

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – September 12th, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at 11:34 a.m. The following board members were in attendance: Steve Caron, Vance Balstad, Bob Woodke, Bob Sandbo, Leon Nelson, Bob Weber, Bob Montebello, Wayne Tieman, Ron Porter, Jim Molde, and Ann Marie Ward.

AGENDA: Several items were added to the agenda. Jim Molde requested to add "Lion's Vision Week" to the agenda under "Old Business". Vance Balstad asked to add "Leader Dogs" under "New Business". A motion to accept the amended agenda was made by Wayne Tieman was seconded by Ron Porter. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Nelson sent out the minutes of the August board meeting by e-mail and also had hard copies available to the board members. Steve Caron suggested that the wording under "Zone 1 Report" (New Business) be changed. "Inability of the clubs" should be changed to "Lack of the clubs". With this revision a Tieman/Caron motion to accept the minutes was made. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber delivered the report. A "white sheet" was distributed which gave information on receipts, expenditures, and balances. As of the end of August, the Activity Fund held \$27,409.57 and the Administrative Fund was at \$6,591.05, and the Mint Fund contained \$408.65. Lion Bob indicated that the Pancake Dinner generated roughly \$1300 but some tickets are still out. Steve Caron made a motion to give a check for the amount of \$1500 dollars to the BSU Track Team. This check would represent \$1000 from the profits of the Pancake Dinner and \$500 from the Activity Fund. Jim Molde seconded the motion. Motion passed after some discussion. Coach Kean, along with several of the women from the track team, will accept the check at a future meeting. Lion Bob mentioned that a \$50 check from MN Public Radio was returned in the mail. Apparently this was an over-payment, but he will check into it. Discussion then centered on the Sanford Foundation. Vance read a Thank You note from them thanking the club for the recent donation. A Caron/Molde motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman distributed a "Green Sheet" containing information on membership. We have 78 paid members for the upcoming year, plus one associate. Ten Lions are still unpaid. Membership for 5M10 is up 55, with the current membership at 1251. New club formations at Oak Hills, BHS, and BSU continue to make progress. On October 16th, the Duluth Leo Club will hold their celebration. Lion Wayne concluded by reviewing the membership goals. Lion Bob Weber made a motion to approve the membership report, with Wayne giving the motion a second. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne passed out a "yellow sheet" which contained a number of items relating to the upcoming multi-district convention, April 21-23, 2017. There are 158

pre-registered at this point. Lion Greg Palm graciously agree to be the convention treasurer, with Steve Motzko and Bob Sandbo assisting. The following Bemidji Lions were given the authority to sign checks from the convention account: Gregg Palm, convention chair, and Bob Weber. Mel Milender and Wayne Tieman already have the authority to sign checks. Two signatures must appear on each check. It was agreed that promotion of the convention is essential. The "yellow sheet" also included upcoming mid-winter convention dates and their location. A Woodke/Caron motion was made to approve the convention financial committee and those Lions who were given authorization to sign checks. Motion carried.

(2) CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Lion Bob Woodke spoke about the upcoming celebration. A committee was formed to oversee the Legacy Project. The four Bemidji Lions who agreed to serve on this committee were Steve Caron (Chair), Bob Weber, Ron Porter, and Mel Milender. A bench, placed somewhere in the city, could possibly be the focus of the Legacy Project. The date for the Centennial Celebration is June 3rd and the mayor of Bemidji needs to be persuaded to make a proclamation concerning that day.

(3) VISION WEEK: Lion Jim Molde give the board a brief update on the event. On October 3rd (Monday) the screening will take place from 5:30 pm to 7 p.m. at the clinic on Anne Street. The Vision Football game will be on October 8th at 1 pm and will be held at Chet Anderson Stadium, BSU. A sign- up sheet will be passed around next week for Lions to pledge money for the game. Posters for the game were distributed. The football coach is expected to give a short presentation at our October 5th meeting.

(4) Lion President Vance read Thank You notes from Sheriff Hodapp and True Friends of the North.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) HEADWATERS MUSIC & ARTS: Lions Vance Balstad and Bob Weber visited the staff at Headwaters Music & Arts. They found that youth were involved with the organization at several different levels. If we should donate to them became the question. After a short discussion, Lion Anne Marie made a motion to donate \$500 dollars, from our discretionary 2016/2017 budget. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) MYRE REQUEST: Jim Myre asked if he could receive some credit toward Perfect Attendance because of his involvement with the Mint Fund. Some discussion followed and a Tieman/Porter motion to allow Jim Myre one (1) credit toward the activity was made. Motion passed.

(3) PANCAKE GRIDDLE: The Jaycees were a little slow on returning the "Equipment Use" form and appear to have not returned all the equipment at this time. It was suggested that the form be revised so a statement regarding when the form should be returned be included on the wording. The board agreed that the form should be returned to the secretary 30 days prior to usage. The "Lion's Logo" should also be placed at the bottom of the form. Bob Woodke volunteered to oversee this revision.

(4) FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET PROCESS: Due to lack of time, this issue will be tabled until the next meeting. However, Lion Steve Caron noted that some improvements should be made which affect the budget process. A sheet which contained 15 suggestions focusing on the budget process was distributed to the board. This sheet should be reviewed and board members should be prepared to comment on the sheet during the next board meeting.

(5) CLUB PIN: Apparently the "Pin Design" was in the possession of Bob Weber, but then turned over to Lion Mel. Whatever stage the design is at, it is imperative that the pin be available for upcoming conventions and events. Those involved will be monitored by the president.

(6) CAN DO CANINES: Lion Bob Woodke explained an upcoming event which will take place in the cities. Called "Woof-A-Roo", it gives Lions the opportunity to bring their dog to the cities and share moments with other Lions and dogs. For more details, contact Lion Bob Woodke.

(7) PANCAKE DINNER UPDATE: Board members felt this subject was covered adequately during the treasurer's report.

(8) LEADER DOGS: The club recently received a patch in recognition of a recent donation to the organization. This patch will eventually be sewn on the banner.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Leon Nelson - Bemidji Lion's Club Secretary