

## Bemidji Lions Club – March 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by president Steve Caron

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

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to the board for consideration. Bob Montebello requested that “Food Shelf Project” be added under new business. Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept the agenda with the additional new business item, with Mel Milender giving a second to the motion. The motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Copies of the February 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were made available to the Board Members. No additions or corrections were noted. Joe Love made a motion to accept the Secretary’s Report and Bob Montebello seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February. As of February 28<sup>th</sup> the Activity Fund showed a balance of \$9, 868.59, the Administrative Fund a balance of \$2,736.60, the Mint Fund held \$1,854.60, and the Convention Fund at \$3,731.97. A “back and forth” discussion erupted on the Mint Fund and how it operates. A Dennis DePew/ Wayne Tieman motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman presented the Membership Report. He noted that the Membership Committee is meeting regularly and he gave a summary of recent membership activities, as shown on the “Green Sheet” which he distributed to the Board Members. Membership presently is at 74, with two new individuals submitting their applications. “ASK ONE” pins were given to the Board members present and the remaining pins will be given to other Lions at the General Membership meeting. Lion Wayne also presented information on the Spring Membership Surge within our district. Mel Milender explained a newspaper ad which is being promoted by the district. Half of the cost to run the ad will be reimbursed to our club through a grant, with the total cost of the ad being around \$291 dollars. A John Sorenson/Bob Woodke motion was made to proceed with the use of this ad in our local newspaper. After a short discussion, the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. SPRING FLING: Mel Milender reported that he has not yet heard from the State Gaming Board. The permit is needed before any action can be taken regarding the Spring Fling raffle. Mel recommended that instead of the high stake raffle, a lower key social gathering take place, with a respectful evening meal, coupled with door prizes and other fun activities. Mel Milender made a motion to not have the raffle in connection with the Spring Fling and Dennis DePew seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. FLAPJACK DAY: Bob Weber was to give a report on the progress of FlapJack Day but he was not in attendance. FlapJack day is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> and will be held again at First Lutheran Church. Wayne Tieman agreed to take charge of having the tickets printed, along with the poster. A motion was made by Wayne Tieman to have the ticket format and price the same as last year, with Joe Love giving a second to the motion. The motion passed. A Mel Milender/Bob Woodke motion to print 500 table tent cards to be used at all events was presented to the Board Members. These cards could hold information about the club, including charities which we support. Everyone agreed with this idea and the motion passed. A Bob Woodke/Dennis DePew motion to spend \$400 for advertising surfaced. This would include both newspaper and radio advertising. This motion also passed.

3. LIONS FARE: Vance Balstad gave an update on the 2015 Lions Fare scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. As of yet the location has not been determined. Mel discussed the possibility of holding the Lions Fare in the Kraus Anderson parking lot, Second Street and Paul Bunyan Drive. It does lack shade but is sandwiched in between Paul and Babe, the Farmers Market, and other activities which are occurring that Saturday. If this area does not work out, next in line would be pursuing the parking lot in front of Sears, followed by the lot adjacent to the Sub Shop. A Mel Milender/Dennis Depew motion to obtain one of these areas, following the order listed, was made. This motion passed.
4. WORLD WIDE WEEK OF SERVICE: During April 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, our club should be focusing on one or more projects which are related to the Environment. Bob Montebello brought up the need for an automatic door opener to the outside for clients using the Bemidji Food Shelf facility. The idea was well received but was moved for discussion under “New Business”. To fulfill requirements for World Week of Service, a Woodke/Tieman motion to use the “Roadside Cleanup” and the “Downtown Flower Garden” as projects to aid the environment. They will be submitted to LCI upon completion and should qualify. The motion passed.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Wayne Tieman gave a Membership Report earlier in the meeting. Mel Milender reported on the Strategic Plan. He suggested that it should be reviewed, possibly in April and more information will be presented at the Membership Meeting this week. A meeting is needed for the purpose of reviewing the Awards form. It was agreed to have the members of that committee meet at 1 p.m. after the general meeting this week.
6. 2015-16 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The following positions will be available for club members to consider for next year – Treasurer, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. President Steve Caron requested that 1 Year Board Members inform him ASAP if they plan on vacating the position.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEW MEMBERS: Bob Woodke made a motion to approve John Naastad and Rich Siegert as new members to the Bemidji Lions Club. Vance Balstad approved the motion, which passed without hesitation. Joe Love asked the members of the Board what a fair membership fee should be, since the year is 2/3rds over. A Sorenson/Woodke motion to wave the initiation fee and charge a proportional yearly amount for the new applicants was presented to the Board. This motion passed.
2. FIRST CALL 211 VOLUNTEERISM OFFER: The Bemidji Lions Club has received an offer from First Call 211 to assist during our annual Flapjack Day. After a short discussion, a Montebello/Peterson motion to accept their offer was made. The motion passed.
3. FOOD SHELF DOOR: Bob Montebello continued his discussion relating to an automatic exit door for clients in the Food Shelf facility. This project carries a \$3,000 price tag. Lion Bob suggested a combination of private donations, Bemidji Lion’s Club and other donations be raised to complete the project. Milender/Balstad motion to also pursue a LCI grant for additional funding of the project. The motion passed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. An e-mail has been received from the Harlem Globe Trotters requesting sponsorship for their visit. This would be \$4,000 to \$5,000 cost up front. President Steve Caron suggested they contact the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce and the Board agreed.
2. A Thank You card has been received from Jeff Olson regarding our donation to Camp Confidence.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:53 p.m. a motion was made by Denis Depew, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn. The motion passed.

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