

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – June 13th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following board members were present: Bob Montebello, Dennis DePew, Tom Peterson, Bob Weber, Bob Woodke, Leon Nelson, Steve Caron, Mel Milender, Vance Balstad, Ron Porter, and John Sorensen. Also in attendance were future board members Ann Marie Ward, Jimmie Wiley, and Bob Sandbo.

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was distributed to all members present. Two items were asked to be placed under "New Business". They were: (1) Rules of Decorum by Bob Woodke (2) 40th Anniversary of the Rochester Lion's Club by Ron Porter. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the amended agenda and Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the May 9th Board Meeting Minutes were distributed to all present. It was noted that the minutes represent what occurred during the meeting and does not contain information which develops during the month following the meeting. A Woodke/Sorensen motion was made to accept the minutes was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson finished his report by explaining the criteria which will be used this year to determine recipients for the "Perfect Attendance Pin".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love was absent during this meeting but indications are that he will be at the Wednesday meeting and have information about the current budget.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman was not present at this meeting. However, he did e-mail a Membership Report to several board members. The report will be reviewed later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

(1) 2017 DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION: Wayne Tieman was not in attendance to present this item but a "white sheet" was available to board members which was dated June 1st. Questions arose concerning bonding, signature authority, and the overall qualifications of the convention treasurer. The board agreed that a finance chair, along with a finance committee, should oversee all financial transactions associated with the convention. It was also agreed that the treasurer (finance chair) and all those who sign checks should be bonded. Steve Caron will act as the convention secretary and the convention web site will be prepared by Jennifer Lintelmann, if she accepts the responsibility. Lion Mel noted that the Zero K Walk details are about completed and he expressed excitement about the event. A Woodke/DePew motion was made to accept the convention report as presented. Motion passed. At this point President Weber read a Convention and Membership report which was sent out via e-mail to board members by Wayne Tieman. A Sorensen/Woodke motion to accept this report was made. This motion carried.

(2) FALL RAFFLE: Tickets have been printed for the raffle. They are \$100 dollars each and Craig Cameron will be in charge of ticket sales. The raffle is scheduled for October 20th and will be held at the Hampton Inn.

(3) BRANCH LION'S CLUB AT SANFORD: Mel Milender and Bob Weber met with representatives from Sanford about forming a branch club. Movement is slow but we are hopeful that someday we will have a branch club at the clinic/hospital.

(4) LEO'S CLUB AT HIGH SCHOOL: Bob Weber indicated that a Leo's Club at Bemidji High School is in place. The first meeting should occur this fall as the students return. Paperwork needs to be submitted to LCI sometime this summer.

(5) FUN RUN/CANDY SALE: In lieu of a Fun Run or Candy Sale, a decision at the general membership meeting was made to have a pancake dinner. Profits, up to \$1,000, will help support the BSU Track and Field Team. The dinner will run from 4:00 – 7:00 pm and preferably be held on a Friday evening. Girls from the BSU Track Team will do the serving. This opened up a door to discussion within the board centering on athletic programs, and to what degree we should be supporting them.

(6) OAK HILLS PROJECT: Eight Lion's Club members did a variety of jobs at Oak Hills Christian College last week. The service project was well appreciated by the College. After three hours of cutting wood, mowing, and chalking, the group was treated to a noon meal. Hopefully this will strengthen the connection between the Lion's Club and the College as we move forward to starting a branch club at the facility.

(7) PARK BENCH: The board is still mulling over the idea of placing a bench someplace within the city. One possible idea was to purchase a picnic table instead and put it in an area adjacent to Sanford Clinic. On a related matter, Vance Balstad give the board an update on the Lion's Club garden. Apparently litter, vandalism, and constant care of the garden is making us rethink this commitment. A Caron/Porter motion to have Vance approach the City and determine if an alternative location can be found, possibly for a garden and/or a bench. Motion passed.

A motion by Mel Milender was made to form a committee by August 1st to come up with ideas for the Centennial Program. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(8) LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: The board has approved the leadership positions for 2016/17 and they were installed during the June 8th meeting.

(9). EQUIPMENT CONCERNS: Dick Labraaten indicated to several board members that the Lion's Club trailer needs attention before the Lion's Fare is held. After some discussion, Steve Caron made a motion to have the Equipment Committee evaluate the trailer situation and come back to the board with a report. Also the committee should consider the feasibility of obtaining a different trailer which will suit our needs better. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) LION'S FARE: Bob Sandbo was reminded that he will be the chair of the Lion's Fare this summer. He will have a strong group of workers available to support his decisions and help out where they can. A Caron/Woodke motion to cap the advertising budget at \$700 was made. Motion passed. Another motion surfaced regarding the location. A Milender/Caron motion to keep the event at the old Pamida parking lot was made. Motion passed.

(2) IDEAS CONCERNING 2017 5M CONVENTION: Not addressed at the meeting

(3) PROTECTIVE GEAR PURCHASE: A lively discussion erupted on the purchase of protective gear for the police or sheriff's department. Dennis DePew made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Beltrami County Law Enforcement for the purchase of the protective gear. Mel Milender seconded the motion. After more discussion, a Depew/Porter amendment to the motion was made. This amendment was to donate the gear to the Sheriff's Department after consulting with Sheriff Hodapp. Motion, with amendment, passed.

(4) RULES OF DECORUM: Lion Bob Woodke distributed a "Yellow Sheet" outlining Rules of Decorum which could be adopted by the board. Board members are to review the rules and procedures and have opinions concerning the sheet at the next board meeting.

(5) ROCHESTER LION'S CLUB 40TH: Ron Porter gave a short talk on the 40th anniversary of the Rochester Lion's Club. He also mentioned the presentation of a plaque given to their club commemorating the event. They were very appreciative of the gesture.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment of the meeting took place at 1:01 p.m. CDT. John Sorensen made the motion and Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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