

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – October 10th, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at 11:32 a.m. The following board members were present: Steve Caron, Wayne Tieman, Bob Montebello, Mel Milender, Ann Marie Ward, Bob Woodke, Bob Sandbo, Vance Balstad, Bob Weber, Ron Porter, Marcus Bruning, Jim Molde, and Leon Nelson.

AGENDA: Several board members requested additional items be added to the agenda. Mel Milender wanted to speak about a "Potential New Project". Bob Woodke asked to add "Camp-o-ree donation" and Jim Molde wanted to give an update on the "Lion's Vision Game". All of these items fell under "New Business". A motion to accept the amended agenda was made by Wayne Tieman and Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the minutes from the September board meeting were available in hard copies for the meeting and were sent out electronically to board members on Friday evening. Lion Bob Montebello questioned the check which was given to the BSU Track team. In reality the check was made out to the BSU Foundation with the memo line indicting the track team should be the ultimate recipient. After a brief explanation from Treasurer Bob Weber, a suggestion to have the minutes modified to reflect this detail was rescinded. A Molde/Woodke motion to accept the minutes, as written, was made. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber distributed a sheet which summarized last month's budget activities. It was quickly noted that under "Bills" there was an alignment problem with the figures in red. Lion Bob reviewed several of the checks written over the past month. Ending balance in the Activity Fund was \$30,809.70 and the Administrative fund showed \$6,030.11. The Mint Fund was at \$639.48. Lion Steve Caron made a motion to accept the report and Lion Wayne Tieman gave the motion a second. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Wayne Tieman distributed a "Green Sheet" which contained information on the club's membership. Presently, we have 82 paid members, with one associate member. There are a few members who have indicated they will pay their dues and two members who have decided to discontinue membership with the Lions. A Wayne Tieman/Bob Woodke motion to accept Neil Hensrud and Gary Gangelhoff as new members was made. Motion carried. Induction will be October 12th at the regular meeting. A Tieman/Sandbo motion to drop Harlan Scherer and Gina Bergeron was made. Motion carried. The "Green Sheet" identified membership goals, addressed attendance issues, and noted upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman presented an update on the Multi-District convention, slated for April, 2017. As of today, there are 170 registered for the convention and \$20,950.91 in the convention fund. The program speaker and band have both been arranged and it is possible that credit cards may be used for registration. A Milender/Porter motion to

allow up to \$250 dollars for the purchase of two flags was made. These flags will be used at the convention. Motion passed. Preparation for the convention is on schedule.

(2) DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE/BUDGET PROCESS: Lion Steve Caron led the discussion on this issue. A sheet outlining 15 issues relating to the budget process was distributed to the board. Lion Steve went through the draft, step by step, obtaining suggestions and making modifications to the proposal. The review took considerable time but eventually was completed. A Milender/Tieman motion to approve the amended document was made. Motion carried. Steve will provide an update to the board at the next meeting.

(3) CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE: Bob Woodke gave a brief update on the upcoming celebration. A video is being proposed for viewing on June 3rd. Needed are photos and information on activities and events from the various clubs in the state. For additional information contact Lion Bob. He also informed the board about the upcoming training sessions which will be held at the LCI convention in Chicago, June 29th – July 5th. Again, if questions concerning this arise, contact Bob Woodke.

(4) CLUB PINS: Lions Milender and Woodke explained the status of the Club Pin and Multi-District pin. Pin designs have been reviewed and a Woodke/Weber motion to proceed with the pins was made. Motion passed.

(5) LEGACY PARK BENCH: Apparently there has been limited movement on this issue. Vance Balstad suggested that the lot next to the Arts Council building be considered. He will do some checking on that idea. Steve Caron will investigate the idea of having a Park Bench located adjacent to the hospital. He will make some contacts and report back to the board.

(6) FALL RAFFLE: Lion Mel Milender reported that 110 tickets have been sold thus far. This is barely past the breakeven point for profit. Ticket sales must accelerate during the next 10 days or the event will not be a money maker. See Craig Cameron or Mel Milender for tickets or additional information.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) VISION PROBLEMS: Lion Ron Porter explained a sight problem which two twin children encountered. ROP (ask Jim Molde what it stands for) retards the development of eye retinas. Glasses may help the situation and the possibility that our club can assist these two twins was considered. Lion Jim Molde will follow up on the circumstances surrounding this issue and report back to the board.

(2) TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: On November 11th and 12th, there will be training sessions taking place the convention in Mahanomen. Lions Woodke and Milender may attend the gathering. A Molde/Porter motion to reimburse participants from our club who attend the conference/training sessions was made. Motion carried.

(3) WINDOW STICKERS: Due to the time factor, this agenda item was deferred until the next board meeting.

(4) WOMEN'S TRACK SPAGHETTI FEED: An idea has surfaced relating to the fund raiser for the Woman's Track Team. Instead of an annual pancake dinner in the fall, a spaghetti feed in the early spring may be more feasible. A suggestion to have this type of feed at the Eagles Club was made, being they are up to speed on making spaghetti. The track team would be involved with not only the serving, but ticket sales as well. More follow up on this issue is needed.

- (5) LEO THE LION: Leo the Lion has experienced some depression lately because he hasn't found a suitable home. Consider room and board for this worthy lion before the winter snow appears.
- (6) POTENTIAL NEW PROJECT: Mel Milender explained an idea for a new project for the Bemidji Lion's Club. It focuses on disadvantaged kids who have little or no money for Christmas shopping for their family. The kids would be given a \$100 gift certificate to purchase Christmas items for their family and in turn, would receive a gift themselves for doing the shopping. Steve Caron made a motion to donate \$500 dollars toward this idea and Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion passed. General membership would have to approve the proposal before it would proceed. Major stores in town would be contacted to seek involvement with the project and the actual shopping could be in conjunction with community individuals (heroes).
- (7) CAMP-O-REE: This Friday through Sunday there will be a Camp-o-ree involving the Boy Scouts on the east side of Cass Lake. Lion Woodke explained the event and asked if the Bemidji Lion's Club could donate \$50 to the cause. A Milender/Caron motion to donate \$50 dollars was made. Motion passed.
- (8) VISION CLINIC: Jim Mold explained that the clinic was a great success. Forty-two children were screened on October 3rd and 18 pairs of glasses were given to those in need, compliments of Walman Optical. The exams were held at Sanford Eye Services and opticians/ technicians from Sanford and Cass Lake were involved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

General Membership Business Meeting- October 12th, 2016

- (1) DePew/Porter motion to purchase 200 club pins. Amended to 300 pins. Motion carried.
- (2) Woodke/Labraaten motion to purchase 1000 convention pins. Motion passed.
- (3) Drevlow/Weber motion to proceed with "Shop with a Hero" program. Motion passed. Ann Marie Ward will pursue the idea and report back to the club.
- (4) Woodke/Sorensen motion to reimburse Steve Caron \$45 for Bill Britton's birthday cake. Motion carried.
- (5) A Sorensen/Caron motion to update "Award Plaque". Motion carried.

Special Board Meeting – November 2nd, 2016

- (1) Molde/Madeson motion to donate \$500 to "Heros & Helpers" program. Motion passed.

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