

## Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. at Lueken's North

The following Lions were in attendance: Joe Love, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, John Sorensen, Steve Caron, Dennis DePew, Leroy Hill, Wayne Tieman, Bob Montebello, Bob Weber, Mel Milender, Marcus Bruning, and Tom Peterson.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was distributed by President Bob Weber and presented to the board for consideration. Three items were added to new business. They were: 1. Mel Milender to speak on Lions Diabetes Conference 2. Wayne Tieman to talk about the 5M10 Convention 3. Bob Woodke to speak about a "Door Raffle". A motion was made by Bob Woodke, seconded by John Sorensen to accept the amended agenda. Motion passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A clarification about the Leader Dog donation was felt necessary. The Bemidji Lions Club will be donating an extra \$300 for a total of three years, not for the "next three years", as stated in the July minutes. Additional comments about the preciseness of the July minutes surfaced but the club secretary deemed these "trivial". Changes to the minutes will be made on the electronic version for storage purposes. A Woodke/Madeson motion to accept the amended July minutes was made. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lions Club treasurer Joe Love presented a hand written report to all club officers. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Activity fund was at \$16,282.73. The Administrative Fund held \$2,417.53 and the Mint Fund was at \$1035.42. The 5M Convention Fund was at \$3,352.92. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Membership Committee Chair Wayne Tieman distributed a "Blue Sheet" to all present which outlined membership issues. Presently we are at 76 members with one associate. Emo, located in Canada, is nudging us out of second place for membership in the district. Thirty-nine members have paid their dues so far. Board members agreed that those attending board meetings should get credit toward "Perfect Attendance" pins. David Mills and David Gill have applied for membership in the Bemidji Lions Club. A Tieman/Madeson motion to use post cards instead of letters as a reminder to those who are delinquent on

this year's dues. Motion passed. The reminders will be sent after Wednesday's meeting. Contacts will be made with Sanford soon about starting a new club. Lion Wayne commented that 5M10 has won several awards concerning their membership. Brochures about the Bemidji Lions Club should be updated and distributed throughout town. A motion was made by DePew, seconded by Woodke to accept the membership report. Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. LION FARE: Joe Love gave some updated figures on income and expenditures concerning the recent Lions Fare. Several have as yet not returned tickets/money for the event.
2. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: A new name will be used in lieu of the name "Christmas Raffle" will be "Fall Cash Raffle". Tickets are available and all members should be involved in the ticket sales. A meeting will take place in the near future to discuss issues concerning the "Raffle".
3. JACK DOWNING DONATION: Lion President Bob Weber indicated that the Jack Downing family prefers the \$50 dollars charity donation from the Bemidji Lions Club go to Hospice.
4. BEMIDJI BREW PINT NIGHT: Steve Caron spoke on this item. It appears that there are no suitable dates left this year for our Lions Club to be involved with "Pint Night" at Bemidji Brew. The board felt it is still a worthy opportunity to raise a few dollars and Steve will check out dates for next year and report back.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. CENTINIAL CELEBRATION: Lion Bob Woodke gave a stimulating presentation on the upcoming celebration of the Lions 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. "When there is a need – There is a Lion" will be the theme of the celebration. Lion Bob reported on the logos, web site, new ideas, and year by year activities which are planned. This year the focus will be on "Member Invitation".
2. BY-LAWS: After an exhausting search by Steve Caron, no current by-laws concerning the operation of the Bemidji Lions Club have been found. Lion Wayne Tieman and Joe Love disclosed they possess boxes of old Lions Club materials which should be examined. Bob Woodke volunteered to formulate a committee to establish new By-Laws. Mel Milender and Steve Caron will also be involved. A Tieman/Sorensen

- motion to list board members in the By-Laws was presented to the board. The motion passed.
3. STRATEGIC PLANNING: Lion Bob Woodke reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has not met for a while. Possibly in early September the group will meet and report to the September board meeting. A day sometime after deer season is being considered for a major meeting date to prepare an updated strategic plan.
  4. DIABETES DAY AT WAL-MART: Mel Milender reported that several cities throughout Minnesota will be hosting a Diabetes Awareness Day, including Bemidji. Several Lions volunteers will be needed at Wal-Mart on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> to greet and stamp passports at numerous locations. Visit with Mel if you are interested.
  5. ADDITIONAL CHECK SIGNERS: A Madeson/Sorensen motion to add Leon Nelson and Vance Balstad to the list of those Lions who can sign off checks was made. Motion passed.
  6. 5M10 CONVENTION: Wayne Tieman spoke on the upcoming 5M10 convention which is scheduled for January 15 – 17 (2016) at Fortune Bay. It will be hosted by the Cook Lions Club.
  7. DOOR RAFFLE: To help bring additional revenue into the Bemidji Lions Club, Bob Woodke suggested that a raffle of one or two items be held during the general membership business meeting once a month. Bob has a few items which he is willing to donate for this cause. A Tieman/Love motion to proceed with this idea was presented to the board. The motion passed.
  8. COOKING GRILLS AT LIONS FARE: A discussion erupted on the wind problem faced by those individuals operating the grills at the last Lions Fare. Future set ups of the grills outside should consider this menace.
  9. NEW MEMBERS: Two new members have applied for membership in the Bemidji Lions Club. They are David Mills and David Gill. A Tieman/Madeson motion to approve these new members was made. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Lion Bob Madeson made a motion to adjourn at 12:52 p.m. Joe Love seconded the motion. Motion passed

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – 2015/2016 Lions Club Secretary