

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – March 14th, 2016

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

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was available to all board members. Two items were requested to be added to the agenda under new business: (1) Flap Jack Day (2) Fund Raising Ideas. A Tieman/Woodke motion was made to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Electronically a copy of the Feb. 8th board minutes was sent to all board members who have e-mail. Hard copies were available at the meeting. John Sorensen made a motion to accept the Feb. 8th minutes and Joe Love seconded the motion. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson asked the board if membership numbers and sponsors should appear on future directories. A Woodke/Milender motion to have sponsors and membership numbers listed on new directories was made. Lion Mel commented that the LCI roster could be possibly downloaded, which contains that information. He would check into it and with that suggestion the motion was dropped.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Joe Love distributed a "white sheet" containing information on receipts, expenditures, and balances for the club. As of February 29th, the Activity Fund held \$17,345.73 and the Administrative Fund was at \$7,528.37. The Mint Fund contained \$1,543.90 and the Convention Fund balance was \$3,352.92. A Tieman/Caron motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made. The motion carried. A short discussion followed concerning the club's PO box. Apparently the Post Office did not receive the last payment, due to a technical problem. Treasurer Joe wrote a personal check to bring the payments up to date. A Caron/Woodke motion to reimburse Joe on the check payment was made. Motion passed. On another matter, it was brought to the board's attention that a raffle basket will be needed for the upcoming Multi-District Convention. This needs to be put together by the first part of April. A motion will be needed at the general membership meeting relating to this issue.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman distributed a "Green Sheet" outlining highlights from the Membership Meeting held on the previous week. We are at 85 members, plus one associate, if we include the last two applicants. Induction of Schrader and Keen will take place on March 30th. Dues for 5M are up one dollar but the consensus of the Membership Committee is to keep the club dues at \$75. Board member Wayne Tieman made a motion to keep the club dues at \$75 dollars and Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lion Wayne continued by talking about the successful "New Lions Member Meeting", which was held on March 3rd. He went on by discussing membership goals and the 5M10 member count which is at 1263. The next Membership Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5th at Raphael's, at the early morning time of 7:30. A Woodke/Milender motion to approve the Membership Report was made. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) 2017 DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION: Mel Milender discussed the upcoming Multi-District Convention and the registration requirements. The Zero-K walk has not been approved yet but will be acted upon by Fall. Mel mentioned that eight motels in the immediate Bemidji area have been contacted in regards to the 2017 MD convention. Additional issues relating to the MD will be addressed at the next general business meeting.

(2) NEW MEMBER DOCUMENT: This has been completed.

(3) AWARDS NOMINATION REPORT: Past president Steve Caron stated that the awards will be given out in June. Nominations will be accepted in April, given to the Awards Committee, and then presented to the Board. Information regarding the awards process will be presented to the club on Wednesday.

(4) ADJUNCT LION'S CLUB: The daughter of club member Keri Klisch is willing to help organize a Leo's Club at the High School. Movement at Sanford and BSU seems to be sluggish and needs to be energized.

(5) PR IDEAS: Mel Milender and Bob Weber will be on Chat-About April 27th and August 3rd. They will discuss the advantages of being a "LION" and how the Lions Club benefits the community. Flap Jack day is May 3rd and advertising for this event will be needed.

(6) SPRING FLING: Lion Mel reminded us about the upcoming "Spring Fling". It will be at the Eagles Club with Social Hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the main meal at 6:30. The District Governor will be present, along with 10 members from Emo, Ontario. Other clubs will also send members and there are presently 32 signed up.

(7) 5M COMMITTEES: Three committees are up and running for the 5M Convention. They are Registration, Publicity, and Program. Additional committees for the convention will be addressed at the next meeting. A "Standing Committee" list was compiled by Steve Caron and will be presented to the members at the next business meeting. The list may be modified depending on feedback. A Milender/Madeson motion to select the committees and give the general membership an opportunity to serve on these committees was made. Motion passed. The committees will be presented at the next Board Meeting for approval.

(8) CLUB PIN: The "Club Pin" has been approved but a mix up concerning the actual manufacture of the pin has occurred. The pin design needs to be sent in ASAP.

(9) CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: A leader is needed so we can collect ideas and proceed with a plan. The event will be held in June of 2017. The topic will be presented at the meeting on Wednesday and hopefully discussion will draw out some response.

(10) PBS MARCH PLEDGE DRIVE: The PBS Pledge Drive is scheduled for March 19th from 7-10 p.m. At least four Lion's Club members will be needed. President Bob Weber will seek out volunteers at the Wednesday meeting.

(11) IDEAS FROM LION BOB WOODKE: At the last Board Meeting Lion Bob presented three ideas which would be beneficial to the community. These ideas were (1) Mobility Exchange Program (2) Medical Help Foundation (3) Kids Backpack Program. The board felt that these ideas should be presented in front of the general membership, and/or given to the Activities Project Standing Committee. Also discussed was the cleaning of eyeglass lenses in the near future. Coordination with Jim Molde and others will be necessary. This subject will also be presented at the Wednesday business meeting.

(12) JOURNEY FOR SIGHT: Bob Woodke explained the idea of having a bike ride for raising funds. A trek to Walker or around the lake could be a couple of possibilities. Concern arose that the idea may interfere with other bike ride events. The topic will be presented at the Wednesday meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) NEW MEMBERS: Applications from Fred Schrader and Kevin Kean were presented to the board. Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept both applicants as new members. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) 2017 MD CONVENTION TRI-FOLD: The final discussion on the design and contents of the MD Tri-Fold will be made at the Wednesday business meeting. Any changes should be made before Friday so the Tri-Folds can be printed and made available at the 2016 MD Convention.

(3) PBS PLEDGE DRIVE: This was addressed under Old Business.

(4) FLAPJACK DAY: Flapjack Day, May 3rd, 2016, will be held at the First Lutheran Church. A Tieman/Caron motion to keep the cost of the tickets to \$5.00 was made. Motion approved.

(5) FUND RAISING IDEAS: Bob Woodke distributed brochures focusing on candy sales as a means to raise money. Board members were each graciously treated with ½ of a sample chocolate bar. Discussion followed and the topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

(6) OTHER:

a. A Milender/Caron motion to spend \$200 for a license for this Fall's raffle. Motion passed.

b. A motion to allow the use of our grills at the fire station this summer was made by Dennis Depew. The motion was seconded by Steve Caron. Motion carried.

c. A motion by Bob Woodke, seconded by Bob Madeson to loan out the grills to the Boy Scouts on April 10th. Motion passed.

d. Discussion on the purchase of two benches. One for use at the swimming beach and the other downtown. Further discussion will be needed.

ADJOURNMENT: A Love/Sorensen motion to adjourn at 1:11 was made. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson 2015/16 Bemidji Lion's Club Secretary

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – March 16th, 2016

Bemidji Lion's Club President Bob Weber led the meeting in which numerous topics were discussed. The only motion made focused on the purchase of a basket to be raffled off at the 2016 Multi-District Convention. Lion Bob Woodke made a motion that \$100 dollars be spent from our budget for the purchase of the basket and items needed to fill the basket. John Liapis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING – MARCH 30TH, 2016

A Tieman/Love motion was made to give out awards and induct new officers on June 8th. Motion Carried. A motion by Sorensen, seconded by Bruning, to have Balstad, Caron, and Weber serve on the Nominations Committee and make decisions concerning Awards. Motion passed. A Madeson/Love motion to spend \$500 dollars on advertising for Flapjack Day. Motion passed. Final motion by Tieman, seconded by Hill, to send 10 Flapjack tickets and a letter to those not attending regular meetings. Motion carried.

