

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – May 9th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following members were in attendance: Bob Madeson, Bob Weber, Wayne Tieman, Leon Nelson, Joe Love, Steve Caron, Vance Balstad, Tom Peterson, Mel Milender, Dennis DePew, Marcus Bruning, Ron Porter, and Bob Woodke.

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was distributed to all members present. Steve Caron requested that four items be added to the agenda if time was available. There were: 1. Awards Committee report 2. Activity Budget 3. Equipment Needs 4. Back Pack Buddies. A Wayne Tieman/Steve Caron motion to accept the amended budget was made. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the April 11th Board Meeting Minutes were distributed to the members of the board. After reviewing the minutes, Bob Madeson made a motion to accept the minutes, with Steve Caron placing a second on the motion. Motion passed. Minutes will be sent to Jennifer and placed on the Lion's Club web page. Secretary Nelson concluded by mentioning that all four Centennial Service Areas have been satisfied for this year now that the roadside clean-up is complete.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love distributed a "White Sheet" summarizing the financial status of the club as of April 30th, 2016. The Activity Fund balance showed \$15,266.60 and the Administrative Fund was at \$9,496.62. The Mint Fund is now at \$1,968.49 and the Convention Fund, due to Multi-District pre-registration, is at \$18,072.92. A Steve Caron/Bob Madeson motion was made to accept the report. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman indicated that the club membership was at 85 plus one associate. Kevin Kean and Fred Schrader have yet to be inducted. District membership is at 1289 and growing. A sample copy of a letter for renewing membership was reviewed by the board members. Annual membership dues for next year is set at \$75 dollars and the due date will be July 31st. A Madeson/Love motion was made to approve the Membership Report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

(1) 2017 MULTI-DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION: Wayne Tieman led the discussion on the upcoming convention. Pre-registration for the convention is at 141. Kari Klisch has entered all pertinent information concerning the pre-registration in a data base. Several key areas will have to be addressed in the next couple of months as we move toward the convention next April. Wayne Tieman made a motion to refund the cost of the "Hospitality Book" for those who attended the MD5M Convention in Mankato several weeks ago. Dennis DePew seconded the motion and it passed. Money for the reimbursement will come from the Administrative fund. A Madeson/Milender motion to approve the Convention Report was made. Motion carried.

(2) FALL RAFFLE: Mel Milender indicated that the Fall Raffle for this year is being planned for October 20th. The application for the gambling license has been sent in. Major prizes for the

silent auction and live auction should be considered. Also, because of his commitment to be District Governor, a chairperson to oversee the raffle will be needed.

(3) SANFORD LION'S BRANCH CLUB: Ron Porter reported that there is no movement yet but there is hope if a suitable contact person can be located.

(4) LEO CLUB: President Bob Weber stated that there is around 20 students who are interested in forming a Leo's Club at the local high school. A meeting with administrators needs to be scheduled as the next step.

(5) FUN RUN/VALENTINE CANDY SALE: Lions Kevin Kean and Craig Hougen are interested in helping with a "Fun Run", which is a possible activity for this fall. If the Saturday following Thanksgiving is selected as the date, it could be labeled as the "Turkey Trot". Discussion followed on a number of subject relating to fund raisers and where profits should be directed. Also, comments surfaced on the amount of work involved with certain fund raisers vs. returns were voiced. Steve Caron made a motion concerning donations to BSU Athletic Programs. He felt the subject should be presented to the general membership for discussion. Bob Madeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. A Caron/Milender motion to not have a "Candy Sale" this winter was made. After a short discussion, this motion passed. After the motion, discussion continued on a possible fund raiser for selected Athletic Programs with team members doing the bulk of the work. The Fund Raising Committee needs to address these and other concerns.

(6) OAK HILLS SERVICE PROJECT: Mel Milender, due to his hectic schedule, could not give further details on this subject. However, there is a great opportunity to help out at Oak Hills by assisting in their effort to remove wind damaged trees from the surrounding area. This subject will be addressed in the near future.

(7) FLAPJACK DAY: Wayne Tieman was thrilled over the success of Flapjack Day. Nearly \$5,500 was grossed, while a little less than \$1,000 was spent on food, \$175 on the rental of the church kitchen and dining room, and \$500 on publicity. Seven hundred and thirteen people were served and the board recognized Ron Porter for his work and dedication in chairing this event. Ron distributed a "White Sheet" which outlined the finer details of the activity.

(9) PARK BENCH: Lion Vance Balstad explained some of the options as the Lion's Club considers placing a bench someplace in the city. Cost can range from \$900 to \$2,000 depending on location. Using privately owned ground instead of city owned turf was also discussed. A Caron/Milender motion was made to dedicate \$1,000 toward the purchase of a bench to be placed in an undetermined place. Motion passed. Vance will meet with city officials to obtain more information.

(10) BUDGET: Steve Caron brought up concern about next year's budget. We have a three year commitment to donate \$300 dollars a year to the Lion's Leader Dog program. This is not represented in the 2016-17 budget. A Woodke/Caron motion to amend the budget for next year and include this donation was made. Motion passed. It will be mentioned during the reading to the general membership this Wednesday. A Woodke/Madeson motion to take \$300 dollars from Misc. to pay towards this year's Leader Dog program was made. Motion carried.

(11) AWARDS: A "White Sheet" was distributed to the board which held the recommendations from the Awards Nomination Committee. Ron Porter made a motion to adopt the recommendations, with Wayne Tieman seconding the motion. On June 1st we will honor the New Lions of the Year and on June 8th recognition will be given to the remaining recipients.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) IDEAS FOR THE 2017 CONVENTION: President Bob Weber circulated a "White Sheet" containing numerous ideas about improving next year's convention. Several board members indicated they will also contribute additional ideas. An important vacancy that needs to be filled is the position of Convention Treasurer. Also the individuals who can sign checks must be established soon. A "Finance Committee" needs to be formed and Bob Woodke, along with Mel Milender agreed to assist on this committee.

(2) LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: All officer and most board positions have been filled for the upcoming year. Lion Bob Sandbo will be the Vice President and Jim Molde opted to be the Second Vice President. Mel Milender added his name to the Membership Committee. Jimmie Wiley, Guy Drevlow, and Ann Marie Ward will serve as new board members, while Bob Woodke will continue his service as a board member by serving an additional two year position. A Wayne Tieman/Joe Love motion to recommend the list of officers and board members was made. The motion passed. The list will be revealed to the general membership on Wednesday. Secretary Nelson will submit the list of officers to LCI on Wednesday evening.

(3) THANK YOU FROM NEW HOPE: President Bob Weber read a Thank You note from Dick Labraaten thanking the club for their \$200 donation. Bob also talked about a promotional video project which will involve several club members. He will obtain additional details and present a report to the board in the future.

(4) LION'S FARE: The August Lion's Fare needs to have a leader and committees should begin to form. A work session directed to this cause will be held on Wednesday during the general business meeting.

(5) EQUIPMENT CONCERNS: The Lion's Club trailer is in need of some attention. The repair work needs to be done this summer before the next Lion's Fare. Also some discussion focused on the third (large) grill which was in place, but not used at the last Flapjack Day. Replacing it with an electric grill was considered. Future discussions on this issue will be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT: Lion Wayne Tieman made a motion to adjourn at 1:07 p.m. Bob Madeson seconded the motion and it was unanimous in passing.

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- May 11th (2016) President Bob Weber distributed a list of committee assignments, involving Lion's Club members. A Leroy Hill/Dick Labraaten motion to accept the list was made. Motion carried. The Activities Budget for the 2016-2017 year was reviewed by the membership. President Weber discussed the amendment to the budget which involved a \$300 donation to the Leader dog program. A Sorensen/Naastad motion to accept the budget came to the floor. Motion passed.