



**DISTRICT 5M-5 LIONS**  
Hennepin County, Minnesota



THIRD CABINET MEETING  
January 6, 2024

Hilton DoubleTree, Bloomington

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

*Opening Ceremonies*

District Governor Dick Kentzelman called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Lion David Danielson led the Pledge to the Flag. DG Dick welcomed everyone and introduced ID John Lawrence. Cabinet Secretary Robert Vokes read the roll, with the following Lions marked with a “✓” in attendance:

**CABINET MEMBERS**

- ✓ John Beacham
- ✓ PDG Bernie Braegelmann
- PDG Brian Busch
- Jim Cain
- ✓ David Danielson
- ✓ PDG Jennifer Gilbert
- ✓ Kevin Harris
- ✓ PDG Rob Hed
- ✓ Grant Hendrickson
- ✓ PCC Bob Jechorek
- ✓ Cheryl Jechorek
- ✓ Daren Johnson

- ✓ DG Dick Kentzelman
- ✓ Bob Larson
- ✓ IPDG Jennifer Marshall
- Jeannine McDonald
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sara McFee
- ✓ Ray Moonen
- ✓ PDG Kristine Morin
- ✓ Paul Newman
- ✓ Vickie Parks
- ✓ Colleen Patterson
- ✓ PCC Rob Rand

- ✓ James Rouillard
- ✓ Judy Rue
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Kim Schommer
- ✓ Gary Stevens
- ✓ Bruce Strachota
- ✓ Amy Sundstrom
- ✓ PID Ross Thorfinnson
- ✓ Bill Thurston
- ✓ Shari Thurston
- ✓ PDG Robert Vokes
- ✓ PDG Kevin Walsh
- ✓ Heidi Zaworski

**GUESTS**

- ✓ ID John Lawrence

*Official Actions by the Cabinet*

Cabinet members VOTED to:

1. Approve the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting on October 30, 2023 as distributed (Unanimous Consent)
2. Approve the agenda today’s Cabinet Meeting as s distributed (Unanimous Consent)
3. Hold the 2025 Midwinter Convention at the Sheraton Minneapolis West Minnetonka (Thorfinnson)
4. Adjourn the meeting (Unanimous Consent)

*Approval of Minutes and Agenda*

The minutes of the October Cabinet Meeting and the agenda for this today’s agenda both passed muster. Please see Action Items #1, & #2. above.

*Officers’ Reports*

District Governor – Lion Dick Kentzelman thanked the Lions for their +13 in membership to date. Everyone had a great time visiting the hospitality rooms last night. A Lions license plate will soon be available, with the proceeds to go to the T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation. He has visited many Lions clubs, with more to do.

First Vice District Governor – Lion Kim Schommer thanked the Lions for attending this morning’s Cabinet Meeting. She is preparing to serve as District Governor next year, having attended lots of training. There will be additional training to come. She has enjoyed visiting Lions clubs.

Second Vice District Governor – Lion Sara McFee thanked the Lions for attending the Convention, and said that she appreciated participating in many fundraisers.

Cabinet Secretary – Lion Robert Vokes called the roll to ensure that the attendance would be accurate

Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Ross Thorfinnson said that the Balance Sheet includes an additional restricted fund for the LCIF Community Grants made to Hopkins and Bloomington. The Profit & Loss Report has limited value because there will be many entries in the future for the income and cost of the Midwinter Convention.

### ***Zone Chairs***

Zone 1 – Lion Bruce Strachota reported that he has visited all of his Lions clubs which are all in good standing.

Zone 2 – Lion David Danielson said that he is responsible for six Lions clubs, all which are healthy. However, the total membership for the zone is -1.

Zone 3 – Lion Daren Johnson said that his Lions clubs are doing well and all are current with paying dues.

Zone 4 – Lion Heidi Zaworski reported that all of the Lions clubs in her zone are busy recruiting new members.

Zone 5 – Lion Judy Rue said that all of her Lions clubs are doing well and have been planning for the Midwinter Convention. Total membership for the zone is +2.

Zone 6 – Lion Vickie Parks reported that she has visited all of her Lions clubs, Total membership in the zone is -9.

### ***Administrative Committees***

Advisory Council – Lion Ross Thorfinnson said that DG Dick Kentzelman has not given the Advisory Council any work.

Constitution & Bylaws – Lion John Beacham said that several calls for proposed amendments to our District's Constitution & Bylaws were made. Notification and calls for proposed amendments were shared with the District at the August and October Cabinet meetings. As of December 5<sup>th</sup>, no proposed Amendments were received by this committee for consideration at this Convention. Ensuring consistency to LCI's Constitution & Bylaws, annual updates to our District's Constitution & Bylaws will now be completed and forwarded to our District's web chair for placement on the 5M-5 web site.

District Administrator – Lion Rob Hed said that all is going well. He is available to help Lions clubs with MyLCI. But asks that they first try make the changes, themselves.

E-Mail Directory – An e-mail directory is no longer maintained. Instead, newsletters are sent to club secretaries for distribution to their members.

Gambling Chair – Not in attendance, no report.

Global Leadership Team – Lion Jennifer Gilbert said that the Global Leadership Team has had a full year so far with training and supporting DG Dick's goals. We are currently working on a succession awareness training. That would be for clubs to incorporate the importance of rotating and preparing officers and to avoid the situation if an officer or a knowledgeable Lion in the club is no longer there for that role. It also helps the district to have qualified Lions who can support the district in addition to their club. We've held Guiding Lion training, supported the all club meetings and facilitated Zone Chair check in meetings. Three 5M5 Lions attended RLLI this past fall. Also, per usual, we will hold club officer and zone chair training in the spring.

Global Membership Team – Lion Rob Rand said that District 5M5 Membership: 1,321; Adds: 79; Drop: 66, of whom 11 were deaths; Total: +13.

Global Service Team – Lion Bernie Braegelmann said that DG Dick’s goals for Lions clubs reporting on MyLion is 90%, actual is 95%. His goal for service projects reported is 800, actual is 647. More service projects in diabetes are needed. Please continue to report service projects on the district Facebook page.

Informer Editor – Lion Colleen Patterson said that the Informer publication is going good from her perspective The secretaries’ handling the distribution is a HUGE help and very much appreciated! Please continue to send pictures, articles, and stories via email to: LionsDistrict5m5@gmail.com. That comes directly to her.

Leo Clubs – Lion Jim Rouillard said that his report remains the same, any Lions Club not sponsoring a LEO Club is missing the boat. Ninety-five (95!) Leos completed four service projects Friday afternoon.

Midwinter Convention – Lion Ross Thorfinnson recognized Leo Chair Lion Jim Rouillard for his excellent work working with the Leo clubs. Thanks to the hard work of the Zone Chairs, numbers are back to what they were prior to the pandemic. 22 hospitality rooms were rented by 28 Lions clubs. All three meal functions will be well attended: 125 lunches, 215 dinners (including 44 Every Day Heroes), 135 breakfasts. New this year are two seminars immediately after the business meeting.

The Sheraton Minneapolis West Minnetonka has also submitted a bid in addition to the Hillton DoubleTree. In comparing the two bids: Sleeping rooms, Sheraton, \$95/night, DoubleTree, \$105/night; Food & Beverage Minimum Guarantees, Sheraton, \$12,000 , DoubleTree, \$14,000; Hotel Room Night Guarantee, Sheraton, 150 rooms nights, DoubleTree, 150 room nights; Poolside Hospitality Rooms Sheraton, 26, DoubleTree, 24; Bed Removal Fee, Sheraton, \$150, DoubleTree, \$250; Accessibility (very important!), Sheraton, Totally accessible, DoubleTree, Hospitality rooms only accessible via back hallways. Please see Action Item #3 above.

Public Relations – Lion Kristine Morin thanked Lions club for making use of Face Book for their events

Technology – AV – Lion Bob Larson said that everything is going well with the new sound equipment.

Technology, Web Site – Lion Colleen Patterson said that the website is active and getting views! We did have some hiccups with the on-line ordering and will work to have that easier to navigate by the next event, giving us the ability to better collect money ahead of time.

### ***Program Committee Reports***<sup>1</sup>

Comments by International Director – ID John Lawrence said that it is great to be here, said that the reports given were good, and congratulated the Lions on a +13 increase in membership.

### ***Announcements***

- Fourth Cabinet Meeting, Monday, March 18, 2024
- Third All Club Meeting, Monday, April 1, 2024

### ***Adjournment***

There being no further business, the third cabinet meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Please see Action Item #4 above.



Robert W.H. Vokes, Cabinet Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> All major program committees either make presentations at the luncheon (Can Do Canines & Peace Poster) or make reports at the business meeting (all others).