

Bemidji Lions Club
November 10th Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:32 by President Steve Caron

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, Joe Love, Ron Porter, Bob Montebello, Tom Berdahl, Wayne Tieman, Tom Peterson, Les Sanders, and John Sorensen

AGENDA: One item was added to the agenda under new business – Ron Porter speaking about Holiday Gifts for Kids. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to accept the revised agenda. Ron Porter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the October 13th Board Meeting were presented to the members of the board. Two corrections were noted to the minutes. Under Membership Report, a decision concerning submission of the number of members to International will be made in November based on paid or promise to pay members as of October 31st. Also the \$4.00 member assessment sent to 5M10 will be based on the number of members as of November 1st, which will take into account dropped members. A motion by Bob Woodke to accept the revised Secretary's Report was made. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love presented the Treasurer's Report. As of October 31st, the Activity Fund amounted to \$21,274.74 and the Mint Fund held \$1764.11. The Administrative Fund and the 5M10 Convention Fund will be updated by the next meeting. A total of \$4,500 has been transferred to the new 5M10 Convention fund. A Wayne Tieman/John Sorensen motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A complex Membership Report was passed out to the board and was presented by Wayne Tieman. Initially he reported the current number (Magic Number) of members was 73. This total was arrived at by considering paid members, 12 dropped members, 4 deceased members, 8 who have partially paid, and 3 new members. After each category was discussed by the board, it appeared that the club's revised membership roster is at 73. A motion by Bob Woodke was made to accept the Membership Report. A second was made by Ron Porter. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISTRICT 5M10 FUNDING REQUEST

A motion was made by Bob Montebello, seconded by Ron Porter, to pay District 5M10 a total of \$292 dollars (based on 73 members) to help offset their financial problems. The motion carried. A motion by Wayne Tieman was made to drop twelve (12) members who have not paid their dues thus indicating a desire not to continue membership was made. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. HUGH O'BRIEN YOUTH (HOBY) SCHOLARSHIP(s)

President Steve Caron read a portion of a letter from BHS counselor Jenny Fraley requesting our club to provide 1 or 2 HOBY scholarships this year. The cost of one scholarship was raised to \$195 this year and a second scholarship would cost an additional \$350. Our club has provided one scholarship the past several years, although we have funded two HOBY scholarships in the past as well. Our board and membership approved one HOBY scholarship for 2014 for \$150. Board action is needed to approve the additional \$45 or \$395. A motion was made and seconded to fund one scholarship at \$195.

The motion passed. Lions Ron Porter and Steve Caron agreed to represent the club during the HOBY interviews.

3. CLUB COMMITTEES

A discussion of the standing committees within the club was held. It was agreed that these committees must stay active and report periodically to the board. The club treasurer and secretary were added to the Membership Committee. This should bring the total members in that committee to six. The Strategic Planning Committee is on track and has recently presented a report to the board. The Awards Committee is being organized and should meet in the near future. The Equipment Committee will be comprised of Bob Montebello, Bob Woodke, Leroy Hill, Tom Berdahl, and John Sorensen. Responsibilities found under several of the committees were discussed.

4. HELEN KELLER AWARD PLAQUE

Bob Woodke reported that the Helen Keller plaque should be completed soon. Presently there are four (4) names on the plaque. He noted that there is additional money available for another recipient of the award. The other plaque which he completed was the Melvin Jones plaque. It is on display during the general membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

We presently have applications for three new members. They are Marcus Breuning, Robert Madesen, and Tricia Andrews. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept these individuals as new members to the Bemidji Lions Club. Wayne Tieman seconded this motion. The motion passed. A discussion pursued on what should be the proper amount to assess each member, being they joined the club in the middle of the year. It was agreed to have Tricia Andrews and Marcus Breuning pay \$45 and Bob Madesen \$70, being he already paid and filled out his application several months ago.

2. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION PROTOCOL

The application process in the past has resulted in some confusion. A Ron Porter/ John Sorensen motion established a sequence standard. The application should first be given to the sponsor of the candidate. From there the application should be submitted to the Membership Committee, next be presented to the board for approval, and then turned over to the club secretary for submission to LCI and filed. The motion passed.

3. WORLD WIDE WEEK OF SERVICE IN JANUARY

International President Joe Preston suggested that each club should consider a project relating to the upcoming Week of Service slated for January. The board discussed a special project relating to youth and funded through a fund raiser of some nature. Also discussed were ideas for a community project. Bob Montebello added that Bemidji experiences problems with the homeless which could also be an avenue to pursue. No fund raisers occur between the Lions Fare and Flapjack day in May so there is room for an additional fund raiser. This may be a topic of discussion at an upcoming general membership meeting.

4. HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS

Ron Porter questioned the board if Holiday Gift for Kids should be continued this year. The program of accepting unwrapped gifts designated for kids has been very successful in the past. Because of this a motion was made and seconded to continue the yearly event. The motion passed. Ron Porter will again oversee the collection of gifts in our club this year.

OTHER:

1. President Steve Caron read several Thank You letters and cards from individuals for past donations and services.
2. We received an invitation to participate in Light We Night activities, specifically the parade. Wayne Tieman made a motion to not participate in the activities this year. John Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with one "nay".
3. Another request was received from "Timber Bay Youth Investment". It was decided to not respond to the request.
4. Steve Caron presented an update on the request we denied to the Slaughter family. Hopefully the issue is now at rest.
5. President Steve Caron reminded the board of the upcoming board meeting which will be held on December 8th.

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. by Bob Woodke. It was seconded by Ron Porter.

Submitted respectfully by Leon Nelson – 2014/2015 Lions Club Secretary