

## Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following members were in attendance: Tom Peterson, Bob Weber, Bob Woodke, Steve Caron, Mel Milender, Vance Balstad, Wayne Tieman, Leon Nelson, Marcus Bruning, John Sorensen, and Bob Madeson.

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was available to all board members. The following items were requested to be added to the agenda under new business: (1) Request from Vance Balstad (2) Aprons (3) Mobility Exchange Program (4) North Central MN Lions Relief Foundation (5) Kids Back Pack Program (6) Journey for Sight. A Tieman/Woodke motion to approve the amended agenda was made. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: An electronic copy of the January 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes was sent on February 5<sup>th</sup> to all board members who have e-mail. Hard copies were available to board members at the meeting. A Woodke/Tieman motion to accept the minutes was made. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love was not present at the meeting. No report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman handed out a "Green Sheet" that summarized the Membership Meeting held on the previous week. We presently have 83 members, plus an associate member. Induction of three new members (Ken Traxler, Cheryl and John Gilbertson) will take place on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Membership goals were reviewed and the new brochure and letters of welcome were discussed. Overall 5M10 is up 27 members and the district needs to maintain 1250 members to avoid reorganization. Four Bemidji Lions attended the charter night at UND, Duluth Campus, (Mel & Mary Lou M., Bob W., & Steve Caron) on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Steve Caron went over plans for a new member orientation meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lions Steve, Mel and Wayne will conduct the meeting, which is open to all members. Eighteen new members to our club will be invited. First City Lions Club is also invited.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2017 MD5M CONVENTION: Wayne Tieman reminded the board that the registration form will be needed by next month. The Zero K race, which was discussed at the previous meeting, is gaining attention. Mel Milender revealed some possible ideas which should be considered at the convention. A "Blue" brochure was distributed to the board, which advertised the 2017 MD5M Convention.
2. NEW CLUB MEMBER EXPECTATION DOCUMENT: According to the board, it already exists.
3. AWARDS NOMINATION REPORT: The committee has not met, henceforth no report. Discussion followed about when awards should be presented. Consensus was that all awards should be presented on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Fling. Lion Steve will call an Awards committee meeting soon.
4. BRANCH LION'S CLUBS: President Bob Weber informed the board that there is no

forward movement on any of the groups presently.

5. PR IDEAS: Steve Caron requested the board to inform him on upcoming events and what he should be doing to advertise. Flap Jack day and the Lion's Fare will be publicized on "Chat-A- Bout" with Mel and Bob Weber doing the broadcasting.

6. SPRING FLING: This event will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, with dinner at 6:30 in the evening. We will need cooperation from numerous Lions to make this happen. Several EMO Lions will be present and will give the main address. A 5' Lion will be given to us to pass on.

7. MD5M COMMITTEES: Registration, Publicity, and Program committees are in place and will be active during this year's convention. Other committees will be organized and functional once the 2016 MD convention is over.

8. CLUB PIN: Bob Woodke passed around an idea in the form of a drawing for the club pin. Several board members thought a "Snowman" should be featured, instead of a Lion. This pin will not be needed until April, 2017.

9. MD5M CONVENTION PIN: A colored drawing of this pin was shown to the board. "Eighty years in 2017" with "Plaid Vests" would highlight the pin. A Madison/Caron motion to recommend the pin to the club was made. Motion passed.

10. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Bob Woodke led a discussion on this topic. He noted that a leader will be need to be selected soon, even though the event will not occur until June, 2017. He will address this at the Wednesday meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS: A Milender/Woodke motion to approve Cheryl and John Gilbertson was made. This motion was met with unanimous approval.

2. NEW MEMBER SPECIAL MEETING: A discussion on this topic has already occurred.

3. 2017 MD5M CONVENTION TRI-FOLD: The tri-fold has been approved, with modifications, and will be printed in the near future.

4. PBS MARCH PLEDGE DRIVE VOLUNTEERS: A Milender/Sorensen motion to volunteer during the PBS Pledge Drive was made. The motion was approved. A coordinator will be needed and this will be addressed at the Wednesday business meeting.

5. BALSTAD REQUEST: Lion Vance Balstad was approached with a request to help a young child with a hearing problem. The individual wears two hearing aids and needs a new system (\$1425) to improve hearing. Bob Woodke made a motion to help provide funding and seek additional funding as appropriate. Bob Madison seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion was approved.

6. DONATION OF APRONS: Bob Woodke revealed to the board a source for several donated aprons which could be used at our various feeds. Lion's club emblems would be sewn on for longevity. A Tieman/Madison motion to accept the aprons was made. Motion passed. Lion Woodke offered to proceed with the logistics.

7. NEW IDEAS FROM LION BOB: Bob Woodke asked the board to consider three ideas which would benefit the community. They were: (1) Mobility Exchange Program (2) Medical Help Foundation (3) Kids Backpack Program. He explained each area and board members discussed the feasibility of implementing the programs.

8. JOURNEY FOR SIGHT: A bike ride, possibly going south of Bemidji, could be a great Fund raiser. Bob Woodke explained the idea. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A Sorensen/Madison motion to adjourn at 1:07 was made. Motion carried.

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

Special Board Meeting – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

A Special Board Meeting was called to order, following the general meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. President Bob Weber called the meeting together as eleven board members listened in earnest.

Lion Steve Caron reviewed some of the highlights from the Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Awards Committee meeting. The committee proposes to make award presentations at a weekly club meeting in June, not at the Spring Fling on April 7<sup>th</sup>, as decided by the board previously. A Milender/Sorensen motion was made to allow the committee to proceed in the awards selection process. Nominations will come forth first from the members, next the Awards Committee would make recommendations, and finally the board would receive these recommendations. The motion passed. The “New Members Orientation” gathering will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Hampton Inn beginning at 6 pm. Wayne Tieman made a motion to allow \$240 for the purchase of snacks and refreshments. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.