

## Bemidji Lions Club- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m.

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Bob Montebello, Ron Porter, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, Bob Weber, Tom Peterson, Wayne Tieman, Joe Love, and Tom Berdahl.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to the board for consideration. One item was added under new business, which was information regarding "Loop The Lake". A motion was made by Bob Woodke, seconded by Joe Love to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the May 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were made available to the board members. Several corrections to the minutes were noted and will be changed on the electronic version of the minutes. A Woodke/Tieman motion was made to accept the minutes, with changes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love presented the report. Lion Joe reported that \$3,552 appears to be the net profit from the Flapjack event. As of May 31<sup>st</sup> the Activity Fund had a balance of \$13,135.81 and the Administrative fund held \$1,648.72. The Mint Fund was at \$353.11 and the balance in the 5M Convention Fund was \$3,352.92. A Ron Porter/Bob Woodke motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman presented the report. He distributed a "Green Sheet" which summarized membership items. Lion Wayne noted that we currently have 78 members with one associate member. Dues are fast approaching and the current annual dues of \$70 may not be enough for next year. This item will be presented to the General Membership meeting on Wednesday. He also spoke about the upcoming 5M Convention, to be held in 2017 in Bemidji. Fund raising and upcoming meetings relating to the convention were discussed. President Steve Caron recommended a committee be formulated to assist Lion Wayne during the planning of the convention.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. LIONS FARE: President Steve Caron led a discussion on food ordering and serving of food for the Lions Fare. Jim Fillipi needs to be contacted about the ordering of the food. KFC will be the source for the cold slaw. A discussion erupted on the need for a tent in the event of rain or excess sun. A Tom Peterson/Wayne Tieman motion to consider use of a tent with a \$1,000 maximum was made. This motion passed. Steve Caron showed the board members a news release relating to the event and it was recommended by Bob Weber that we obtain a generic sign to be used during the day of the feed.
2. AUCTION/CASH RAFFLE: A Tom Peterson/Wayne Tieman motion to hold a cash raffle during the fall was made. The motion passed. Whether or not to have an auction will be presented to the general membership on Wednesday of this week.
3. FARM BUREAU BREAKFAST: This year the Farm Bureau breakfast will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and will run from 8:30 to 12 in the morning. Lion Leon will pass around a sign-up sheet.

4. FHNB BREAKFAST: Vance Balstad was not present to give a report. Wayne Tieman and Bob Weber will be working with Vance to coordinate the Sunday morning cooking of flapjacks. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be passed around on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. CASH RAFFLE FUND RAISER: Mel Milender will organize a committee to plan the logistics of the fall raffle.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. EXPECTATIONS OF NEW CLUB MEMBERS: Board members received a document outlining expectations of new members as they join the Bemidji Lions Club. Bob Woodke explained that the document could be given to new members via e-mail or hard copy. Bob Weber made a motion to accept the document. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. 2015/2016 LIONS CLUB DUES: A breakdown of the present \$70 dues was given. Only \$2.50 per person ends up in the club treasury. Pros and cons of increasing the dues surfaced among the board members. A Woodke/Peterson motion to increase the dues an extra \$5 dollars, pending approval of the general membership was made. Motion passed.
3. BEMIDJI LACROSSE DONATION REQUEST: In April a letter was received from a Bemidji Lacrosse group asking for a donation to help build the team. This would help service 8 to 17 year old youth. A Tom Peterson/Ron Porter motion to contribute \$100 to the cause was made. Motion passed.
4. BEMIDJI GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL DONATION REQUEST: In May we received a donation request from the Girls Fastpitch Softball club (ages 5 – 18) asking for a contribution to help finance a batting cage for their team. A Peterson/Weber motion to give the club \$100 for this purpose was made. Motion passed.
5. LIONS LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND REQUEST: When Ken Bauer gave us a recent presentation on the Leader Dog Program, he also challenged us to increase our support of the program. A Tom Peterson/Wayne Tieman motion to increase our donation to this cause an extra \$300 for the next three years. After some discussion the motion passed.
6. LIONS LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND- MARK PAULSON MEMORIAL: Because of our past donations, we qualify for one or more memorial bricks. Mark Paulson will be identified on one brick, which was the consensus of the board. Tom Peterson will investigate as to how many more bricks we are entitled to so we can arrive at more names.
7. GORDY OBERG'S FAMILY LETTER: A Woodke/Weber motion to have the Bemidji Lions Club donate \$50 dollars to the family's charity of choice was made. Motion passed.
8. LOOP THE LAKE: Bob Montebello explained another opportunity "to serve" for the Bemidji Lions. Volunteers are still needed at the Loop The Lake bicycle venture on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bob if you are interested.
9. SYMPHONY REQUEST: A request to have a special donation to the Bemidji Symphony will be addressed at the next Bemidji Lions Club Board.

ADJOURNMENT: A Joe Love/Bob Weber motion to adjourn was made. Motion passed.

## JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> – General Membership Meeting

1. MEMBERSHIP FEES: Because of the small amount of current membership fee coming back to the Bemidji Lions Club, a Tieman/Atwater motion to increase the yearly club fee to \$75 dollars was made. The increase will result in \$7.50 per member being returned to our club. The motion passed.
2. TENT/CANOPY FOR LIONS FARE: Pros and cons of renting a tent or canopy for the Lions Fare on July 18<sup>th</sup> was discussed. A Montebello/Milender motion to proceed in obtaining a tent or a canopy was made. This motion also passed.
3. CASH RAFFLE: Members were given the opportunity to discuss having a cash raffle this fall to raise funds for the club. A cash raffle, with a limit of 300 tickets at \$100 each, was the focus. A Porter/ Weber motion to have the raffle was made. The motion passed. The tentative date will be sometime in late October.
4. MEMORIAL BRICKS: This topic was deferred until a future date.