

# **District 5M11 Cabinet Booklet**



**January 26, 2024**

**Shooting Star Convention Center Mahnomon, MN**



## District 5M11 Cabinet Meeting January 26, 2024 3:00 pm, Mahnommen, MN

### Agenda

Call to order by DG Mike Hagen

- 1) Invocation
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Pledge to the Canadian Flag
- 4) Roll Call, Lion Kevin Reich, district secretary
- 5) Greetings by DG Mike Hagen
- 6) Introduction of ID Ron Keller
- 7) Additions to the agenda
  - a. Acceptance of the agenda
- 8) November 18, 2023 minutes, Lion Kevin Reich P. 4-5
  - a. Acceptance of the minutes
- 9) Financial Report, Lion Nadine Myers, District Treasurer P.6-8
  - a. Acceptance of the report
- 10) District Governor's Report, DG Mike Hagen P.8
- 11) District Administrators and Global Service Team Reports, Lion Jenifer Spielman
- 12) District Leadership Team Report, PDG Allen Bertilrud P.9
- 13) District Membership Team Report, PDG Kami Anderson
- 14) Zone Chair Reports P.9-14
  - a. Zone 1 Lion Carol Skabo
  - b. Zone 2 Lion Jim Johansen
  - c. Zone 3
  - d. Zone 4 Lion Dorothy Roof P.9
  - e. Zone 5 Lion Dan Vandeventer
  - f. Zone 6 Lion David Klemz
  - g. Zone 7 Lion Curt Zimdars
  - h. Zone 8 Lion Jan Nazarko
  - i. Zone 9 Lion Linda Baxter P.9-13
  - j. Zone 10 Lion Gord Zeglinski P.14
- 15) Foundation, Leadership, Program Reports P.14-20
  - a. Canadian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, PDG Mike Janssen
  - b. Can Do Canines, Lion Kevin Reich P.14-15
  - c. Constitution and Bylaws
  - d. Convention/Forums, PDG Deanne Williams
  - e. Diabetes CA, Lion Kevin Young
  - f. LCIF CA
  - g. LCIF US, Lions Allen Bertilrud and John Vik P.16
  - h. LCIF MD5M District Coordinator CAII, PDG Gerald Fontaine
  - i. Team Sheehan Foundation, PDG Allen Bertilrud P.16
  - j. Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lion Ken Bauer P.16

- k. Lions Foundation of CA Dog Guides, PDG Doug Wiens
  - l. Lions Foundation of MB and NW ON; Lions Veena Nadan, Rick Pinchin, Pat Wight, Gord Zeglinski P.17
  - m. Lions Quest CA, Lion Nandan Sathees
  - n. MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation; Lions Robert Gosselin, Bonnie Popowich, Dan Vandeventer, Kevin Reich P.17-19
  - o. MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Lions Jodi Sorenson and Katie Damm
  - p. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Lions Sandy Bertilrud and Jim Johansen P.19
  - q. MN Lions Hearing Foundation, Lion Gladwin Lynne P.20
  - r. MN Lions Vision Foundation, Lions Scott Grove and Patty Purath
  - s. Mid-Winter Convention 2024, Lion Christy Klemz
  - t. Mid-Winter Convention 2025, Zone 6
  - u. MD5M Multiple Convention April 19-21, 2024, Winnipeg, MB
  - v. Newsletter Editor, Lion Brian Norberg P.20
  - w. Peace Poster
  - x. Policy and Legal
  - y. Project New Hope, Lion Joshua Kent
  - z. Photographer, Lion Stacy Kleinwachter
  - aa. Public Relations, PDG Chris Barnard P.15
  - bb. Webmaster, Lion David Klemz
    - l. Acceptance of reports
- 16) Unfinished Business
- a. Convention reusable bags
  - b. Peace Poster awards
  - c.
- 17) New Business
- a.
- 18) Discussion
- a. 2024-2025 District Governor opening
  - b. First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor (2024-2025)
  - c. 2025 Mid-Winter Convention
  - d.
- 19) Announcements / Upcoming Events
- a. March 15-17, 2024, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, Mahnomon, MN
  - b. April 11-14, 2024, MD5M Multiple Convention, Winnipeg, MB
  - c. MN Lions Hearing Foundation D'Feet Walk, June 1, 2024, Bemidji, MN
  - d. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, September 5-7, 2024, Louisville, KY
  - e.
- 20) Next Cabinet Meeting
- 21) Adjournment
- 2023 Mid-Winter Convention notes P.21-22
- 2023 Business Meeting Minutes P.22-23

## **District 5M11 Cabinet Meeting Minutes November 18, 2023 Winnipeg, Manitoba Hosted by the Riverside Lions**

The meeting was called to order by DG Mike Hagen at 11:05am. The invocation was provided by Lion Kevin Reich. The pledge to the Canadian flag was led by PDG Chris Barnard. The US Pledge of Allegiance was led by PDG Allen Bertilrud. Roll call was taken by Secretary Kevin Reich.

Present; Lions Mike and Karen Hagen, Allen Bertilrud, Darryl and Bonnie Popowich, Robert Gosselin, Kami Anderson, Chris and Pat Barnard, Curt Zimdars, Gladwin Lynne, Jan and Brian Nazarko, Linda Baxter, Nadine and Butch Myers, Pat Wight, Gord Zeglinski, Doug Wiens, Gerald Fontaine, Kevin Gamble (Winnipeg South), Stan Bryan, Lou Dumesnil, Elizabeth Oberholtzer (all from Riverside), Kevin Reich.

DG Mike Hagen welcomed all in attendance.

Jan Nazarko moved, Gladwin Lynne seconded, to approve the agenda, MC.

Pat Wight moved, Pat Barnard seconded, to approve the September 9, 2023 meeting minutes, MC.

Allen Bertilrud moved, Gerald Fontaine seconded, to approve the treasurers report, MC.

Cabinet member reports were presented verbally and/or written.

Highlights:

- DG Mike and Lion Karen thanked the Manitoba Lions for their hospitality
- Beausejour Lions will celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary November 19
- Team Sheehan Foundation has donations totaling \$50,000 to-date
- Veena Nadan will be a director candidate for the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario
- Lions Quest CA is being introduced to the Manitoba School Divisions
- KidSight screenings in Manitoba totaled 5100 for the first quarter amounting to 614 hours of service
- There is much to be done in preparation of the mid-winter
- There are five Peace Poster entries, those in attendance preferred entry #4
- We need to be visible in our communities

Chris Barnard moved, Kami Anderson seconded, to approve the reports, MC.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Gladwin Lynne, seconded by Bonnie Popowich, to conduct officer training at the mid-winter, MC.
- There will be new member orientation at the mid-winter

New Business:

- Motion by Chris Barnard, seconded by Doug Wiens, to grant free convention hospitality to any district LEOS, MC.
- Motion by Doug Wiens, seconded by Allen Bertilrud, to purchase 150 reusable bags for the convention, with any uncovered costs to be covered by the district and not the convention fund, MC. Sponsorships will be solicited.

There is still need for a DGE for the 2023-2024 Lions year. There are interested candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for 2024-2025. Twelve Lions from the district attended Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Bemidji, MN October 13-15, 2023.

Upcoming events:

- Mid-winter convention January 26-28, 2024 at the Shooting Star Convention Center, Mahnomon, MN
- Cabinet meeting January 26, 2024 at the Shooting Star Convention Center
- MD5M Multiple Convention Winnipeg, MB, April 19-21, 2024, Victoria Inn and Suites, 5M11 attendees have a reduced rate; \$145 US, \$200 Canadian

Kami Anderson conducted tail twisting collecting \$75 for LCIF.

Motion by Pat Wight, seconded by Gord Zeglinski, to adjourn the meeting, MC.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Kevin Reich

## District Financial Report

LIONS DISTRICT 5M11 REPORT 07/01/23-01/16/24		BUDGET INCOME	BUDGET EXPENSE	'22-'23 \$ FORWARD	ACTUAL INCOME	ACTUAL EXPENSE	BALANCE IN BUDGET	BALANCE IN ACCOUNT
RESERVE	Past Admin Dues Not Spent			19,721.18	0			15,346.16
	2 PDGs (LCI Convention)				0	4,375.02		
5M11 ADMINISTRATION	Dues	14,130			8,595.00			
	Transfer from Reserve	6,629			0			
	Dues Exch		300		918.32	-1,037.86	-119.54	
	DG		5,200	0	0	-2,219.05	2,980.95	
	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG		3,300			0	3,300.00	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG		2,200			0	2,200.00	
	Admin Assist.		50			0	50.00	
	Secretary		300			0	300.00	
	Treasurer		100	0	0	-16.50	83.50	
	Zones		150			0	150.00	
	Foundations		1,000			0	1,000.00	
	Cabinet Mtgs		3,300	0	0	-473.53	2,826.47	
	Bank Checking Account		30	0	5.96	0	35.96	
	Newsletter		300	0	0	-168.16	131.84	
	Website		250			0	250.00	
	Webinar		95			95.00	95.00	
	PR		500			0	500.00	
	Leadership Training		3,000	0	100.00	-3,523.11	-423.11	
	LCI Pins		465			465.00	0.00	
	Recognition		150			0	150.00	
	Liability 2 Leo & Cabinet		43.50			43.50	0.00	
Bond 2 Leo & Cabinet		25.50			25.50	0.00		
SUMMARY 5M11 ADMIN		20,759	20,759		9,619.28	8,067.21		1,552.07

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MW CONVENTION	Conv Dues	1,570			1,529.00		-41.00	Convention 8,648.27
	Tail Twisting (To LCIF)							
	Conv Reserve		1,000	8,676.27				
	Host Club		1,570			1,560.00		
	Silent Auction							Raffle 9,681.34
	Club Banners							
	Raffle Tickets	3,140		7,494.96	2,092.00		-1,048.00	
	Raffle Tickets CD Exch	120	120		94.38		-25.62	
	Tickets Print/Ship		50					
	Raffle Winner <sup>15%</sup>		464					
	US/CD Forum <sup>70%</sup>		2,163			2,163		
	LCI Convention <sup>15%</sup>		464					
SUMMARY M-W CONV				0	16,171.23	3,723.00	0	12,448.23
KIDS	KidSight (LCI Grant)			3,865.00	0	315.03	0	3,549.97
	Leos	700	900	4,115.77	0	0		4,115.77
	Quest			1,503.46	0	0		1,503.46
	Youth	700	250	2,913.76	0	0		2,913.76
PINS	Pins	100	0	150.00	0	0	0	150.00
OTHER	Disaster Relief	0	0	67.00	0	0	0	67.00
MD5M	Dues	11,084	11,084		6,731.22	11,026.20	0	
	Bond	527	527		501.50	527.00	0	
	Liability	652.50	652.50		623.50	652.50	0	
SUMMARY MD5M				-386.00	7,856.22	12,205.70	-4,735.48	-4,349.48
GAAF	GAAF	1,400	1,000	4,002.27	649.32			
	Zone Chair Training					99.34		
	Officer Training							
SUMMARY GAAF				4,002.27	649.32	99.34	0	4,552.25

LIONS DISTRICT 5M11 REPORT 07/01/23-01/16/24	BUDGET INCOME	BUDGET EXPENSE	'22-'23 \$ FORWARD	ACTUAL INCOME	ACTUAL EXPENSE	BALANCE IN BUDGET	BALANCE IN ACCOUNT
5M11 CHECKING ACCOUNT 07/01/23-01/16/24			61,321.80	21,840.20	-28,785.30	0	54,376.70
American Federal - Savings: \$1,582.99 Int. @ 0.30 (APY +\$4.19)			American Federal - CD: \$10,677.58 Int. @ 3.057 (APY + \$204.26)				

**Request - Approval for '22 - '23 expenses over budget for:**

DG Kami Anderson \$220.00

1VDG Mike Hagen \$1,448.46

Submitted by Lion Nadine Myers, District Treasurer

## District Team Reports

### District Governor

Hello Fellow Lions:

Mid-Winter Convention time already. As your District Governor I want to encourage you to have fun this weekend, renew friendships, make new friends, learn more about being a Lion and then bring it back to your clubs and your community. We need to encourage our clubs and members to work together, serve together and celebrate together. We can do so much more together than we can by ourselves.

First, I want to remind everyone that the MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute is coming to Mahanomen on March 15-17. The application needs to be sent to me by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This training is especially encouraged for incoming presidents. Our District needs to continue building and training leaders. Spread the word about ELLI. Bring the information back to your clubs and officers. The ELLI application can be found at the 5M11 website: [www.lionsdistrict5m11.org](http://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org) under forms. The MD5M website: [www.lionsMD5M.org](http://www.lionsMD5M.org) has information about what ELLI is, who should attend, the costs involved, and the courses included.

Second, another reminder. The 104<sup>th</sup> MD5M Multiple Convention is coming to Winnipeg on April 19-21.

We are being told it will be a fun filled weekend. Further information can be found at:

[www.lionsMD5M.org](http://www.lionsMD5M.org). Plan to attend this convention where you will hear of what our Multiple District of Lions are doing. We are planting seeds every day and changing the world one step at a time.

And finally, enjoy the convention. Enjoy being the awesome Lions that you are. Ask someone to join.

In Lionism, DG Mike Hagen



## **Global Leadership Team**

### **Global Leadership Report**

We had an excellent showing at the RLLI again this year and future leadership in our clubs and the district will grow as a result of the attendance. We have ELLI coming on March 14<sup>th</sup> - March 17<sup>th</sup> at the shooting star in Mahanomen. I urge zone chairs and club presidents to tell their membership of this valuable learning experience.

We will have training for club officers at the convention for the Presidents/1VP, Secretary and Treasurer. It will be a 1-hour session. We need, as cabinet officers, to inform our fellow Lions members that there is so much training available on the LCI site under the learning program.

PDG Allen Bertilrud

## **Zone Reports**

### **Zone 4**

Crookston Lion Club & LEO Club have been having their regular meetings with different speakers at the meetings. They delivered home meals in October, November & December. They will be doing a blood drive in January.

Fertile Lions Club sent cards to veterans in November & December. In November they also did KidSight screening of the preschoolers. At Christmas they gave trays of cookies to the Fair Meadow Nursing Home, the Assisted Living & the Apartments. Fertile gave meat and cheese trays to the staff at Fertile/Beltrami School during the holiday season.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> Fertile hosted the District Governor's visit and had 4 clubs in attendance; Winger, Red Lake Falls, Gary, and Fertile.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Dorothy Roof

### **Zone 9**

#### **Beausejour**

Membership: 14 Meet last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 Beausejour Lions Lodge

- November 5<sup>th</sup> - visitation to Whitemouth Lions 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Night
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. DG Lion Mike and Lion Karen attended as well as several PDG and members from other clubs, dignitaries and the general public. Excellent meal, large history display, raffles. Gift from club of engraved goblets. Gift from member of Lion Jan's Lions chocolates. Donations to silent auction by Zone clubs and the community. Wonderful skit by Haystack Productions "What if it was the Lions wives that influenced the formation of the Beausejour Lions Club". Plaque presentations by the Town, MLA and MP. Huge donation of \$500 from Riverside Lions to Administration Account to help with costs of event. Volunteer hours 120.

- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas dinner at Beausejour Lions Lodge for residents their guests and Lions and family. Lions presented \$10 gift cards to each resident.
- Lions Lodge: paid for Christmas Dinner. To LCIF in recognition of the LCIF \$100,000 USD grant several years ago a donation of \$14 CDN for each of the 20 suites. This will be part of the Beausejour Lions Parade of Green. Two more suites have been renovated for 4 of 20 in 2023. Each suite costs about \$8,000 - \$9,000. Since our major renovation of the building envelope, \$450,000 project, we are close to half of the suites renovated from the regular Operating Account. Largest renovations still to come are replacing all the bathtubs and all outside concrete work and landscaping. We are blessed with a wonderful rental/renovation committee and contract care takers. Two members dedicate their efforts to Lions Lodge.
- Lions Community Calendar – approximately 7,500 free full month calendars are distributed in the Clipper Weekly to all mailboxes in Beausejour, Brokenhead, Hazelridge, Garson, Tyndall and Anola area. Extras at post offices, Town office and Sun Gro Centre. Profit still to be determined.
- Beausejour Christmas Hamper is now just a gift card donation. Many merchants are looking for positive food donations. The Beausejour Lions will investigate taking over the Christmas Hamper or starting one for actual Hampers.
- Recess for rest of December and January. Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> for regular meeting and decision on donations to Parade of Green.
- Delegate for Mid-Winter Convention. Donation to Silent Auction of Souvenir wine glasses.

#### Upcoming:

- 2024 Project Planning committee meeting
- April Food Drive
- Garage Sale
- Canada Day Celebration
- Outdoor Movie Nights

#### East Kildonan

Membership: 6. Still rebuilding

- Planning a pancake breakfast in March.
- Woodworking for Childhood Cancer. Using different venues to sell items.
- Driver for Cancer Care Manitoba
- 2 Members attending Mid-Winter Convention
- Parade of Green presentation.
- Planning meeting for major events upcoming.

#### East St. Paul

Membership: 25 No report

- Planning a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

## Lac du Bonnet

Membership: 38 Largest club in zone

- New Member returning Vi Enns-Preston
- Members visitation to Whitemouth 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Beausejour 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Nights. Donations to each Silent Auction.
- Nov 8-30 – Share the Warmth Project. Clothing collected, sorted and given away to needy families. 60 people were served. Volunteer hours 112. 6 Lion members and 4 non-Lion volunteers. Most hours by Denise Joss 52.
- Nov 23 – Diabetes Awareness presentation at Pioneer Club. Red lentil soup packages given out to promote the diabetic recipe pamphlet handout. 77 people served. Volunteer hours 5.5, 2 Lion volunteers.
- Dec 11 - Community Christmas Cookie Bake: 240 Cookies for senior Christmas Dinner. 30 volunteer hours, 4 Lions and 4 non-Lion volunteers.
- Dec 22 - Seniors Christmas Turkey Meal Delivery Event: 79 meals delivered to seniors in Lac du Bonnet community. 5 Lion hours. 3 Lions and 1 non-Lion volunteer.
- Christmas Tea and Dainty event.
- Lions 2024 Lac du Bonnet Event Guide completed and submitted to the Clipper Weekly. Billing and funds collected still to be processed.
- 2 Melvin Jones Awards \$1,000 each LCIF.
- Dec 13 - 50/50 raffle Prize of \$1225.
- On going project of Chase the Ace.
- Branch Club Winnipeg River and Area report separate.
- Donations
  - \$500 Diabetes Canada and Diabetes awareness \$380 to Diabetes Canada \$120 to D-camps in Manitoba.
  - \$100 for supplies for the Pancakes with Santa event, 45 children served, 70 total. 6 volunteer hours by 2 Lions.
  - \$200 for Volleyball Tournament
  - \$1,000 Hamper Fund Campaign
  - Year total donations from Activity account over \$2559.00
  - 2,000 for Melvin Jones Awards
  - Hall, \$5,000 for the floor scrubber, conditional on 3 years free rentals for Charter Night (2024, 2025, 2026).
  - Parade of Green donations; \$500 Disaster Relief Fund (LCIF); \$1,000 to STARS; \$400 to Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario in support of vision.

Upcoming:

- February, Blood Donor Clinic
- April Charter Night with Pinawa, tagging along Beausejour and Whitemouth for District Governor Visitation.
- Canada Day Weekend Celebration. Biggest project of the year.

## Pinawa

Membership: 10 Aging club

- No meeting in December. Activities from November and to January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on 3-day Pinawa 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration. Booked band, tent, fireworks, Shriners and Mason for parade plus MLA and MP
- Working with Lac du Bonnet Lions for joint District Governor Dinner, April 28th
- We are exhausted.

Donations:

- \$50.00 Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank.
- \$1,000.00 Pinawa Hospital for 2 commode chairs.
- \$500.00 to STARS
- \$200.00 to Siloam Mission in Winnipeg.

## West St. Paul

Membership: 18 Most active club per member

- 3 members do KidSight vision screening as requested
- 2 members volunteer on 2 committees
  - Happy Days on Henderson in June
  - Elmwood Winter Fun Days (Clara Hughes) in February
  - Generally, have 6 to 8 volunteers to work these 2 events
- Transport seniors to doctor appointments
- 250 average Volunteer hours per month
- Submitted 3 Peace Posters from 3 different schools
  - West St. Paul School placed first for the district
- 4-6 volunteers do weekly Chase the Ace
- Sold Grey Cup pool tickets October to November
- 1 volunteer sits on the Board of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario and is secretary, attends monthly Finance Committee meetings. Tickets on sale for Journey for Sight, winner gets a snowmobile
- 2 members sit on the MD5M Multiple Convention committee; 1 is secretary
- 3 members volunteer to help with the Grand Marais Santa Claus Parade
- Had annual Club Festive Dinner; left overs taken to Main Street Project
- 3 members attending 5M11 Mid-Winter Convention.
- Tickets on sale for annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, 24 March, 2024; proceeds to high school bursaries. The club will give 4 individual \$500 bursaries to schools in March.
- Summer months will see 5 members selling hot dogs and smokes with proceeds going to the bursaries.

- Annual Donations not included above:
  - Parade of Green
  - Middle Church Senior Home – Be a Santa to a Senior
  - St. Paul's Anglican Church (for our monthly meeting and storing of our supplies)
  - Community request

## Whitemouth and District

Membership: 23

- Dec 2 - CPKCR Holiday Train. Approximately 2,000 attendees including MB Premier and MLA. Decorated, crowd safety, food donations (loading, unloading, weighing and reloading), photography. Mrs. Claus greeted and handed out candy canes to children. Donations to event including CPKCR-\$4,000 and Whitemouth Lions \$1400, was \$7,566., 1321 pounds of non-perishable food distributed to local food banks on Dec 3. Lion Hours 200 by 16 Lions.
- Dec 16 – Christmas Hamper Program Whitemouth project. 41 hampers up from 23 last year. Served 86 residents of RM of Whitemouth, including 25 children ages 2-16 years. Donation towards food and gifts \$4,500. Whitemouth Lions did the registration, gift shopping, wrapping, delivering and collecting donation boxes, labelling, filling distribution of hampers. Lion Hours 400
- Community Calendars – 300 calendars given out. Profit of \$927.63 – down \$400.00 from last year for same amount of calendars. Lions Hours approximately 100

## Winnipeg River and Area (Branch Club for Lac du Bonnet)

- Ten new members – currently 20 members
- First donation \$300 to Town of Powerview – Pine Falls to support free ice skating at the Arena.
- Nov 25 – Hosted a table at Great Falls Craft Sale where we promoted KidSight with pamphlets and info cards. Supported Childhood Cancer by selling wooden eyeglass holder contributed by PDG Lion Mike Jansen. Gave out 5 new member applications. Sold a few other Lion made crafts.
- Dec 16 – First Christmas Party with over 20 members, family and friends who shared food and live entertainment and gifts. 3 Lac du Bonnet Lions (our parent club) attended to add to even a better event through their support and kind words.
- \$125 donation to Winter Wonderland free community event in Pine Falls, for a port-a-potty. Club attended event providing music and prizes for the kids with a hockey target game.
- Jan 25 – members polled and decided on this date to discuss service, fund-raising and our upcoming Charter Night.

Submitted by Lion Linda Baxter

## Zone 10

Since the last cabinet meeting, I have visited the Winnipeg Beach club and have arranged a visit with another club in February. Otherwise, my club's pre-Christmas activities have taken up all of my allotted Lions time.

Submitted by Lion Gord Zeglinski

## Foundations, Programs, Cabinet Responsibilities

### Can Do Canines

#### Autism Assist Dog Rully Brings a Sense of Calm to Charlie's Life

January 17, 2024

*By Jessica Kellogg –*

Charlie is an outdoorsy kid; he loves to swim, camp, and fish. He is the middle of three brothers and loves animals. Charlie also has autism. He often struggles in public situations, especially where he is expected to stay calm and regulated. For years, this has meant that he would elope if a situation became overwhelming. "I can't tell you the number of times he just disappeared," says Charlie's mom, Katie. "It almost got to the point where I stopped panicking, so we had to stop doing all the typical fun kid things."

When Charlie was 7 years old, a school principal told Katie about Can Do Canines, and how his son, Samuel, was actually paired with Reno, the first Autism Assist Dog Can Do Canines trained. Samuel and Reno's story gave Katie a glimmer of hope that maybe an assistance dog would help get Charlie back out into the world. "I wanted Charlie to really experience the world. [As a family] we love to get out and do things, and I want him and his brothers to experience all that in a relaxed way."



It would be nearly five years of Charlie asking every month if there was a dog available for him before he would meet the black labrador, Rully. “Right away, Charlie was on the floor with Rully, they were both so excited,” says Katie, recalling the day Charlie first met Autism Assist Dog Rully. “There were lots and lots of hugs.”

While the love between them was clear from the start, the transition to having Rully in their home wasn’t without hiccups. “I think Charlie wanted an instant best friend, so it was hard for him to wait for that bond to grow,” explains Katie. “But watching Rully transition from following me around the house to understanding that Charlie is his person has been wonderful.”

Before Rully came home, Katie was nervous that adding a dog would just increase the energy level at home. “Charlie is always moving. But Rully? He’s a bit of a slug, I’ve never seen him worked up.” Instead of adding to the excitement, Rully has been a calming presence in their home. “Charlie can read Rully’s calm and now can regulate and calm himself to match the dog.”

Since being matched with Rully, Charlie has not tried to elope once, though if he did, Rully is trained to anchor a tethered Charlie in a spot to keep him safe. “I can breathe,” says Katie, describing how, when frustrated or overwhelmed, instead of falling back on stimming or eloping behaviors, Charlie will find Rully and hug him. “He’s more independent and more capable of regulating. He’s just calm around the dog.” Charlie is also very proud of Rully and enjoys showing him to people. Katie hopes that this will eventually help Rully to serve as an icebreaker when Charlie is making new friends.

“I can’t even begin to thank all the volunteers and staff at Can Do Canines,” says Katie. “How do you when saying ‘thank you’ isn’t enough? They give their time and homes and their love to someone else’s dog. It’s incredible. We are going to love Rully and give him the best life. He’s got a best friend in Charlie.”

**Thank you to all those who made this partnership possible:**

Whelping Home — Rick & Patti Dougherty

Raisers — Ryan Darley, Kristina Kiefer

Special Thanks — Jackson Correctional Institution, Stanley Correctional Institution

Team Sponsor — John Manthey, in Memory of Bonnie Manthey

Name-A-Puppy Donor — Geri Burke

Submitted by Lion Kevin Reich

## **Lions Clubs International Foundation US**

The importance of this foundation has never been more important to our world full of needs as it is at the present time. I urge every member of 5M11 to support this foundation. Any amount of donation is welcome.

I will have pins available at the convention for any Lion that gives amounts in either \$100, \$200, or \$300.00. These pins are International President Patty Hill's design.

Let's set a goal as individuals and clubs to increase our giving this year by 10% over what we gave last year.

PDG Allen Bertilrud

## **Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation**

This foundation was formed to help clubs in MD5M with 50% grants of up to \$3,000 for humanitarian purposes within our multiple district. This will help clubs with projects that do not meet the LCIF grant guidelines because of smaller size. We will start accepting grant requests in July of 2024.

The foundation will recognize individual or club donations of \$100.00 with a pin and \$1,000.00 donations with a medal. I urge you as an individual or as a club to contribute this year to the new foundation whose sole purpose is to help with club projects in MD5M.

Thank you. PDG Allen Bertilrud

## **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

On December 12, I did a Leader Dog Presentation for the Pelican Rapids Rotary Club and it was quite well received. On December 6, I did a short presentation at our club president's request since it was Governor's night even though our district governor was unable to attend since he came down with Covid. We combine this event with the Thursday Night Lions and the Sabin Lions, and rotate this meeting with the Sabin Lions every other year. Sabin club member, Lion Chad Byram, gave me a check at this meeting in the amount of \$700 for Leader Dog and \$500 of this will be used to "sponsor a puppy" in memory of Rodney Schmidt, a deceased very active previous club member. They are also purchasing a brick in his memory and when the miniature brick arrives, I will do a presentation to Rodney's widow. I was contacted by Renae Wolf, a teacher in the Moorhead School System that teaches visually impaired students. We have scheduled a virtual Leader Dog Presentation that I will do at Moorhead High School on February 27 that will be shown to other instructors across the state who teach visually impaired students. This will be a first for me, but I am looking forward to it. It is my intent to make some miniature brick presentations to club representatives at the Midwinter and schedule club programs at this time as well. I will have the Barnesville Record Review newspaper article featuring Corah, our career change leader dog, at my table at the Midwinter as well.

Lion Ken Bauer, Leader Dogs for the Blind



## **LIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA & NW ONTARIO**

- Several grants have been applied for; 2 have been received for KidSight equipment purchase and possible hearing module
- Office is back in operation after two (2) floodings
- KidSight under direction of Lions Bonnie Popowich and Robert Gosselin have screened over 9,000 children this year through December 2023
- Website update is still a work in progress
- Celebration of Foundation being 35+ years old is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> week of February
- Celebration of Journey for Sight being about 37 plus years old is Saturday, 20 January 2024 in Brandon, MB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gala is in the planning stages
- There is now five (5) newly renovated Serenity Suites available for rent.
- Applications for assistance for vision, hearing and helping hands has seen an increase in requests
- AGM to held during 5M13 Mid-Winter convention
- Next meeting via Zoom is Saturday, 04 March 2024

Respectfully submitted by Lion Pat Wight, Director, and on behalf of directors; Veena Nandan, Rick Pinchin, Gord Zeglinski

### **MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation**

Eight Lions Clubs partnered to screen 6,049 children at 39 schools, 2 day cares and 2 public events. 1,007 children were referred of which 387 have already seen an eye care professional. Follow up regarding eye care continues at 14 schools.

This year we are providing our services to kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 at each school. The plan is to offer the KidSight program to schools every year on a regular on-going basis which will result in students being screened every two years. As expected, the schools we have completed this year are looking forward to seeing us again next year.

Follow up continues to promote the KidSight program to:

- the River East Transcona School Division (27 Elementary schools and 11 Junior High schools)
- the Lord Selkirk School Division (13 schools for K to grade 7)
- the Sunrise School Division (4 schools, 2 daycares)
- Private schools in and near Winnipeg and in the North Eastman region of Manitoba
- Drop-in Centres and Daycares

Lion Bonnie Popowich KidSight Director Region 5M11-A

**MD5M Lions KidSight Readiness Report (through quarter two)**

**MD5M Lions KidSight District Coordinators please use this form to report the status of the MD5M Lions KidSight program in your district. This form needs to be submitted one week from the end of each quarter. The purpose of the form is to be able to track and report to the Council of Governors the status of this important program. Please remember to indicate your District. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to Lions KidSight.**

**Quarter End Dates: Q1 September 30, Q2 December 31, Q3 March 31, and Q4 June 30**

<b>District #</b>	<b>Canada 5M11-B</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Robert Gosselin</b>		
					<b>YTD Total</b>
<b># Clubs in District</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>
<b># Clubs Trained</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
<b># Lions Trained</b>					
<b>Screening Events Held</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>			<b>33</b>
<b>Kids Screened</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2954</b>			<b>3072</b>
<b>Kids Referred</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>273</b>			<b>284</b>
<b>Completed Follow Up</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>5</b>

**Plans for Next Quarter:**

**Borderland SD is still possible, with about half their schools in 5M11. BD SD will be approached with a pilot project screening the 5M11 school only. Hanover SD scheduled for early Q4. Daycares and Independent schools to be approached for Q3. We are in the process of lining up Q4 community "fair" screenings to focus on younger children. Hitting different communities on alternate years.**

**Summary Program Year to Date:**

**Numbers shown above are for one camera, one Lions Club, one screening team. While the area of coverage is a little large, we have it pretty well blanketed with our limited resources. I realize that the program is aimed at 6 months to 6 yrs. old, but the need in our schools is "heartbreaking". We will try to work around "something" to get a better return on event "referred children".**

Lion Robert Gosselin KidSight Director District 5M11-B

Fall is the busiest time of year for vision screening as part of the KidSight program. In the second quarter of this year there were 14 events held resulting in 748 children being screened. Seventy-seven of these screenings resulted in referrals which is a 10% referral rate.

For the first half of the year, 21 events have been held with 1812 children being screened with 277 referrals. The referral rate is 15%. This is high but considering the demographics of many of the students it is not surprising.

This current quarter will be slow in terms of screening but that is typical. Our counterparts north of the border continue to do amazing things screening thousands of children.

We continue to be pleased and thankful for the comradery that exists with this program between the two countries of our district. We have a great team of directors representing us on the KidSight foundation. MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation is the only foundation or program within our multiple that is an international foundation/program.

KidSight Directors (MN) Lions Dan Vandeventer and Kevin Reich

### **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation**

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation met on Saturday, December 2, 2023 in St. Cloud. Please note that our ONE fundraiser will again be "Strides For Diabetic Awareness." This is a physical activity challenge for Lions and non-Lions.

Registration/Donation site will be open on February 1, 2024. You can choose to walk, swim, curl, ski, skate, snowshoe, cycle, bowl, shovel snow or whatever you enjoy doing! Register at [MN Lions Diabetes.org](https://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org) and select STRIDES icon. Registration is \$30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Research Update is coming on Saturday, March 16 in St. Cloud. You may attend in person or via Zoom. Event details will be available soon on our website: [MN Lions Diabetes.org](https://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org).

Please consider being a trustee for MLDF. We are looking for a replacement for Lion Sandy Bertilrud, whose term expires the end of June. If you are interested, please contact Jim Johansen at 218-443-2479 or Sandy Bertilrud at 218-280-8146.

Thank You! Lion Sandy Bertilrud and Lion Jim Johansen

## **Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation**

One new Lions Hearing Research Fellowship has been given out. Two clubs have been visited during this cold weather spell and I attended the area Governors Night meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Five Clubs attended the event just after the new Year.

Recently, display materials were being organized for the upcoming 5M11 District Convention to be held in Mahanomen.

One club visit has been scheduled for early February. A statewide zoom meeting will be held soon for all Hearing Foundation Trustees.

Information regarding the upcoming June 4, 2024, DFEET Walk is in the process of being mailed out.

Lion Gladwin Lynne, 5M11 District MN Lions Hearing Foundation Trustee

## **5M11 District Newsletter**

THE GOOD NEWS: We have transitioned the 5M11 Newsletter from a quarterly to a bi-monthly newsletter. The next one will be due out in late February.

THE BAD NEWS: I have been unable to convert PDF forms and some images to insert into the newsletter, so a few things get left out. Last year, Webmaster Lion Lisa would add these for me, before publishing and sending it out. If there is a program or solution to this, I'd appreciate the input.

If any cabinet members wish to have something published in the newsletter, be sure to forward the information to: [lions5m11news@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m11news@gmail.com)

Lion Brian Norberg, Newsletter Editor

## Lions 5M11 Annual District Convention

**January 27-28, 2023 Victoria Inn and Suites Winnipeg, Manitoba**

The convention was called at 8:50 am, January 27 by Riverside Lions Club President Lion Gilles Pambrum. He presided throughout the convention.

District Governor Kami Anderson welcomed the convention attendees and reviewed her DG theme and the theme of the convention.

**“DREAM, BE BRAVE, BELIEVE”** Everyone can dream of future accomplishments. Remember to be brave, take risks and responsibilities. Believe there are others willing to serve and the service will be beneficial to others. The convention theme was “Don’t Stop Believing.”

DG Anderson recognized the Riverside Lions club for having 50% of the membership, 22, in attendance.

CEO Beverly Crandell presented on behalf of Dog Guides. Also in attendance was Lion Jeff Pierce, recipient of a hearing assistance dog.

PDG Jay Norby, 5M9, gave a presentation on Global Membership Initiative

PCC Bert Nelson, 5M9, gave a presentation on Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The noon luncheon began with an invocation by Lion Kevin Reich. The US Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1VDG Mike Hagen. The pledge to the Canadian flag was led by PDG Dave Hollyoake. The luncheon speaker was PID Bruce Beck, 5M9.

IPDG Allen Bertilrud presented DG awards to PDG Mike Janssen and Lion Bonnie Popowich. PDG Dale Johansen, on behalf of Project New Hope, presented “RED” awards to the Dilworth and Fosston-Lengby Lions Clubs. PCC Nelson, on behalf of LCIF, had bronze awards for PDG Bertilrud, PDG Joanne Swanson, PDG Bill Myskiw, and Lion Tom Jorgens. Tail twisting resulted in \$614 to be divided by MD5M Lions Children’s Cancer Foundation of Canada and Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.

The annual business meeting was held in the afternoon (separate minutes).

The evening banquet followed the Service of Remembrance. Lion David Klemz led the US National Anthem. The Canadian National Anthem was led by PDG Gerald Fontaine. The invocation was provided by PDG Bertilrud.

The evening speaker was ID Jay Moughon of Clifton, Virginia. His message was; attitudes are contagious, you do not need a title to be a leader, you can change the world.

DG Anderson presented her DG Awards.

- Presidential Medal – PDG Allen Bertilrud
- Leadership Medal – Lion Nadine Myers and Lion Darryl Popowich
- International President Certificates of Appreciation – Lion Sandy Bertilrud, Lion Robert Gosselin, Lion Roger Kazmierczak, Lion Gord Zeglinski.

The convention raffle tickets resulted in sales of \$2,562. The winning ticket was the Grygla Lions Club receiving \$384.30, 15%.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Timers winner was Lion Marilyn Grandstrand receiving a 2024 convention hospitality booklet and two-night hotel stay.

DG Anderson extended a thank you to the convention host committee and Convention Chair, PDG Chris Barnard.

The close of the business meeting followed the evening banquet.

Notes by District Secretary, Lion Kevin Reich

### **Lions 5M11 Annual District Business Meeting Minutes**

#### **January 28, 2023 Victoria Inn and Suites Winnipeg, Manitoba**

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Kami Anderson at 2:12 pm.

1. Motion by PDG Doug Wiens, seconded by Lion Jim Johansen to accept the 2022 business meeting minutes. MC.
2. Motion by Lion Johansen, seconded by PDG Gerald Fontaine to accept the financial report. MC.
3. In the Sergeant of Arms report Lion Mark Spielman stated all is going well.
4. There was no Constitution and Bylaws report.
5. In the Credentials report Secretary Lion Kevin Reich stated there are 36 club delegates and 8 PDGs in attendance for a total of 44 delegates. Twenty-one clubs of the district are represented.
6. There was no Resolutions report.
7. In the Nominating Committee report PDG Dave Hollyoake stated 1VDG Mike Hagen meets the criteria for being District Governor.
8. District Elections
  - A. DGE - PDG Wiens nominated 1VDG Mike Hagen, seconded by PDG Allen Bertilrud. Motion by Lion Spielman, seconded by Lion Johansen that nomination cease. MC.
  - B. 1VDGE – no nominations.
  - C. 2VDGE – no nominations.
  - D. MD5M Hall of Fame – Lion Ken Bauer was nominated by the Barnesville and Hitterdal Lions Clubs. Motion by PDG Wiens, seconded by Lion Jerry Amiot to accept the nomination. MC.
9. Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario
  - A. There was no verbal report.
  - B. There are two director positions, for 3-year terms open, currently held by Lions Richard Pinchin and Patricia Wight. These two are candidates for re-election.
10. In the 2023 Convention report, Convention Chair, PDG Chris Barnard stated there were 107 registrants.
11. In the 2024 Convention report Lion David Klemz stated the convention will be January 26-28, 2024 at the Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahnomon, MN.
12. Four Manitoba Lions Clubs were recognized with a bronze award for their support of the Walk for Dog Guides; Winnipeg West - accepted by PDG Hollyoake, Winnipeg South - accepted by Lion

Claudette Match, West St. Paul - accepted by Lion Wight, East Kildonan - accepted by PDG Mike Janssen.

13. International Director Jay Moughan addressed the attendees.
  - A. In order for a district to bring forth an ID candidate the current guidelines require the district to have a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs. This is possibly going to be revised which requires a constitution amendment.
  - B. The DGE learning experience will begin earlier in the term.
  - C. The family member plan is going to be revised.
  - D. A new Lions Portal computer program is being developed. Reporting will be much simpler. Internationally, 48% of Lions clubs report. 5M11 has 68% of its clubs reporting.
14. CC Glenn Kaufmann spoke of the multiple convention scheduled for May 5-7, 2023 at the Holiday Inn of St. Cloud, MN.
15. PID Bruce Beck spoke of the Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation. Each Lions club in the multiple will be encouraged to donate \$100 annually to fund the foundation. It is hoped by 2025 the foundation can begin providing grants to individual clubs within the multiple in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.
16. PDG Hollyoake explained the voting procedure.

The meeting was recessed by DG Anderson until later in the evening.

The meeting was reconvened by DG Anderson at 8:28 pm.

17. PDG Hollyoake presented the results of the elections; DGE – Lion Mike Hagen, Hall of Fame – Lion Ken Bauer, Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NW Ontario – Lions Richard Pinchin and Patricia Wight.

18. Motion by PDG Hollyoake, seconded by PDG Barnard to destroy the ballots. MC.

19. Treasurer Lion Nadine Myers stated the district financials stands at \$59,766.51. The Parade of Green totals \$55,043.83 at this time.

20. Due to issues associated with the covid pandemic, PDGs Allen Bertilrud and Kevin Reich were unable to attend their respective international conventions. Motion by Lion Spielman, seconded by Lion Stacy Kleinwachter to sponsor PDGs Bertilrud and Reich financially to attend the international convention in Boston, MA, July 7-11, 2023. MC.

21. PDG Barnard recognized the other convention committee volunteers. He thanked the attendees for their involvement in the service project which resulted in 175 bags of essentials being put together for the homeless shelters in Winnipeg. PDG Barnard extended a thank you to the staff of Victoria Inn.

22. DGE Hagen thanked the members in attendance for their vote of confidence and support.

23. DG Anderson thanked the assembled Lions for their attendance and support. She thanked ID Moughan for his attendance, insights, and service. DG Anderson extended a personal thank you to her husband, Lion Kristopher Anderson, for his support.

Motion by PDG Wiens, seconded by PDG Janssen to adjourn the business meeting. MC.  
Recorded by District Secretary, Lion Kevin Reich

