

Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – October 12th, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by Vice President Vance Balstad, replacing President Bob Weber who was not present at this meeting.

The following members were in attendance: Vance Balstad, Ron Porter, Leroy Hill, Leon Nelson, Bob Montebello, Steve Caron, Bob Woodke, Joe Love, Wayne Tieman, Dennis DePew, John Sorensen, Tom Peterson, and Mel Milender.

AGENDA: The agenda was distributed to the board by V.P. Vance Balstad for consideration. Two items were added to the agenda under new business. They were: (1) Ron Porter speaking on “Holiday Gifts for Kids” (2) Joe Love speaking on the cashed check sent inadvertently to LCI. One item was added to the agenda under old business. It was: (1) Bob Woodke addressing “Centennial Celebration”. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Joe Love seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: An electronic copy of the September 14th board meeting minutes was sent on Oct. 9th to all members (excluding Tom Peterson) of the board. Hard copies were also made available at the meeting. Wayne Tieman noted that registration for the 5M conference could NOT be made on-line, contrary to what the minutes stated. The electronic version of the minutes will reflect this change. A Woodke/Caron motion to accept the amended minutes was made. This motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Lions Club Treasurer Joe Love presented the report. A typed/hand written report was made available to all board members. As of September 30th, 2015, the Activity Fund had a balance of \$15,532.95, including a credit of \$2,199.01 from LCI. The Administrative Fund was at \$11,077.00 and the Mint Fund increased to \$813.56. The Convention Fund remained the same at \$3,352.92. Lion Joe gave the board an update on the missent check to LCI. They cashed the check and credited our account \$2,199.01. Treasurer Joe will continue to follow up on this issue. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and John Sorensen gave a second to it. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Membership Chair Wayne Tieman reviewed the “Green Sheet” which was made available to the board members. Present paid membership is at 68 with one associate member. Twelve Lions are delinquent in paying their dues. Letters, with invoices, will be sent to these individuals. 5M10 membership is presently at 1203. Lion Wayne also noted that District Governor Bill Michl will be present at the October 28th meeting for his annual visit. A Porter/Woodke motion to purchase a coat from the Bemidji Woolen Mills, for Mr. Michl, was made. Motion passed. There will be no program on the day the District Governor visits our club. This led to a discussion on speakers during days we have induction of new members. The general opinion of the board was not to have a speaker during the induction process. Discussion developed concerning the length of the general meetings. A Milender/Hill motion to move the start time back 15 minutes (12 o’clock) came onto the floor. Much discussion surrounded this idea. The motion passed by a narrow margin. Mel Milender made a motion to approve the membership report. Ron Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **2017 DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION:** Wayne Tieman presented an update on the convention. The 2016 convention will be held in Mankato on April 23rd – 25th. The registration table will need to be functional through the use of our members. See Wayne for additional details.

2. FALL RAFFLE: Mel will be absent this Wednesday during the general membership meeting. He will need someone to coordinate the collection of raffle tickets and money. Steve Caron graciously accepted this challenge.
3. BRANCH LIONS CLUB: Ron Porter reviewed the status of the branch club at Sanford hospital and clinic. There will be a meeting on Thursday to discuss progress on forming a club. He has experienced difficulty in finding time when they can all meet as a group. Joy Johnson is their representative.
4. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Bob Woodke revealed a draft of the Bemidji Lions Constitution and By-Laws. Under Article IV, Section 1 in the By-Laws, an Awards Committee was added to the list. Under Article I, Section 8, a Porter/ Milender motion to establish 75% as the number of meetings needed to receive a perfect attendance award. This percentage would be used in combination of other factors, stated under that section. This would come into effect in the 2016-2017 year. The motion passed. A Bob Woodke/Steve Caron motion to present the newly formed By-Laws and Constitution to the general membership was made. This will take place on October 14th with a vote scheduled in November. The board members will recommend adopting the Constitution and By-Laws, with amendments. The motion carried.
5. DIABETES AWARENESS DAY: Mel Milender brought us up to date on this event. It will be on November 14th from 10 – 2 p.m. It is estimated that we will need 14 – 16 Lions to provide the needed assistance.
6. LEO CLUB: No information available at this time.
7. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Bob Woodke talked briefly about the upcoming Centennial challenge, which will be “Relieving Hunger”. This will occur during the Dec – Jan months. Several ideas surfaced for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ROAD SIDE CLEAN-UP: We need to address this before winter shuts everything down. Marcus Bruning will be contacted as a possible coordinator.
2. LIONS FOOTBALL GAME: The free Vision Clinic will be held on Thursday, October 22 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. The Lions Vision Awareness game will be on October 24th (Saturday) at 1 p.m. We need a healthy representation at this event. Questions concerning sponsorships, see Jim Molde.
3. LIONS EVENTS: Several ideas are being considered for having some fun in the future for the Lions. These ideas will be pondered at upcoming meetings.
4. BRANCH LIONS CLUB AT BSU: Mel Milender is working with Judy David at BSU to possibly form a Branch Lions Club. Students are seeking service projects which should tie in well with the goals of a Lions Club. More discussions will develop in the future.
5. NEW VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES: New members should consider an administrative position within the club. A logical stepping stone would be involvement on the board, thus learning about the club.
6. HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS: Ron Porter asked the board if the Lions Club would support this event for another year. A DePew/Tieman motion to continue supporting this cause for another year was made. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Caron made a motion to adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

