

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – April 11th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following members were in attendance: Joe Love, Steve Caron, Bob Weber, Mel Milender, Wayne Tieman, Vance Balstad, Bob Woodke, Marcus Bruning, LeRoy Hill, Ron Porter, Leon Nelson, and Tom Peterson.

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was available to all board members present. Six items were requested to be added to the agenda under new business: (1) Budget (2) Constitution & By-Laws (3) Spring Fling (4) FlapJack Day (5) Roving Lions (6) Park Bench. A Tieman/Woodke motion was made to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the March 14th Board Minutes were available both electronically and by hard copies. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to accept the minutes as presented. LeRoy Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson mentioned that "Delegate Credential Certificates" are available to those going to the MD convention. He also added that the grills are back in the shed after use by the Boy Scouts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love distributed a "White Sheet" detailing the financial status of the club as of March 31st, 2016. The Activity Fund balance showed \$15,346.39 and the Administrative Fund held \$7,269.46. The Mint Fund was at \$1,772.94 and the Convention Fund was unchanged at \$3,352.92. A Woodke/Caron motion to approve the report surfaced on the floor. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman handed out a "Green Sheet" representing the outcome of a recent Membership Meeting (April 5th). We are at 85 +1 members and need to induct the two newest members, who are Kevin Kean and Fred Schrader. Tentative date for the induction is April 20th. Dues for next year will be \$75 dollars and a "Dues are Due" letter will go out in early May. Progress on the Oak Hills Club is on hold until September because they are nearing the end of the school term. A "Clean Up Project" for their campus was briefly discussed. Another "New Member Orientation" is being considered for this summer. Wayne concluded his report by reviewing membership goals. A Woodke/Love motion to approve the Membership Report was made. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) 2017 DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION: Wayne Tieman updated the board on matters concerning the 2017 5M Convention. Registration will begin for the convention at Mankato on April 22nd (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and continue on the 23rd (7 to 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.). Hotel brochures and "Squeeze Toys" will be given out at the Convention.
- (2) AWARDS NOMINATION REPORT: Lion Steve Caron noted that the committee met two weeks ago. Application forms are available for nominating Lions. On June 8th the awards will be presented.

(3) LEO AND BRANCH LION'S CLUBS: Bob Weber announced that 13 – 15 students are interested in starting a Leo Club at the High School. Progress at Sanford seems to be at a standstill. Judy Davis (?) is the contact person at BSU and no forward progress has occurred.

(4) PR IDEAS: Steve Caron indicated there is no report at this time.

(5) 5M CONVENTION COMMITTEES: Wayne Tieman will make available the names of those Lions who will be serving on various committees which will support the 2017 MD Convention.

(6) CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Bob Woodke made board members aware that the "Celebration" will need a leader so ideas and plans can develop. The event is slated for June, 2017.

(7) FUN RUN/VALENTINE CANDY SALE: Although not approved as of yet, board members should start considering the feasibility of organizing a "Fun Run" this fall and possibly a Candy Sale in February. Discussion on the "Fun Run" veered into several other topics, including the fairness of giving to BSU programs. A Milender/Caron motion was made to have President Bob Weber appoint a committee and research information on a possible "Fall Run" and bring that info back to the group in May. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) OAK HILLS SERVICE PROJECT: The wind storm did tremendous damage to area surrounding Oak Hills College and President Bob Weber explained to the board that helping them could be a great service project. Much discussion followed and a Milender/Hill motion was made to bring the idea up in front of the general membership on April 13th. Motion passed.

(2) BSU REQUEST FOR GLASSES: A grandmother's concern about the need of a pair of glasses for her grandson at BSU sparked a lively discussion. A Woodke/Hill motion to have the club donate \$100 for the cause was defeated. Bob Weber will seek additional information on the request and it was agreed that the student should partake in the "Vision Screening" scheduled for this fall.

(3) TITLE 9/BSU DONATIONS: This item was skipped over because of previous discussion on the topic.

(4) LION'S 5M10 CENTENNIAL PROJECT: Board member Bob Woodke explained the "One Hundred Points of Light" program and how it allowed students in elementary grades to be screened for sight. The project still needs approval of the Lion's Cabinet.

(5) ACTIVITIES BUDGET PROPOSAL: Bob Woodke submitted a proposed Activities Budget to the board for consideration. The Budget Committee should have the 2016-17 in the final stages and ready for approval, but they have not addressed it as of yet. Discussion erupted on several issues when comparing last year's budget with Bob's proposal. A possible review of next year's budget could take place after the board meeting.

(6) CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS: Steve Caron explained to the board that the approved Bemidji Lion's Club By-Laws and the Constitution should be printed and made available to all members. A motion by Mel Milender was made to print 120 copies and have them stored electronically was made. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

(7) SPRING FLING: Mel Milender gave a report on the highly successful "Spring Fling". Income totaled \$2,139.00 and expenses were \$1,368.15 for a profit of \$770.85. Board members agreed that it was a great time and we need to continue this in the future.

(8) FLAPJACK DAY: FlapJack day, scheduled for May 3rd at First Lutheran Church, will be co-chaired by Vance Balstad and Ron Porter. Ted Magnan and Mel Spies will also serve on the committee. Sign- up sheets and final planning ideas will be presented to the general membership meeting on Wednesday. Publicity for the event is in motion. A letter, with 10 tickets, is ready to be sent to members who are absent from the general meeting on Wednesday.

(9) MELVIN AND HIS SIDEKICK: During the Spring Fling, Melvin and his toy buddy were presented to us from the EMO Lion's Club. We need to keep them happy, show them the way by having them attend church, and find a new home for them. Vance Balstad generously agreed to nurture them and keep them happy until they move on.

(10) PARK BENCH: Vance Balstad presented information concerning a "Park Bench" which could be placed somewhere in the city to advertise the Bemidji Lion's Club. Vance emphasized that a bench may cost between \$950 - \$2,000 dollars depending on the quality. The thoughts of the board was to have a single, high quality bench with "Bemidji Lion's Club" engraved in it and placed in a predominant location. Vance will bring back additional info on the project during the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Wayne Tieman made a motion to adjourn at 1:01 p.m. LeRoy Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson 2015/2016 Bemidji Lion's Club Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – April 13th, 2016: A proposed Bemidji Lion's Club Activities budget for 2016-2017 was distributed to Board Members for consideration. A Joe Love/ Bob Madeson motion to approve the budget as shown on the distributed sheet was made. Motion carried. The budget will next be circulated at the Wednesday business meeting.