

Bemidji Lions Club – May 11th, 2015 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Bob Weber, Vance Balstad, Tom Peterson, Tom Berdahl, Joe Love, Bob Woodke, Les Sanders, Leroy Hill, Bob Madeson, Mel Milender, Marcus Brunning, and Ron Porter.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to the board for consideration. Two items were added under new business. They were (1) New member induction and (2) Roberts Rules of Order. A motion was made by Joe Love to approve the amended agenda, with Bob Woodke giving a second to the motion. The motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the April Board Meeting Minutes were made available to the board members. It was noted that the date of the April board meeting was actually the 13th, not the 9th. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from the month of April. The motion passed. In the absence of Leon Nelson, Lion Dennis DePew will be taking notes during this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love presented the Treasurer's Report. As of April 30th the Activity Fund held \$11,489 and the Administrative Fund was at \$998. The Convention Fund was at \$3,553 and the Mint Fund was \$393. President Steve Caron reminded the board members that those who attended the Duluth Convention will eventually be reimbursed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman was unable to attend and give the membership report. Present membership with LCI is 76 members, with one associate member.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **SPRING FLING:** Mel Milender indicated that 35 attended the May 2nd Spring Fling. Overall gross was around \$2,400 and expenses totaled \$814 dollars. It was considered a great success and everyone appeared to have a good time.
2. **FLAPJACK DAY WRAP-UP:** Ron Porter distributed an expense report to the board members. According to the report, total costs amounted to \$870.62, with some of the left over pancake mix and sausages being sold or returned. As of May 13th, Lion Joe Love reported a gross income of \$4,448 dollars. There were 48 Bemidji Lions involved with this event, with additional help from the "211 volunteers" representing the Grand Rapids area. Approximately 682 individuals were served flapjacks and there were no major problems.
3. **2015/16 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS:** President Steve Caron presented names of the new officers for next year. Bob Weber will be the president, with Vance Balstad holding the position of new vice-president. Bob Madeson volunteered to be 2nd vice president. Joe Love will continue as treasurer and Leon Nelson will also continue as secretary. Board members Sanders and Berdahl are resigning. Marcus Brunning will be the new 2 year board member and Leroy Hill and Ron Porter 1 year board members. A

Bob Weber/Bob Woodke motion to accept the slate of new boards members for 2015/2016 was made. Motion passed. It was agreed that the Bemidji Lions Club By-Laws need to be revisited. Mel Milender, Vance Balstad, and Steve Caron volunteered to search through various storage boxes in an effort to locate them.

4. AWARDS NOMINATIONS REPORT: Nominations and recommendations by the Montebello sub-committee were presented to the board. Mel Milender made a motion to nominate Steve Caron for "Lion of the Year". The motion was approved. The board consensus was not to present a "Helen Keller Award" this year. The board approved Ron Porter and the Sanford Medical Hyperbaric Unit for the two "Dream Catcher Awards". The board also approved Joe Love, Wayne Tieman, and Ron Porter for "Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards". President Steve Caron will be filling out applications to International for "Melvin Jones Awards" and Minnesota Lions- Diabetes Foundation for "Dream Catcher Awards".

5. LIONS FARE AND AUCTION: This agenda item was tabled. It will be discussed at a special board meeting later in May.

6. 2015/2016 ACTIVITIES BUDGET: The proposed Activities Budget for the upcoming is \$13,000. This figure represents a slight decrease from last year. After a short discussion on several individual parts of the budget, a motion was made by Bob Woodke to accept the new budget figures. Bob Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. LETTER & DONATION - MARK PAULSON FAMILY: President Steve Caron led a discussion on the presentation of a letter to Mrs. Mark Paulson. The family requested the donation from the Lion's Club be given to Calvary Lutheran Church's Columbarium. A motion was approved for \$50 to be given to this cause. Steve Caron will draft the letter and make contacts, while Joe Love is to produce a check from the club.

2. INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: Officers and board members for next year will be inducted at the regular noon meeting on June 24th. Steve Caron will contact the District Governor and past District Governor to see if either can be present to conduct the ceremony. (Note): District Governor Mark Osthus has indicated that he can attend.

3. BEMIDJI LACROSSE DONATION REQUEST: This agenda item was tabled by a Woodke/Porter motion.

4. NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Marcus Brunning has been inducted into the Bemidji Lions Club, but Rich Siegert and John Naastad were unable to attend. We are now looking at June 3rd for the next Induction Ceremony. Mel Milender will be available and sponsors are reminded to make sure new inductees make the meeting.

5. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER: Bob Woodke handed out a guideline for Roberts Rules of Order. Board members should review the rules prior to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank You letter has been received from the family of Mark Paulson.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 12:50 p.m. Motion passed.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – May 27th, 2015

1. 2015/2016 BOARD MEMBERS: A motion by Wayne Tieman, seconded by John Liapis, to approve the slate of Board Members and Officers for the 2015/2016 year. This motion passed.
2. 2015/2016 BUDGET: A motion was made by Bob Woodke, seconded by Don Campbell, to approve the budget for the 2015/2016 year. This motion passed.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – May 27th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. on May 27th, 2015. The Lions in attendance were Steve Caron, Leroy Hill, Leon Nelson, John Sorensen, Vance Balstad, Joe Love, Ron Porter, Dennis DePew, Bob Montebello, Bob Weber, Bob Woodke, Wayne Tieman, and Tom Peterson.

1. President Steve Caron summarized the preparations thus far for the upcoming Lions Fare on July 18th. He pointed out that someone will be needed to assist Bob Weber in coordinating the event, along with volunteers to lead the cooking crew and clean-up committee. Vance Balstad graciously volunteered to provide a trailer for refuse.
2. The issue of tables was next discussed. Sixteen tables will be needed for those wanting to eat on site. Several Lions volunteered chairs for the occasion. Eight tables will be needed for serving purposes.
3. The question of “Auction or Not” was presented to the board. Last year’s auction brought in \$3,200 last year. A motion was made “Not to hold an auction this year”. This motion failed on a 5 to 4 vote. It was agreed to have the subject of an “Auction” presented to the General Membership at an upcoming meeting.
4. Coordination with the BHS All School Reunion Committee has been made.
5. A discussion on the number of meals we could serve, considering all factors, was held. A motion to order “500 chickens” was made. The motion passed.
6. A motion was made to spend \$700 dollars this year on “Publicity”. We will drop the ad in the Pioneer, dedicate \$100 to the By – Line for ads, and use the remaining \$600 for publicity on both T.V. and radio. The motion passed.
7. Having area banks and businesses assist in the cost of having the Lions Fare was discussed. Food costs last year totaled \$2,500 and it will be a big plus if local merchants could reduce this figure, but it takes work from the members to seek out these sources. After a short discussion it was agreed to present the topic to the General Membership at an upcoming meeting.
8. The idea of a cash raffle is still under consideration. A motion was made by Wayne Tieman, seconded by Ron Porter, to hold a raffle in the Fall. Grand prize will be \$5,000 with tickets selling at \$100 dollars each. A total of 300 tickets will be made available for sale. The motion passed on a 9 to 2 vote.
9. The board voted and approved Guy Drevlow as a new member of the Bemidji Lions Club. There are now four new members that need to be inducted.
10. A motion was made to have the “Brick”, which was presented to us from “Leader Dog”, dedicated to the memory of past Lion Club member Mark Paulson. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1: 42 p.m.

Submitted with respect – Leon Nelson 2014/2015 Bemidji Lions Club Secretary