

Bemidji Lions Club
October 13th Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by President Steve Caron

The following Lions were in attendance: Vance Balstad, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, Joe Love, Steve Caron, Bob Weber, Dennis De Pew, Ron Porter, Leroy Hill, Bob Montebello, Tom Berdahl, Wayne Tieman, Mel Milender, and Tom Peterson. Lion Jim Molde was also in attendance as a guest.

AGENDA: Two items were added to the agenda under new business – Jim Molde speaking about the BSU Foundation Dinner and Wayne Tieman speaking on the District Governors visit. One item was added to the agenda under old business – Mel Milender speaking on Vision Awareness week. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to approve the agenda with Joe Love giving the motion a second. The motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the September 8th Board Meeting were presented to the board members. The Secretary's Report was approved on a Bob Woodke/Joe Love motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love presented the report. As of September 30th, the Activity Fund has a balance of \$21,014.74, the Administrative Fund has a balance of \$7,683.68, and the Mint Fund has a balance of \$1559.98. It was noted that \$4,500 will soon be transferred to the Multi District 5M Convention Fund. Bob Woodke made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bob Weber gave it a second. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman reported that 73 members have paid their dues or indicated they would pay. Three new members are possibly going to join the Bemidji Lions Club. The list of unpaid members was reviewed and strategies to contact them were discussed. Wayne reminded members that on October 22nd the District Governor will be at our General Meeting. A discussion followed regarding follow-up requests necessary asking members to renew their dues. A motion was made by Bob Woodke, seconded by Dennis De Pew, to delete unpaid 2014-15 members from the club's roster as of October 31, and submit the revised club member roster to International in November. This motion passed on an 8-6 vote, with 1 member abstaining. Another motion surfaced on the floor. A Mel Milender/Vance Balstad motion stated that letters should be sent to members who have unpaid dues. These letters should be sent within the week. This motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. POLICY NEEDED: Steve Caron commented on the need for a policy regarding use of the Lion's Club grill and cookers. A committee will be formulated to develop such a policy, and they should give thought to such items as a fee, condition when returned, duration of time, etc.
2. GIFT OFFER: (See item #6 under new business, Sept. 8th Board Meeting) Ron Porter suggested auctioning off the Kittleson Gift at the upcoming 2017- 5M Multi District Convention. Bob Weber made a motion to pursue this idea and Mel Milender seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. SPRING FLING: This agenda item was skipped. May be addressed at a later meeting.
4. NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT: Steve Caron began a discussion on ideas to bring in new members. He presented a list of suggestions for member recruitment. Mel Milender talked about the importance of supporting Lion's Club functions, such as the Saturday football game sponsored by the Lions. The possibility of a "Branch Club" was discussed. Bob Woodke emphasized the importance of having application forms available at all times and by all members. He also

pondered the idea of having a Diabetes Screening day. Additional discussion erupted and several ideas came forth concerning the enticement of new members.

5. VISION AWARENESS WEEK: Mel Milender gave a short report on Vision Awareness Week. He indicated that 35 individuals were screened and 10 glasses were given out. He emphasized that awareness is the key to success. Jim Molde was recognized for his many hours of work in planning and coordinating the event.
6. STRATEGIC PLAN: Mel Milender passed out a sheet containing objectives and goals from the Strategic Plan. Eight objectives were reviewed and discussed. He concluded by reminding members that the upcoming Mid Winter Convention is scheduled for the weekend of January 24th and 25th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BSU FOUNDATION DINNER: Guest Jim Molde talked about the BSU Foundation Dinner which will be held in the near future. The Bemidji Lion's Club will be recognized for supporting the foundation by giving \$25,000 over the past years. Bob Woodke indicated he will be attending the dinner and will represent the Lion's Club.
2. GOVERNOR'S VISIT: The District Governor will be attending our noon meeting on October 22nd. A motion was made by Bob Woodke, seconded by Bob Weber, to present the Governor with a Bemidji Woolen Mills Jacket. The motion passed.
3. DONATION REQUEST: A new request has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter regarding funding of Braille paper and computer equipment. A donation of \$179 was given to them for the purchase of paper in the past and another request concerning an Embosser was denied. Mel Milender recommended that paper be donated only through a collection at a general meeting. LeRoy Hill made a motion to deny the request and Joe Love provided a second. The motion passed.
4. DISTRICT- 5M10 FUNDING REQUEST: Our District has requested a \$4 dollar charge per member to help offset expenses. A Bob Woodke/Mel Milender motion to honor the request was presented on the floor. This would amount to approximately \$280-320 dollars. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:55

Submitted respectfully by Leon Nelson 2014/2015 Lions Club Secretary