

## Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:29 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following members were in attendance: Wayne Tieman, Bob Woodke, Vance Balstad, Joe Love, Marcus Bruning, John Sorensen, Tom Peterson, Ron Porter, Bob Montebello, Steve Caron, Bob Weber, Mel Milender and Leon Nelson.

AGENDA: The agenda was distributed to the board for consideration by President Bob Weber. No additions or corrections were made. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the agenda, with Joe Love giving the motion a second. Motion passed

SECRETARY'S REPORT: An electronic copy of the October 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes was sent on November 5<sup>th</sup> to all board members, except Tom Peterson. Hard copies were made available at the meeting. A Woodke/Love motion to accept the October board meeting minutes was made. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lions club treasurer Joe Love presented the report. A typed report was made available to all board members. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Activity Fund held \$14,365.95 and the Administrative Fund had a balance of \$22,567.33. The Mint Fund was at \$1,021.48 and the Convention Fund stayed at \$3,352.92. A Tieman/Caron motion to move approximately \$10,400 from the Administrative Fund to the Activity fund was made. Lion Wayne Tieman amended the motion by adding the transfer should be done after bills relating to the raffle have been paid. This motion carried. After some discussion about the overall financial condition of the club, a Caron/Woodke motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman distributed a "Green Information Sheet" to all board members. The Membership committee met on November 5<sup>th</sup> and we now have 75 members who have paid their dues and 5 who are delinquent. The process of dropping members who have not paid their dues should start soon. 5M10 membership is at 1203. An application from Jimmie Wiley of Blackduck has been received. A motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Steve Caron, was made to accept the new member. His dues will be \$37.50 being the year is nearly half over. Motion passed. A motion to accept the Membership report was made by Mel Milender. This was seconded by John Sorensen. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman talked briefly about the upcoming multi-district convention to be held in Mankato on April 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Hotels/motels are filling up fast and we should register ASAP. The district mid-winter convention will be at Fortune Bay, near Tower, and will on January 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. FALL RAFFLE: Mel Milender distributed a white sheet outlining the income and expense figures for the fall raffle. It was a great success with the estimated profit being around \$11,406. Being optimistic about the future, Lion Mel reserved the room again at the Hampton for October 27<sup>th</sup> of next year. A Tieman/Woodke motion then surfaced to have the raffle again in 2016. Motion passed.
3. DIABETES AWARENESS DAY: Lion Mel presented information relating to Diabetes Awareness Day at WalMart. Posters need to be distributed. Many lions have signed up to help but extra help is always appreciated. Meet at the main door.
4. BRANCH CLUB AT BSU: No action will occur concerning the branch club until December, according to Judy David, who is with the 1<sup>st</sup> City Lions Club. Lion Mel stated that the

- prospect for a club at BSU is promising but will take a dedicated faculty advisor and sufficient number of energetic students. Mel added that Lion Steve Caron has accepted the position of “Zone Chair”. This led to a roaring round of applause from the board members.
5. BRANCH CLUB AT SANFORD: Lion Ron Porter indicated that progress on this branch club is on hold, due to the fact that Dan Olson, a key contact person, accepted a new position in South Dakota. On another note, Ron brought up the subject of Hoby Scholarships. A Milender/Tieman motion to give out two (2) scholarships this year was made. Motion passed.
  6. CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS VOTE: Bob Woodke reminded everyone that at the Wednesday general membership meeting, voting will take place concerning the Club By-Laws and the Constitution. A Wayne Tieman/Mel Milender motion was made to amend the Consitution. This amendment would read: Those Lions who have 50 or more years with the Bemidji Lions Club and have disabilities leading to non-participation at club meetings, will have their membership dues paid by the club. Motion carried.
  7. LEO CLUB AT HIGH SCHOOL: A club member’s fourteen year old daughter wants to start a Leo’s Club at the high school. Key to this is finding a faculty instructor who will assist and help lead the club. More information is needed on this endeavor. Bob Woodke indicated he would be willing to serve on a committee focused on establishing a club at the H.S.
  8. LIONS FOOTBALL GAME: A scattered discussion on club projects, such as the Vision Football game, developed among the board members. When money is involved, it can’t be expected that the club treasurer handle all parts of the transactions, including the pursuance of non-paid commitments. Project chairs need to be more active in the money collection. The discussion continued how the Lions Club could be given more recognition and tribute during such projects. The idea of utilizing a Lions Club banner at activities was discussed. This idea will be followed up at future meetings.
  9. FUN LIONS EVENTS: A generic talk took place on what kind of ideas can be generated regarding fun events for the club members. The “Spring Fling” this year was successful and enjoyed by those in attendance. Events take time and coordination, thus the idea of a “Social Committee” blossomed forth. Steve Caron made a motion to support a Social Committee and Ron Porter seconded the motion. This motion passed. Bob Montebello mentioned that he will be raffling off a small, lightweight, wool, green jacket at Wednesday’s business meeting. Our club will be accepting money and unwrapped gifts at our meetings for the “Holiday Gifts for Kids” event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. There was no new business at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Wayne Tieman made a motion to adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Joe Love seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m. – LeRoy Hill made a motion to adopt the new Bemidji Lions Club Constitution, which was presented to members of the club. Joe Love seconded the motion. Motion passed. Wayne Tieman made a motion to adopt the newly written By Laws, which were also presented to the members of the Bemidji Lions Club. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SHORT BOARD MEETING: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. – Bob Montebello made a motion to give an additional \$200 to the Bemidji Boys and Girls Club, to help them meet their goals and objectives. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SHORT BOARD MEETING: December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 p.m. – A motion was made by Ron Porter to proceed on the purchase of two (2) Bemidji Lions Club banners, as presented by Bob Woodke, at the cost of \$277. John Sorensen seconded the motion. Motion passed. A motion was made by Vance Balstad, seconded by Ron Porter, to NOT have a Board Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed. Instead of a General Business meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, president elect Vance Balstad will provide a speaker for that date. A motion was made by Bob Montebello, seconded by Bob Madeson, to NOT hold General Membership meetings on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

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