

Bemidji Lions Club – April 9th Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by president Steve Caron

The following Lions were in attendance: Bob Montebello, Bob Weber, Leon Nelson, Ron Porter, Mel Milender, Steve Caron, Bob Woodke, Dennis DePew, Les Sanders, Tom Peterson, LeRoy Hill, and John Sorensen.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to the board for consideration. Ron Porter requested that a short report on the “Directory” be placed under new business. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the agenda with the added addition. Bob Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Copies of the March 9th Board Meeting Minutes were made available to the Board Members. Lion Bob Weber indicated he was present at the board meeting, although he came in late. His name will be added to the minutes. A Dennis DePew/Bob Weber motion was made to accept the amended minutes. Motion Passed. Secretary Leon Nelson mentioned he would not be at the May meeting. Lion Dennis DePew graciously indicated he would take notes during the meeting. Secretary Nelson also talked briefly about the club roster, E-mail addresses, and the “Bubble Gum Machines”.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joe Love was not present at the meeting so president Steve Caron presented the Treasurer’s report. As of March 31st, the Convention Fund had a balance of \$3,709.57* dollars and the Mint Fund carried \$274.80* dollars with \$2,000 recently transferred from the fund. The Activity Fund held \$13,261.40* dollars and the Activity Fund was at \$791.38* dollars. Reimbursement checks for those Lions who attended the Mid Winter will be delayed until adequate funds are available in the account. A DePew/Weber motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made. The motion passed. *These figures represent adjusted figures obtained after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: With Wayne Tieman absent from the meeting, secretary Leon Nelson reviewed a pink sheet, submitted by Lion Wayne, which summarized the April 7th membership meeting. Present membership is at 76 members with one associate member. At the membership meeting, the following topics were discussed: “Ask One Pins”, 5M10 Spring Membership Surge, Table Tents, the “Spring Fling”, Lion’s newspaper advertising, potential new members, branch clubs, and the process of seeking new members by going out in pairs. Mel Milender made a motion to accept the Membership Report. Bob Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **SPRING FLING:** Four couples have already paid for the upcoming Spring Fling on May 2nd. Posters are available for distribution and ticket prices are set at \$22 each. The decision to auction off two gold vests at the “Fling” was made by the Board. One vest has pins attached while the other is plain. An impressive banner with many old

and collectible pins will be appraised with decisive action taken at a later date. The banner and vests were turned over to the club from a former secretary, who had them in storage.

2. **FLAPJACK DAY:** Ron Porter indicated that all systems were “GO’ for the upcoming FlapJack day scheduled for May 5th. Everything is ordered and Lion Ron placed a heavy emphasis on the selling of tickets. A DePew/Sorensen motion was made to send out 10 tickets each to the approximate 28 members who have not been in recent attendance. Motion passed.
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Equipment Committee indicated that both the Boy Scouts and the Bemidji Jaycees have requested use of our grills during upcoming dates. “Equipment Use Forms” have been given to both organizations and it is expected that these forms will be returned for our consideration soon. The Awards Committee will have a short gathering after today’s meeting. Nomination forms for awards need to be returned soon. One of the Dream Catcher awards will be going to Sanford and there is possibly one other which will be given out. Three Helen Keller awards will be presented and up to four Melvin Jones awards will be given. Strategic Planning had no report at this time.
4. **BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Names of the individuals who are on the current Budget Committee were named. They will be meeting in the near future to consider next year’s budget.
5. **OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** Bob Weber and Vance Balstad represent the upcoming Bemidji Lions Club presidents in that order. The 2nd and 3rd VP positions, along with the Treasurer’s position are still vacant. John Sorensen, Dennis DePew, and Tom Burdahl are two year Board Members. Les Sanders and Jon Olson will need replacements as one year Board Members. Bob Woodke and Tom Peterson will step down from their Board positions if other Lions indicate an interest in serving. At present there are several Lion’s members who have expressed an interest in the vacant VP and Board positions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:** Two new members, John D. Naastad and Rich Siegert, will be inducted into the Bemidji Lions Club on May 6th. Mel Milender will officiate at the ceremony.
2. **FOOD SHELF PROJECT:** Lion Bob Montebello announced that the \$3200 dollars needed for the automatic door opener at the Food Shelf has been raised. He commented that the donations by the Lions Club were very beneficial in reaching the goal.
3. **DIRECTORY:** Ron Porter talked about the progress of the Lions Club Directory. A discussion centered on what should be in the directory (member numbers, e-mail, etc.) and the difficulty in obtaining some of this information, thus making the Directory up to date.
4. **LET’S GO FISHING REQUEST:** President Steve Caron received a donation request from the Let’s Go Fishing organization. Even though the request conflicts with the “4

Pillars”, a Ron Porter/Bob Montebello motion to have the Budget Committee review the request in July came onto the floor. The motion passed.

5. BHS GRADUATION PARTY/SALVATION ARMY REQUESTS: Two additional requests were brought forth by President Steve Caron. The request to donate to the BHS Graduation Party was not favored by the Board because of limited funds and the request not in the current year’s budget. The donation request by the Salvation Army was also denied due to the fact that the Lions donate considerable time “Bell Ringing” during December and the many Lions who donate to that organization on an individual basis.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Two “Thank You” cards have been received from past donation recipients. They came from the local Girl Scout organization and the Village of Hope.

OTHER:

1. Leroy Hill commented on the fact that hanging the Lion’s Club Banner from the ceiling at meetings is not a safe practice. He will be considering someone else do the hanging or possibly hanging the banner on the wall, if the Eagles Club allows it.
2. Ron Porter reminded Board Members that the next meeting will be on May 11th
3. Bob Montebello announced that the “Loop the Lake” bike ride will be on June 20th and volunteers will be needed.
4. Mel Milender asked if there is anything outstanding that should be presented at the upcoming Cabinet Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:46 p.m. a DePew/Sorensen motion surfaced to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed.

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