

## Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following members were in attendance: Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Wayne Tieman, Joe Love, Bob Weber, Vance Balstad, Bob Woodke, Bob Montebello, Mel Milender, Tom Peterson, and Marcus Bruning.

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was distributed to the board for consideration. The following items were requested to be added to the agenda under new business: (1) Centennial Celebration 1, (2) Centennial Celebration 2, (3) Club Pin, (4) Lion's Float, (5) Zero K Race. Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept the amended agenda and Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: An electronic copy of the December 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes was sent on January 7<sup>th</sup> to all board members who have e-mail. Steve Caron reported that he did not receive the e-mailed minutes. Hard copies were made available to board members at the meeting. A Bob Woodke, Joe love motion to accept the December 14<sup>th</sup> minutes was made. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love distributed a white sheet outlining expenditures, balances, and receipts as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Joe noted that the report does not reflect the controversial credit given to us by LCI. He also mentioned that a transfer of approximately \$10,000 will take place soon from the Administrative Fund to the Activity Fund. Also being transferred will be \$2,006.43 from the Activity Fund to the Administrative Fund. As of December 31<sup>st</sup> the Activity Fund is at \$14,917.84 and the Administrative Fund holds \$17,914.39. The Mint Fund is at \$1,390.07 and the Convention Fund balance is \$3,353.92. Questions were answered by Joe to the satisfaction of everyone and a Bob Woodke/Wayne Tieman motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman handed out a green sheet summarizing the recent Membership Meeting, held the previous week. Two new members will be inducted on January 13<sup>th</sup>, which will bring our total to 81, plus one associate. A Wayne Tieman/Bob Woodke motion to accept Ken Trexler and Jimmie Wiley as new members was made. This motion passed. Membership goals were identified on the sheet and letters of welcome and a new brochure were discussed. Lion Wayne talked briefly about the newly organized branch club at the U of M –Duluth Campus. Charter night for this club will be January 30<sup>th</sup> and thoughts developed about several of our members attending this event. A Woodke/Tieman motion to contribute \$100 to the U of M – Duluth club to help offset start-up costs was made. Motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2017 MD5M CONVENTION: Lion Wayne distributed "green sheet 2" which held information about the upcoming MD5M Convention in Bemidji. Theme is "Lions of the North for the next 100" and up to 600 lions are expected to attend. Pre-registration will begin at the MD5M Convention which begins April 20<sup>th</sup>. A number of committees will be formed soon and participation by most Lions within our club

and help from neighboring clubs are essential. Contact either Lion Mel or Lion Wayne for involvement on any of the committees.

2. EXPECTATION DOCUMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS: This document apparently has been completed, as indicated by board members.
3. AWARDS NOMINATION REPORT: Steve Caron reported that the committee has not met. He did comment that the number of awards this year will be the same as last year.
4. BRANCH CLUB AT SANFORD HOSPITAL/CLINIC: Apparently no one at Sanford is willing to take the lead and establish a branch club at that facility. Our club members need to meet with Joy Johnson and explain the function of our club and resulting benefits to the community.
5. BRANCH CLUB AT OAK HILLS: A branch club at Oaks Hills looks promising but we need to correspond with Steve Hoestetter, Oaks Hill's president, about establishing a club. Start- up information and procedures for a Branch Club have been by our club secretary.
6. BRANCH CLUB AT BSU: Lion Mel reported that progress is being made at BSU in forming a Branch Club. His goal is to have a club functioning by registration time next summer.
7. LEO CLUB AT BHS: Bob Weber indicated that forward movement is being made in organizing a Leo Club at the High School. A meeting is planned in a couple of weeks to discuss the logistics leading to the formation of a club.
8. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND IDEAS: Lion Steve Caron spoke about the importance of having the public understand the four pillars on which Lions Clubs are organized. We need to inform the community what our club is doing regarding these pillars. Steve informed the board that he no longer will serve as Publicity Chair, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. His work as Zone Chair will keep him occupied enough.
9. SPRING FLING: The annual "Spring Fling" will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday evening) at the Eagles Club. The meal will consist of prime rib, with numerous activities and games being planned.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS: This was accomplished during the Membership Report.
2. MD5M 2017 CONVENTION THEME: This was discussed during #1 under "Old Business".
3. COMMUNICATION AT 5M10: Bob Woodke suggested that we need to be represented at the Communication Center (table) at the Mid Winter Convention. The 5M10 Web Site should also hold information about our club and upcoming plans for the MD5M convention.
4. MD5M CONVENTION AT MANKATO: Discussed during #1 under "Old Business". The Wednesday Business meeting will focus on committee formation and goals.
5. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION I: Bob Woodke informed the board about the June 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2017 Celebration at the Mall of America. MD5M plans to spearhead the celebration which will focus on the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Lions Club service.

6. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION II: Bob again talked about the need to celebrate 100 years of world Lionism within our own club. Although this will not take place until June of 2017, we should start planning by selecting a leader to organize the celebration.
7. CLUB PINS: Bob Woodke reminded the board members that club pins will be needed for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and the multi-district convention next year in Mankato. We will need a few talented Lions to help design these pins. A motion by Lion Mel to proceed with the design of the MD5M Convention pin was made. The motion was seconded by Steve Caron. Motion passed.
8. CLUB FLOAT: The Bemidji Lions Club needs to consider having a float in several upcoming parades. Bemidji has parades during “Night The Lights” and “July 4<sup>th</sup>”. A few ideas surfaced on how we could accomplish this task. This topic will arise again in the near future.
9. ZERO K RACE: Lion Bob Woodke presented an idea that could be used during the Centennial Year Celebration. It would consist of a very short walk (Zero K Race) for fun, resulting in the receiving of a tee shirt or whatever. It could be a great fund raiser and has the option of being sponsored by businesses or other individuals. Vance suggested Craig Hogan would be a great Lion to organize such an event.
10. PARADE OF GREEN: A Woodke/Caron motion to give the usual amounts to the various charities during the Mid-Winter Parade of Green was made. Motion passed.
11. CANNED GOODS/MONEY DONATION: This Wednesday during the general membership meeting, we have the opportunity to donate canned goods or money to the Evergreen House. Let’s see if we can surpass last year’s donations.

ADJOURNMENT: A Woodke/Melinder motion was made to adjourn at 1:03 p.m. Motion carried.

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