

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD
January 14, 2013

Bemidji Lions Club President, Mel Milender, called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. at the Lueken's North meeting room.

Board members present: Mel Milender, Joe Love, Bob Woodke, Steve Caron, Vance Balstad, Sam Sant, Bob Montebello, Leroy Hill, Wayne Tieman, Mark Paulson, Jim Fillipi, Les Sanders, Ron Porter

Motion by Bob W., second by Joe, to approve the agenda after addition of "Planning Session" under new business and an announcement to be made by Steve Caron. Carried.

Motion by Bob W., second by Joe, to approve the minutes of the November and "unofficial" December, 2012, regular board meetings and the special December 12, 2012, meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Joe Love, presented the December, 2012, financial report, which indicated balances of \$10,439.77 in the Activity Fund, \$2,696.85 in the Admin. Fund and \$1,295.22 in the Mint Fund. Motion by Wayne, second by Steve, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Carried. (The November, 2012, financial report had indicated balances of \$12,039.77 in the Activity Fund, \$6,149.05 in the Admin. Fund and \$1,013.18 in the Mint Fund.)

Vance questioned the funds being provided by the Mint routes, as it appears that many mints are being taken from the dispensers without any donation. Lion President Mel indicated that this will be an agenda item for the February meeting.

Wayne reported that our membership stands at 85 regular members and one associate member (Dick Labraaten). We had dropped 3 members at the "unofficial" December meeting for non-payment of dues: Mike Curfman, Dan Hess and Harry Vollen.

Wayne provided the 2013 5M10 Convention events calendar for Saturday, January 19, and indicated that the Friday evening social and fish fry was a "Beach" theme, and the Saturday evening governor's banquet was a "dress-up" event. The question of what events might be available for spouses attending during the day on Saturday was advanced and Wayne said he would check into that before our Wednesday regular meeting.

Mel passed around the new club pin, 500 of which just arrived from the vendor. Motion by Bob W., second by Wayne, to bring 150 to the 5M10 convention next weekend for members to purchase at \$3 each for pin trading. Carried.

Mel announced that he will set a special evening meeting soon to plan for the 2014 5M10 Lions Convention which we will be hosting, to set committees, select a theme, etc. Wayne to check with the Big Falls, Blackduck, First City and Littlefork Lions Clubs if they will provide some financial support.

We need to contact Lueken's in December, 2013, to reserve the meeting room for board meetings in 2014. We are on their calendar for this current year, but must be done each year.

Mel was provided credit purchasing cards by Lueken's and he passed them on to Treasurer, Joe.

Evergreen House sent a request for funding. Motion by Mark, second by Vance, to consider funding when the 2013-14 budget is developed. Carried.

Ron indicated that Camp Courage North is returning to Lake George and that they will be providing a program at one of our regular meetings in February. They will also be considered for funding when we develop the 2013-14 budget.

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Bob W. provided questionnaires for a planning session, which President Mel had requested that he develop for our club. This will be an all-day session on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at a site to be determined.

The Lions Spring Fling will be on Saturday, April 13, at the Eagles Club, if possible, with a roast beef dinner. Vance will look into entertainment for that evening.

Motion by Mark, second by Bob W., to set Lions "Flap-jack" day for Tuesday, May 7, 2013. Carried. There was some discussion about "how good" our pancakes are compared to the Senior Citizens pancakes. It was pointed out by Joe that theirs' are all made from "scratch," which makes them more expensive. Wayne volunteered to head up this event and Steve volunteered to work on publicity.

The 2013 Lions Fare is set for Saturday, August 10, 2013, on the lakefront and Library Park. Mel requested that the committee chairs be from the board membership to assist in coordinating this event.

A question about the boat that was donated to the Lions Club was raised and Joe is to provide a receipt for the gift to the donor in the amount of \$6,000. Sam will place it on Craig's List once he is provided all the information about it, and Bob M. will send the information about it to a relative of his who lives in the Lake of the Woods area.

Vance raised the question of the Lions sponsoring a running event as a fund-raiser. He will contact Lion Craig Hougan about this and invite him to attend the February board meeting.

Ron brought up "White Cane Days" again as a fund-raiser, and he will provide more information about it in the future.

The Salvation Army bell ringing brought in approximately \$36,000 this year, which was down a bit from 2011. The Lions week brought in \$1,114 this year compared to \$2,200 in 2011. It was felt that the location of the kettle that the Lions manned was not as good as in prior years.

Steve announced that Lion Alan Colliander had quadruple by-pass surgery within the past few days. A card for him will be passed around at the regular Wednesday meeting.

Bob W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Mark Paulson
Lion Secretary

Approved by board – 2/20/2013