

**MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SHERATON BLOOMINGTON**  
**BLOOMINGTON, MN**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009**

Council Chairperson Deborah Harms called the meeting to order with District Governors present from all Districts. The meeting began with the Pledge to the flag of the United States led by DG Rick Wagener, 5M2, the Pledge to the flag of Canada led by DG Wayne Preston, 5M13, and an invocation by CC Deborah Harms, 5M4.

CC Deborah reviewed the rules for the meeting along with welcoming PID Maynard Rucks, PID Ross Thorfinnson, PID Ben Ward, PID John Edling, PID Dr. Bud Danylchuck, PID Gerry Robbins, PCC Bob Jechorek, PCC Keith Johnson, PCC Frank Loken and PCC Brian Sheehan as well as all Lions and guests.

Motion #05-01/55 M/S/P DG Jim Mulroy, 5M7 / DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 to approve the minutes of the March meeting and the amended agenda of the May meeting.

Items 1 through 5 that were brought forward from the March Council meeting will be addressed at the July Council Meeting. They are:

1. Motion 08-09/25 to change the wording in the Policy Manual from "Evening Gown" to "Business or Formal Wear" for dress for the MD5M Saturday evening banquet.
2. Motion 08-09/32 to make a change to the Policy Manual that would request that if someone wished to come before the Council of Governors and request support for any reason that the request must be submitted in writing and that they need to stay through the Committee meetings so that they can answer questions that come up.
3. Motion 08-09/40 To include the Job Description for the Parade Consultant into the Policy Manual.
4. Motion 08-09/42 That the Policy Manual be changed to reflect the Second Vice District Governor uniform is the same as the First Vice District Governor, but without the patch on the jacket.
5. Motion 08-09/49 That a committee be appointed to review and make corrections to the document pertaining to the bidding process for the MD5M Multiple Convention and upload this document to the MD5M website. CC Deborah Harms will be the chair of this committee.

A presentation was given on the Alert program as a possible partnership to the CERT - **C**ommunity **E**mergency **R**esponse **T**eam by Lion Tom Waldren. Further discussion on this program was referred to the Service and Activities committee for discussion.

### Convention Report – Lion Mike Rardin

At this time there are 258 signed up for the Friday Mixer, the Luncheon 293, the Banquet is 273, the Sunday Brunch is at 251. There is still an issue with the sleeping rooms as far as the number that we have contracted for as compared to what is actually booked.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Legal – PDG Wayne Swanson

Policy manual revisions will be incorporated into the manual. East Grand Forks will have their Charter Night on June 13 at the VFW club. All are invited.

### 2009 International Convention – PDG Bob Wharton

The volunteer list has grown to over 450 and thanks was expressed to the Governors and those in the Districts that have helped. Lions Clubs International has extended the \$100.00 registration fee to June 15. Only volunteers that are registered for the International Convention will be eligible for the volunteer rebate.

### Leadership Development – PCC Keith Johnson

PCC Keith expressed his thanks for sending all of the quality people that you sent to the 2009 Leadership Institute. We had 74 people there and had a really great time. Everyone left there really fired up. Lions Clubs International is very excited about how we run this program. A special thanks to PDG Mary Ferleman for organizing this great event. The Vice District Governor Elects will be in this room at 12:30 for their first training.

### LCIF – PDG Pete Kleingartner

A correction to the written report is that since only one district can sponsor a grant or it becomes a Multiple request, it was decided that 5M7 will be the sponsor for the grant request for Camp Friendship instead of 5M7 & 5M8. If your district has an open request, please make certain that you submit the required reports or it will affect future requests for grants. 5M10 has submitted an application for a grant to purchase a bio secure trailer to transport pigs for the Spring Point Project.

### Parade Consultant – PCC Keith Johnson

We have currently 16 Minnesota bands signed up and all but 2 of them have been hired. There will be 2 to 3 Minneapolis Police at every intersection, which will reduce the number of Lions volunteers needed. The Salvation Army will come in with 2 large trucks with 15,000 12 oz. bottles of water. There will be another truck with water at the end of the parade. There will be EMT's all along the parade route. No vendors will be allowed. It is important that donations to the bands be sent to the District Secretaries. Do not send them directly to the bands. Districts - Please use this opportunity to make a public donation from your district to the bands.

## **GOVERNORS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A surprise guest stopped by to address the Council during the Finance Committee meeting. PID Ross Thorfinnson introduced Hong Kong's Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President, and MD5M endorsed candidate Dr. Wing-Kun Tam.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President Candidate – Dr. Wing-Kun Tam

“Fellow Lions, good morning. It is a great surprise that I am able to pop in to say hello to all of you. Good morning. My name is Tam. I am a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President and hopefully I will be elected at your Convention in Minneapolis in July. I am from a very small district. If any one of you have been to Hong Kong before, please raise your hands. All right! I was the host chair person for the 1992 International Convention and we were very lucky that we were also able to host the International Convention in 2005.

The first time that I came to Minneapolis was in 1993 when I was serving on the Board as a member as an appointee by PIP Rohit Mehta. I am so excited that I am able to come back to this beautiful city. Hopefully I am going to be elected as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in Minneapolis. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention here in Minneapolis and I will do my very best to bring as many Lions as possible from Hong Kong, from China and from Taiwan also. Hopefully you will have enough Chinese food for us. I am sure that they will be excited to spend some money in the Mall of America.

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to serve, and thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to meet all of you.

Thank you.”

### Convention update – Lion Mike Rardin

Right now the room registrations we have for last night at 42, tonight is 107 and tomorrow night is 102 which brings us up to 251 total rooms. The number that was guaranteed was 90% of the total block or 450 rooms, so we are 199 rooms short as of about an hour ago.

### Political Liaison – DG Gary Hutchison

PID Maynard Rucks reported that there were more candidates for International Director than what we will be able to elect, so some of the candidates will have to withdraw. PID Dr. Bud Danylchuck and PID Ross Thorfinnson spoke to encourage everyone to do everything we can to support the International Convention Committee to ensure that we put on a successful convention.

Motion #05-01/56 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison 5M10 / DG Ron Norton, 5M1 to accept the Political Liaison report.

### Headquarters and Finance Committee – DG Peter Van Erp

Motion #05-01/57 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9 / Dan Snobl, 5M3 to accept the financial report as presented by Exec. Sec. Bob Harms.

Motion #05-01/58 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9 / CCE Judy Loken, 5M8 to create a committee consisting of PDG Ed Holst, DG Greg Langbehn, and PDG Dave Moen to assist the Executive Secretary with the financial reporting.

Motion #05-01/59 M/S/P DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9 / DG Greg Langbehn, 5M6 to accept the Headquarters and Finance Committee report

Legal Committee – DG Gary Hutchison

Motion #05-01/560 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 / DG Dan Snobl, 5M3 to ask the Legal Consultant to revise the Policy Manual to insure all contracts for Multiple Conventions and other important contracts are presented to the Legal Consultant prior to signatures.

There was some discussion on the bid package for the Conventions and CC Deborah commented that there will be a committee revising the bid package and hopefully will have it available for the Governors to review at the July Council Meeting.

Motion #05-01/60 M/S/P DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 / DG Bernie Bragelmann, 5M5 to accept the Legal Committee report.

Service and Activities Committee – DG Craig Bohne

The possibility of scheduling a plane or bus to Memphis was discussed and the committee decided not to undertake the scheduling of transportation at this time.

Motion #05-01/61 M/S/P DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 / DG Gary Hutchison, 5M10 to accept the job description for the Spring Point Committee Chair for the policy manual as written with the exception of item #3 which would read "Visit or Contact Lions or Lioness Clubs". This Job Description should be in the Policy Manual.

Motion #05-01/62 M/S/P DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 / DG Rick Wagener, 5M2 to have each district decide for themselves if they would like to support financial or other activities of CERT.

Motion #05-01/63 M/S/P DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 / DG Dan Snobl, 5M3 to accept the Service and Activities report.

DG Ken Harwick , DG Jim Mulroy, and DG Dan Snobl have volunteered to work with the State CERT program, come back to the July Council meeting to report and work with the Council over the course of the next year.

Motion #05-01/64 M/S/P DG Craig Bohne, 5M11 / DG Ken Harwick, 5M2 to Ask DG Ken Harwick, DG Jim Mulroy and DG Dan Snobl to form a committee to work with the Homeland Security office in Minnesota to prepare a report to be presented at the July Council meeting with their findings and recommendations.

The Executive Secretary, Council Chair, and all guests were excused for a discussion on the Executive Secretaries job performance.

DG Jim Mulroy announced that in a closed meeting the Council voted to give the Executive Secretary a salary increase of \$2,500.00 and bonus of \$1,000.00.

Motion #05-01/65 M/S/P DG Ron Norton, 5M1 / DG Peter Van Erp, 5M9 to recess the meeting.

Submitted by Lion Bob Harms  
MD5M Executive Secretary