

Bemidji Lions Club
February 9th Board Meeting

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

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Wayne Tieman, Joe Love, Vance Balstad, Bob Montebello, Tom Peterson, Bob Woodke, Dennis DePew, Les Sanders, John Sorenson, Leroy Hill, and Bob Weber.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to the board for consideration. No additions were noted and Joe Love made a motion to accept the agenda. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A slight modification to the January 12th Board Meeting minutes was made. Under "Old Business", item #2, future coordinators for the Lions Fare and Flapjack day should read as follows: The first vice president should be the coordinator for Flapjack day activities and the second vice president coordinator of Lions Fare activities with the first vice president acting as a co-chair. A motion to approve modified minutes was made by Bob Woodke and Joe Love seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love gave the Treasurer's Report. He noted that an adjustment was made to the Activity Fund Balance. The new balance going into the month of January should be \$15,678.52. A sheet explaining the changes to the balance was distributed to the Board. Lion Joe also explained what each of the four (4) main funds entailed. A separate sheet showed the balances as of January 31st to be \$10,506.59 for the Activity Fund, \$2,598.22 for the Administrative Fund, \$1,829.45 for the Mint Fund, and \$3,862.77 for the 5M Convention Fund. A complete and professional report will be presented to the board next month. A Bob Woodke/John Sorensen motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman gave the Membership Report. At present we have 74 paid members with the newest addition of Mike Headlee. The club is averaging about 30 members in attendance per meeting. The Membership Committee has met twice since the January Board Meeting. Consensus from the recent board meeting indicated an emphasis on the 3 "P's", which are Publicity, Projects, and Pairs. Lion Wayne stressed that additional members are needed to make the club operate more efficiently. Duluth presently has six more members than our club. A copy of the District 5M10 membership Report was made available to the board members for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 5M10 CONVENTION FOLLOW-UP: Seven members from the Bemidji Lions Club attended the Mid Winter Convention in Duluth. A motion was made by Wayne Tieman to reimburse members who attended the convention, if they so desired. Bob

- Woodke seconded the motion. The motion passed. To obtain the \$99 dollar registration fee, a written request should be submitted to Lion Treasurer Joe Love.
2. **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB INVITATION:** The Bemidji Boys and Girls Club has presented us an invitation to hold a future meeting at their facility. The meal would be on us. A discussion followed focusing on the logistics of moving a general membership meeting to another location. Bob Montebello made a motion to decline their invitation based on the problems involved with changing sites for a meeting. Dennis DePew seconded the motion and the motion passed. The option of visiting the Boys & Girls Club still remains and our support of the club will continue.
 3. **LIONS FARE:** Lion Vance Balstad gave a report on the current status of the Lions Fare, scheduled for July 18th. Library Park will not be available for the Lions Fare this summer. Vance and Bob Weber will be attending a meeting in the near future which will focus on the Reconstruction Project within the park. The Lakeside Parking Lot (Watermark) worked out well for us last year if an area for picnic tables and serving can be found nearby. A motion by Vance Balstad, with a second by Bob Woodke, was made to pursue the use of this area again for the upcoming Lions Fare. The green area to the north could be a possible site for serving and eating. After a short discussion, the motion passed.
 4. **FLAPJACK DAY LETTER:** Lion Mark Paulson drafted a letter which we can consider sending to businesses in the area regarding sponsorship of a table at Flapjack Day. Copies of the drafted letter were made available to the board members. After a short discussion Wayne Tieman made a motion to utilize the letter for the fund raiser endeavor. Dennis DePew offered a second to the motion. The motion carried on a 7 to 4 vote.
 5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Membership Committee)-** Wayne Tieman presented a green sheet containing information on the Membership Committee. He reviewed the induction ceremony last week, commented on the need to recruit new Lions, gave an update on membership numbers, and discussed the 3 “P’s”, which are Publicity, Projects, and Pairs. (Equipment Use Committee) – Lion Bob Woodke distributed a “Use Policy” and “Agreement Sheet” which should be used whenever outside groups want to borrow equipment owned by the Bemidji Lions Club. Presently there is no charge for the use of our equipment but donations are highly welcome. After review of the two sheets, a Tieman/ Montebello motion to approve use of the “Use Policy Sheet” and “Agreement Sheet” was made. Motion passed. (Awards Committee)- Steve Caron talked about the four (4) awards given out by the club. Forms for nominations to the awards are in place. These forms will follow the path of - Awards Committee, Board Members, and regular membership. Discussion erupted concerning when the awards should be given out. A Bob Weber/Bob Woodke motion to have the awards presented periodically throughout the year was made, with the Awards Committee ultimately selecting the dates. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **JAYCEES REQUEST:** The Bemidji Jaycees have requested use of our Flapjack cooking equipment on March 1st for a Fire Department benefit. Dennis DePew made a

- motion to allow the Jaycees use of the equipment on said date, with Vance Balstad giving the motion a second. During discussion an amendment was made giving the motion flexibility to be involved with the cooking of the Flapjacks. Motion passed.
2. HARLEM AMBASSADOR'S OCTOBER EVENT: Tabled until a future meeting.
 3. 4-H CLUB FUND REQUEST: After last week's generous donation to the 4H club, a shortfall of \$314 dollars still remains to be able to fully fund their transportation cost to Duluth for leadership training. A Bob Woodke/Bob Weber motion to fund this remaining amount was made. The motion passed.
 4. FEBRUARY 11th GENERAL MEETING: This week's General Meeting will consist of business items. Issues to be discussed will be Flapjack Day, Lions Fare, and the Spring Fling. Various committees will also be expected to give short reports to the attending members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dennis DePew offered a motion to dismiss the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Les Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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