

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – August 8th, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bob Sandbo at 11:35 a.m. The following board members were in attendance: Wayne Tieman, Guy Drevlow, Ron Porter, Steve Caron, Mel Milender, Leon Nelson, Bob Weber, Bob Sandbo, Bob Montebello, Jim Molde, Bob Madeson, and Jack Naastad (Non-board member).

AGENDA: Several items were requested to be added to the agenda. Under Old Business Lion Mel Milender wanted to add "Fall Cash Raffle". Under New Business, Bob Sandbo wanted to discuss the upcoming "Governor's Visit", Bob Weber had information on the "Pancake Dinner", and Jack Naastad had an idea for a "Future Fund Raiser". Lion Steve Caron made a motion to accept the amended agenda and Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Nelson sent out the minutes of the July board meeting via e-mail and also had hard copies available for board members. Amazingly, no comments came to the floor concerning the minutes and a Wayne Tieman/Guy Drevlow motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber circulated a "White Sheet" giving facts and figures on the various balances. As of July 31st, the Activity Fund was at \$17,449.18 and the Administrative Fund held \$4,578.06. The Mint Fund had a balance of \$2,507.89. A question was asked about the breakdown of dues payments to the district and International. Lion Bob will try to have the information available at the Wednesday business meeting. With no other questions, Ron Porter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman distributed a "Green Sheet" containing information about membership. Currently we are at 85 members, plus one associate. There are three prospective members who have submitted applications to join. Sixty-seven members have paid their dues thus far, which is well ahead of last year's pace. District 5M10 is showing steady growth and is now out of "Transition". A new Lion's Club at both Oak Hills and BSU is expected to be reality this fall and the "Green Sheet" listed two training opportunities scheduled to be held at Mahnomen later this year. Wayne Tieman made a motion to pay \$100 to LCI for the charter fee connected to sponsoring the new Leo Club at BHS. Ron Porter seconded the motion and it was approved. A Drevlow/Caron motion to approve the Membership Report was made. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) LION'S FARE: Lion Bob Sandbo gave a brief report on the successful Lion's Fare held last Saturday. There were a few complains about the chicken being overdone or undercooked, but this was offset by a barrage of compliments on the quality of meals from happy and satisfied customers. Board members expressed several ideas for improving the event in the future. Final figures on expenses/profits will be coming as bills are paid and money from ticket sales are still

coming in. Overall, it was another success by the Bemidji Lion's Club. Thank You notes will be sent out to various businesses and individuals who assisted in making it all happen.

(2) CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman's convention report appeared on a "Yellow Sheet". Lion Wayne noted that several positions need to be filled in the near future, especially the position of "Treasurer" and volunteers for the "Finance Committee". A "Registration" chair is needed, along with a committee, and volunteers are needed on the "Publicity" committee. Much discussion centered on the filling of these positions and when they need to be activated.

(3) FALL CASH RAFFLE: Mel Milender gave a short report on the progress of the fall raffle. Members selling tickets need to "hit it hard" as the October 20th deadline draws near. Craig Cameron oversees ticket sales this year and he is hoping to sell all 300 tickets. Lion Mel noted that a top rated "Motivational" speaker will be giving a presentation at the raffle. It should be a fun time.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) BEMIDJI LION'S CLUB DIRECTORY: Ron Porter talked about the complexities in maintaining a club directory. One method which could be used to avoid this tedious task is to download the membership list from LCI. Meanwhile Ron will pass the current directory around during the upcoming business meeting and have members update their information.

(2) APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS: Three applications have been submitted for membership in the Bemidji Lion's Club. They are Jonathan Wills, Richard Jacobson, and Patrick Hede. Lion Steve Caron made a motion to accept these individuals as new members. Guy Drevlow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Induction of the new members is scheduled for August 17th. Secretary Nelson will add Wills and Hede to the LCI roster and will await dues payment by Jacobson before adding.

(3) ZONE 1 REPORT: Steve Caron gave a short report on the clubs within Zone 1. He plans on meeting with these clubs later in September, preferably on Tuesday evening. One problem which he noted was the lack of the clubs to submit "Activities" reports. Lion Steve will work with the clubs to alleviate this problem.

(4) KIDS SIGHT AND VISION AWARENESS GAME: Lion Jim Molde expressed his goal of having kids screened for vision defects in all districts within 5M. Grants have been received to supplement the endeavor and more are being written. He noted that referrals will be given to those who have eye disorders. "Kids Sight" information can be obtained on the web. The Lion's Vision Awareness football game is scheduled for October 8th. Discussion developed on the annual \$1,500 donation to the Vision game and a Montebello/Tieman motion to continue the donation was made. Motion passed.

(5) LET'S GO FISHING DONATION: Bob Sandbo questioned the "Let's Go Fishing" donation for \$200 dollars. That activity, along with Sanford "Hospice", "MN Services for the Blind", and Sanford Foundation "Hyperbaric Chamber" have not been paid yet, even though they are listed under the 2015/16 budget. Discussion arose on the Sanford Foundation and the tie with the hyperbaric unit. A Bob Weber/Jim Molde motion was made to fund all four activities. After more discussion, an amendment was made to fund only three, with the Sanford Foundation put on hold until additional information can be obtained. The amended motion passed.

(6) DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT: Mel Milender, our District Governor, will make his official visit on Sept 7th. During this time, he will be presented with a Lion's Club jacket made by Bemidji Woolen Mills. The club agreed to pay for the jacket which had a price tag of \$135 dollars.

(7) PANCAKE DINNER: Lion Bob Weber reminded the board about the upcoming Pancake Dinner, slated for September 2nd, from 4 to 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. Posters and tickets are available from Bob. He will further explain the activity at the business meeting on Wednesday. Profits will be split between the BSU Women's Track Team and the Bemidji Lion's Club.

(8) FUND RAISER IDEA: Jack Naastad brought up the idea of having a "Pig Roast" instead of the annual "Flap Jack Day". Some board members questioned the idea based on the complexities of roasting a pig(s) and the processing of the pig when dealing with the public. The idea was put on "Hold" until a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment of the meeting took place with a Guy Drevlow/Wayne Tieman motion at 1:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – 2016/2017 Bemidji Lion's Club Secretary