

**Bemidji Lions Club
December 8th Board Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m. by President Steve Caron

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, Joe Love, Ron Porter, Bob Montebello, Wayne Tieman, Tom Peterson, Les Sanders, Vance Balstad, Leroy Hill, Mel Milender, Dennis DePew, and Bob Weber.

AGENDA: One item was added to the agenda under new business – Wayne Tieman will speak about the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention, and one item was added to the agenda under old business – Ron Porter will present information on Holiday Gifts for Kids. A motion was made by Dennis DePew to accept the revised agenda and Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the November 10th Board Meeting were presented to the members of the board. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to accept the minutes and Bob Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love presented the Treasurer's Report. The report included an updated October 31st report and a report for the month of November. As of November 30th, the Activity Fund has a balance of \$18,242.45 and the Administrative Fund a balance of \$3,352.66. The Mint fund held \$1,952.14 and the 5M10 Convention Fund had a balance of \$3862.77. A Bob Weber/Bob Woodke motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Leon Nelson presented the Membership Report. Currently there are 74 members listed with LCI. This includes 70 regular paid members, two new paid members and two members who will be dropped. Eight members were dropped on November 22nd. One new member will be added upon payment of dues and we have one associate member. A motion by Bob Weber to drop the two members who want to terminate their membership. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CLUB COMMITTEES: President Steve Caron distributed a list of four committees and Lions who will serve on these committees. Vance Balstad volunteered to be on the Membership Committee and Dennis DePew was added to the Awards Committee. The committee chairs should hold periodic meetings and report to the board.
2. WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE: The first Worldwide Week of Service will be held January 10th thru the 16th. Bob Woodke, who is the Centennial Celebration Coordinator, presented information on this activity. The board agreed to address "Hunger" as the first challenge. Mel Milender made a motion to assign someone to coordinate the "Hunger Event". Bob Weber, with help from Bob Woodke, were

- nominated to oversee the activity. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: Bob Weber made a suggestion that once a month at the Wednesday general membership meeting we should discuss business activities. The question of which Wednesday during the month would be the most appropriate dominated the talk. After some discussion, Bob Woodke made a motion to have the immediate Wednesday after each board meeting designated as a business meeting. This would begin in the month of February, 2015. Mel Milender seconded the motion and the motion passed.
 4. GIFTS FOR KIDS: Ron Porter disclosed that "Gifts For Kids" was slightly behind other years in terms of collection of money and gifts. To make up for this difference, it was decided to "pass the hat" during the December 17th meeting.
 5. SPRING FLING/NEW FUNDRAISER IDEA: Mel Milender presented information on what the Grand Rapids Lions Club is doing to raise money. It involves a social hour/meal/raffle with tickets going for \$100 each. A long discussion followed on the feasibility and logistics of such an event. This activity could be part of our Spring Fling. A Bob Woodke/Wayne Tieman motion to go ahead with Mel's fundraising proposal passed on a 8 to 5 vote, with one board member not voting. A Balstad/DePew motion to take the proposal to the general meeting for acceptance was withdrawn after discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MID-WINTER CONVENTION: Wayne Tieman presented information on the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention in Duluth during January 23-25. He emphasized the importance of a good representation by the Bemidji Lions. Wayne made a motion to have the club pay for the \$99 dollar Hospitality Book for all of the Bemidji Lions attending the convention. Dennis Depew seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: The "New Member Packets" have arrived. Mel Milender and Wayne Tieman from the Membership Committee will be organizing the induction of the new members
3. MEMBERSHIP CHEVRON PRESENTATIONS: Several Membership Chevrons need to be distributed to various members. Board members volunteered to assist in the distribution.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. President Steve Caron read a "Thank You" note from the Evergreen House for our donation to their organization.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Bob Weber/Dennis DePew motion to adjourn was made at 12:55 p.m.

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