rusch of Vermillion Lions Club, Carmen Rogen of Dell Rapids Lions Club,

**Absent-** Audit and Finance Chair Marlys Mardian, Leo Chair Tena Heikes, Environmental Chair PDG Jerry Voss, Peace Poster Chair Rebekah Cotton, Diabetes Chair Chris Hansen, District Marketing Chairperson Thomas Beadnell, District Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Shannon Grimmond, LCIF District Coordinator, Janell Christiansen

**Adjustments to the agenda-**none- VDG Dennis Bohmont motioned to accept the agenda as is. Zone 7 Chair Jackie Cerkowniak seconded. Motion carried.

**Group Consensus of Kindness and Respect-** Always be kind, everyone is valuable, everyone's opinion matters, listen respectfully, listen actively, don't interrupt, be brief.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting-** PCC John Emmett had several items under the Constitution By-Law notes that need to be adjusted. He is going to edit the notes and send that information back to DG LeeAnn Haisch and Secretary Jennie Braaten. Summary of changes he mentioned.

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- **Notes state-REMOVE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND ADD THOSE DOLLARS TO SPECIFIC NEED GRANTS TO EQUAL \$1000.00.** Should read REMOVE SPECIFIC NEED GRANTS AND ADD THOSE DOLLARS TO IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE GRANTS.
- **Notes state-REMOVE HELD IN MARCH. ADD IF NOT FUNDED BY MD5.** Vice Governor Elects should be paid for by the multiple district for the 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting of the year.

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- **Notes states-INSERT SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE A COPY.** Jackie Cerkowniak motioned. Meredith Clark seconded. Should remove WHO ARE BILLED FOR THEIR DIRECTORIES. We will not bill SD PDG Association, Dakota Lions Sight and Health or SD Lions Foundation for their directories.

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- Remove Dues dollar amounts from SOP. We will follow Lions International.

PCC Marie Anne Ben motioned to accept the minutes of the August meeting as amended. PDG Krisha Ashby seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Constitution and Bylaws Chair Bob Bell motioned to accept the treasurers report. VDG Dennis Bohmont seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Constitution By-Laws / SOP Changes-This will be voted on at business meeting on 9/30/2023**

## **Proposed Amendment of the Lions District 5SE Constitution**

Article VI Officers and District Cabinet, Section 3 Election/Appointment of District Cabinet:

**CURRENT WORDING: The district governor and the first and second vice district governors shall be elected at the annual convention of the district.**

**PROPOSED WORDING:** The district governor and the first and second vice district governors shall be elected at the District 5SE Business meeting held during the State Convention.

Why this change is needed at the District level: Our SOP and the Constitution and Bylaws must provide the basis of the way we are doing business. When the Fall Forum became the Spring Forum our terminology about District Convention and the annual convention of the District has not kept pace with the way we are conducting District 5SE business. This proposed change is an attempt to reflect the current timetable of elections.

Article XI Amendments, Section 1 Amending Procedure: states... This Constitution may be amended only at a district convention by resolution of the Constitution and Bylaws committee, and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

Section 3 Notice: states...No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

Constitution and Bylaws Chair Bob Bell motioned to accept the final SOP as amended. Zone 4 Chair Paul Fixen seconded. Motion carried.

**State Directories-**Zone chairs are reminded to hand out directories for their areas, We mailed directories to Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of all areas across the whole state that did not have a Zone chair represented at the August meeting. Secretary Jennie Braaten will send out the electronic copies of the directory to the cabinet, not to be distributed.

**Pin Report-**Pin Chair Donna Weiland reported that new pins are available for \$3.00. Ray Schley is selling old pins at the pin table, too, with those proceeds going to SD Lions Foundation.

**USA Canada Leadership Forum Report-**1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG Dennis Bohmont reported there were 85 different seminars available and around 1700 members in attendance. The next forum is in Louisville, KY the first weekend in Sept 2024.

**Spring Leadership Forum-**Freeman, SD April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 for cabinet meeting and April 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 for the forum. Sam Sorenson and Meredith Clark will be leading it. Please put in your new club leadership in March so that those members can come to training in April.

**State Lions Convention 2024-**Tentatively scheduled for Pierre, SD 9/27-9/28, 2024

**MD5 Convention-** Minot, ND May 16-18, 2024. Theme is Knights of the Blind. Saskatoon in 2025. Aberdeen in 2026.

**Peace Poster Contest-**Provide your entries by Oct.15 deadline.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2023-2024 District Goals-** DG LeeAnn Haisch

1. Grow our membership by 55 members
2. Get 1 new club started
3. Have 75% of our Clubs report service
4. Have 100% Zone person training. 0% completed this Lions year
5. Club Officer training-75% participation. 8% have completed this Lions year
6. Raise \$28,000 for LCIF

**Global Leadership Team (GLT) Report** – PCC John Emmet sent a report out. We did write a district leadership development grant for \$500.00 to be used for Zone chair training.

**Global Membership Team (GMT) Report** – VDG Dennis Bohmont-He would like to go with the Zone chairs to their club visits if possible. Reach out to him to schedule.

**Global Service Team (GST)-** PDG Krisha Ashby sent a report out. 40% of the clubs are reporting their service now. We are up 16% from August. She is reaching out to clubs that have not recorded their time. 93 activities have been recorded so far this year. Reminder that club meetings do not count as a service activity. They are planning a coat, hat and glove drive. Report your service online, on social media, in local news or newspapers etc... She announced the club winner for the service reporting contest. Zone 7 won the contest.

**GET Report-**PDG Robyn Tyler provided a report. They are trying to start a branch club in Hartford with Sioux Empire club sponsoring. Other areas for a branch clubs would be Garretson with Brandon sponsoring or Salem sponsored by Canistota.

**Long Range Planning-**PDG David Pigors announced that they found a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> DG, Lion Jackie Cerkowniak. Other candidates-1<sup>st</sup> DG Darlis Labahn, DG Dennis Bohmont, SD Lions Foundation Board-PDG Robyn Tyler, Dan Poss and Rick Cerkoniak. PCC John Emmett announced that he is going to request endorsement to run for International Director.

#### **Progress reports-**

Zone 1 – Lion Deb Fredrickson-not present

Zone 2 – Lion Tom Marquardt-3 clubs in zone with 2 of them not holding meetings in the summer or during harvest. Watertown is doing very well with increased membership.

Zone 3 - Lion Barb Stephens-inducted a new member at Tulare. Still working to get in contact with other clubs for visitation.

Zone 4 - Lion Paul Fixen-visiting clubs. Trying to organize a zone meeting.

Zone 5 - Lion Donna Weiland-working to schedule meetings with clubs.

Zone 6 - Lion Meredith Clark-Met with Canistota club and challenged them to start a branch club. She inducted a new member in Canistota, too.

Zone 7 - Lion Jackie Cerkowniak-Met with all the clubs except for Harrisburg. She has had 2 zone events-tour of Lions Sight and Health and helpline speaker about donating organs.

Zone 8 – Lion Darlis Labahn-nothing to report

**Lions Day at the Capital**-More details to follow

**LCI International Convention**-Melbourne, Australia June 21-25, 2024; Mexico City 2025; Atlanta, GA 2026; -Washington DC 2027

**Lion's week of service**-Environmental theme this year. More details to come.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:15pm CST. 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG Dennis Bohmont motioned to adjourn the meeting. PDG Krisha Ashby seconded.

Respectively transposed,

Jennifer Braaten

5SE District Secretary

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