

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – November 14th, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at 11:31 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, Jim Molde, and Leon Nelson.

AGENDA: The agenda was sent out electronically on Friday and hard copies were available at the meeting. Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the minutes from the October 10th board meeting were sent out to board members on Friday, November 11th. Hard copies were available at the meeting. A Tieman/Caron motion to accept the minutes was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson noted that he has two e-mail accounts and Lions sending e-mails to him can use either one. He also indicated that names of upcoming speakers at the general membership meetings be given to him so he can include them in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Weber distributed a "white sheet" containing information on balances in the various funds. Presently the Activity Fund holds \$31,008.24 and the Administrative Fund is at \$6,614.92. The Mint Fund balance is \$739.11. He noted some minor typing errors in the report which he corrected. Lion treasurer Bob requested that \$500 dollars be moved from the activity fund to a special "Heros/Helpers Fund". A Woodke/Sandbo motion to honor his request was made. Motion passed. Treasurer Bob asked permission to pay a bill received from LCI for the amount of \$75.30, which was for membership dues (Gary Gangelhoff), patches, and membership kits. Bob also asked to be reimbursed for an ink cartridge he recently purchased for the price of \$48.53. A motion by Wayne Tieman was made to pay these two bills. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried. A Tieman/Molde motion to accept the amended treasurer's report was made. This motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A "Green Sheet" was distributed to the board concerning membership information by Wayne Tieman. He asked that Wynn Richardson be dropped from the membership following Wynn's decision. A Molde/Weber motion to drop Wynn Richardson was made. Motion passed. Membership is at 88, plus one associate member. Gary Ganglehoff will be inducted on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. A new applicant, Jason Braunhausen, has not paid yet but appears to be on track to become a Lion. Lion Wayne talked about Paul Baker, who is from LCI, and his arrival in Bemidji to assist in forming a campus Lion's Club at BSU. A table will be set up for promoting membership within the proposed club. On another issue, an early Wednesday morning meeting of six Lions will take place to discuss plans for the Zero "K" walk scheduled for the Multi-District convention. This event is drawing a lot of attention. Lion Wayne continued by reviewing a "Yellow Sheet" which contained information on the upcoming Multi-District convention. There are 187 registered so far. The convention pin has been ordered and the finance committee is fully functional.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) LION DECAL: Lion Vance made a suggestion that new Lion's Club decals be made available for old and new members. A Milender/Molde motion to have someone research this idea and come back to the board in the future with possible options was made. Motion passed.
- (2) STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS/STRUCTURE: Steve Caron presented several ideas on committee structure and guidelines. He suggested that a board member be represented on each committee and a co-chair be placed on each committee to assist the chair. Bob Woodke felt that the Strategic Planning Committee should continue its work and indicated that his background training is conducive to leading this committee. A Woodke/Milender motion to appoint a task force (Committee on Committees) to review the policy concerning major fund raisers was made. The following Lions will serve on this committee: Mel Milender, Bob Woodke, Bob Weber, Jim Molde, Vance Balstad, and Steve Caron. This committee will report to the board in the future. Motion carried. Steve Caron announced that he would no longer head the "Awards Committee" and a replacement will be needed.
- (3) CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Bob Woodke gave a report on the progress concerning the Centennial Celebration. A "Hunger Event" is planned for December or January. It could possibly involve the Food Shelf or another collection of food. Lion Bob talked about the impact worldwide that Lions have made in the area of hunger and Legacy projects. On June 3rd at the Mall of America, a large celebration will take place recognizing 100 years of Lionism. Steve Caron continued the conversation by presenting an update on our Legacy project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) BSU SPAGHETTI DINNER: Lion Bob Weber distributed a "White Sheet" outlining a proposal for a Lions/BSU Track & Field Spaghetti Dinner. The date, January 22nd, 2017, was immediately challenged by Mel Milender because of the Mid -Winter Convention falling on that day. Also questioned was the selling of tickets by the track team versus Lions Club members. Additional questions from board members surfaced on a variety of concerns involving fund raisers in general. Due to time limitations, a Milender/Woodke motion to table the discussion on the proposal was made. Motion carried.
- (2) TRANSFER OF \$500: This was covered under the treasurer's report.
- (3) DECEMBER/JANUARY HUNGER PROJECT: Discussed under #3 on Old Business.
- (4) KID SIGHT REQUEST: Lion Jim Molde explained the program. It involves eye screening of children from the age of 6 months to 6 years. He also talked about the funding of the program and how additional money could expand the breadth of what they do. A Mel Milender motion to donate \$500 to the program was made. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- (5) FOOD TRAILER UPDATE: Lion Bob Woodke announced that the food trailer will be finished (framework) on Friday and will be delivered to Melrose shortly after. Someone with a ¾ ton pickup and 2 5/16th ball hitch will be needed to pick the rig up.
- (6) DIABETES MONTH: November is diabetes month and we should be wearing blue to bring out awareness on this disease. Bob Woodke questioned the board regarding ideas or projects concerning diabetes month. A brief overview of what the district is doing was made by Bob.

Lion Anne Marie suggested that an information table on diabetes be set up during bell ringing for the Salvation Army. The idea was accepted by the board and Mel will check on the availability of diabetes material for the endeavor.

(7) APPRECIATION PLAQUE: Rescheduled for the next meeting

(8) MINI FORUM: Lion Bob Woodke gave a short report on the Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum held at Mahnomen this past weekend. Both Bob and Mel attended the forum and walked away with several new ideas.

(9) E-SIGHT: Mel Milender talked about two twins who are legally blind and their struggle as they grow up. Recently they tried on a pair of high tech electronic glasses and they were amazed at the results. Costing \$15,000 dollars each, Mel is on a mission to raise funds for the purchase of two sets of glasses for the twins. A Steve Caron/Bob Montebello motion to have Mel pursue fund raising for this cause was made. The board gave unanimous approval of the idea.

(10) HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: Lions Bob Sandbo and Wayne Tieman asked for the support of the board to fund two HOBY candidates this year to attend the Leadership Seminar. A Woodke/Tieman motion to fund two candidates was made. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment of the meeting took place with a Ward/Caron motion at 1:04 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted by Leon Nelson

General Membership Meeting- Nov. 16th – DePew/Sorensen motion to donate \$200 to the BSU Campus Lions Club as it is being formed. Motion passed

Special Board Meeting – Nov. 16th – Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by John Sorensen, to accept membership application of Paul Simonson. Motion carried. A motion by Bob Weber, seconded by Wayne Tieman, to submit deposit of \$50 to the Bemidji Eagles Club for the purpose of holding the facility on January 15th for a spaghetti feed fund raiser for the BSU Track Team. Motion passed on a majority vote.

Special Board Meeting – Nov. 30th – Motion by Jim Molde, seconded by Ron Porter to proceed with the Legacy Project, which is the placing of a bench at Sanford Clinic/Hospital. Motion carried.