

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

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at precisely 11:30 a.m. The following board members were present: Mel Milender, Bob Montebello, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, Vance Balstad, Steve Caron, Bob Sandbo, Jim Molde, Bob Weber, Wayne Tieman, Bob Madeson, Ron Porter, Marcus Bruning, LeRoy Hill, and Ann Marie Ward.

AGENDA: Lion Mel Milender requested two additional items be added to the agenda under old business. They were: Mid-Winter Convention at Grand Rapids and the Multi-District Convention at Bemidji. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to accept the amended agenda and Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies from the November 14th board meeting and the agenda for this meeting were sent out electronically on December 9th. Hard copies were available at the meeting. With no discussion, a Woodke/Caron motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Bob Weber distributed a "white sheet" which summarized transactions during the previous month. According to the sheet, as of December 1st the Activity Fund held \$29,850.28 and the Administrative Fund was at \$6,614.92. The Mint Fund was at \$950.44 and the "Heros Fund" had a balance of \$660. Lion Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written, with Bob Weber seconding the motion. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman distributed a "Green Sheet" and reported that the club presently has 89 members plus one associate member. The latest applicants to the club have been inducted and there is the possibility of a few more individuals about ready to fill out the application. The BSU Campus Lion's Club has 21 students interested so far. Lion Wayne mentioned that a Charter Night for the club needs to be planned out. After some discussion, a Milender/Woodke motion to have a Charter night for the BSU Campus Club on February 16th. Attached to this motion was the consent to pay this year's International Dues and Charter Fees for the club and its members, and assist with any other formalities needed to make it a functioning club. Motion passed. A Steve Caron motion surfaced to print additional copies of the "Orange Booklet" for distribution. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion and it carried. Lion Wayne continued by talking briefly about the upcoming Multi-District convention, planned for April 21-23 of next year. There are 202 pre-registered for the event and the registration fee has risen to \$110, except for the host clubs. Attached to the "Green Sheet" was a yellow sheet which gave additional details on the convention plans.

FLURY OF NON- AGENDA ITEMS: President Vance presented numerous items for the board to consider. (1) Bemidji Symphony Donation- Contributing to the symphony does not fall directly under any of the four pillars. Henceforth, a Woodke/Montebello motion to encourage Lions to individually contribute to the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was made. Motion carried. (2) Evergreen House - This is their 40th year of operation. A request for a donation was countered

by the fact that they are on our 2016/17 list for a \$500 donation. (3) Headwaters Science Center – They are also listed in our 2016/17 budget for a donation of \$500. (4) Boys and Girls Club – This club recently received a check for \$500. (5) MN Dept. of Health – A bill for permits relating to food serving events was turned over to the club treasurer. (6) East Central Willow River – The community requested a donation for the purpose of sending a band to Chicago for the convention. Apparently the district has funds available for this purpose.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION LEGACY PROJECT: Lion Steve Caron presented an update on our Legacy Project. Sanford has given approval to go ahead with a “bench” but they want to be involved with the location and the type of bench. Several locations near the clinic/hospital are being considered. A six (6) foot bench seems appropriate and should be maintenance free. Lion Steve will check on several sources for the making of a bench, which ideally should come from a local manufacturer. Bob Woodke presented another idea for an additional Legacy Project. Our club could purchase a Lion’s Club flag and place it somewhere in the community. It could also be flown during the convention. Lion Mel will work with the city on this issue.
2. EQUIPMENT NEEDS: Lion Steve Caron outlined a need for a projector that can be used for power-point presentations. An accompanying podium would also be useful. Fifty percent (50%) of the cost can come from the Convention Fund if used at the Mid-Winter Convention. Lions Anne Marie and Mel will work together to find out what is available. Lion Ron Porter will contact Jack St. Martin to see if he can be of help.
3. LION’S CLUB/BSU TRACK TEAM SPAGHETTI DINNER: Lion Bob Weber distributed a “white sheet” giving facts and figures on a proposed spaghetti dinner fund raiser for the BSU Track team. Three groups of Lions would be needed for various duties. Two hundred (200) tickets are available to be sold by the track team and 100 tickets will be available for sale by the Lion’s Club. Date for the event is January 15th, noon to 2 p.m. and 4 – 7p.m. Lion Bob Montebello noted that this type of fund raiser is unlike the fund raisers for the Farm Bureau, Logging Days, etc. In those fund raisers the club does only the cooking and receives a check for their efforts. The “white sheet” showed a profit to the Lions of only \$100. This will be adjusted to around \$500 depending on a host a variables. A Bob Weber/Wayne Tieman motion to proceed with the spaghetti fund raiser was made. The motion passed on a majority vote.
4. APPRECIATION PLAQUE: Lion Jim Molde suggested that a plaque be given to Walman Optical for their contributions to Vision Screening Week. A Milender/Porter motion to spend up to \$50 for a plaque was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson will order the plaque.
5. BSU BASKETBALL TICKETS: Vance informed the board that tickets for a BSU basketball game are available. See Vance if you have the urge to attend a game or two. He has connections.
6. MID-WINTER CONVENTION: This year’s Mid-Winter convention will be Jan. 20-22nd and will be at the Timberlake Convention Center in Grand Rapids. Members are urged to attend. A Caron/Tieman motion to reimburse the full hospitality cost for those attending the Mid-Winter from our club was made. This motion carried. Lion Mel gave a report on some of the speakers who will be present and suggested that club members register now and secure a room before everything is filled. He also mentioned that members should try to attend various other Mid-Winters and promote our upcoming Multi-District Convention. The question of having a

hospitality room on Friday night at the Mid-Winter surfaced. After a short discussion, Bob Weber made a motion to go ahead with that idea and Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BSU LION'S CLUB CHARTER NIGHT: This agenda item was covered under "Membership Report".
2. BHS LEO'S CLUB: This item was briefly described under "Membership Report".
3. HEROS AND HELPERS: Lion Ann Marie gave an ecstatic report on the very successful "Heros and Helpers" program. It was a win/win for everyone involved and it definitely will be held again next year. Final cost figures will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting. Ann Marie mentioned that the "Heros" will be expanded to include Border Patrol next year. She was given a round of applause from the board members for her work on this project.
4. MELVIN: President Vance gave a touching report on the status of Melvin. Kind hearted Steve Caron, deeply affected by the report, offered to care for Melvin until he is transferred to a new home. Fines have been re-vamped and Lion Steve will try to locate a new residence for Melvin, outside of our zone.
5. AREA LIONS CLUBS: Lion Vance stressed the need to interact with other Lions Clubs. Mel will try to obtain a list of clubs in this part of the state and we should brainstorm on some sort of event to pull the area clubs together.
6. MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PERMIT: Lion Bob Weber noticed that the permit for serving food needs to be paid immediately or the cost will increase sixty dollars. Jim Molde made a motion to give Treasurer Bob Weber the authority to pay the bill. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment of the meeting took place at 1 p.m. with a motion from Jim Molde. Lion Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lion's Club 2016/17 Secretary