

Bemidji Lion's Club Board Meeting – January 9th, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. The following board members were present: Bob Weber, LeRoy Hill, Bob Montebello, Steve Caron, Mel Milender, Leon Nelson, Vance Balstad, Bob Woodke, Wayne Tieman, Bob Sandbo, Jim Molde, Ann Marie Ward, Bob Madeson, John Sorensen, and Guy Drevlow.

AGENDA: Bob Weber requested (via e-mail) to add BSU Charter Night to Old Business after the agenda was sent out electronically. At the meeting, Bob Woodke asked to add Centennial Celebration and Can-Do-Canines to the agenda under Old Business. Mel Milender wanted Publication added also to Old Business. Under New Business, Bob Woodke asked to speak about Constitution & By Laws. Steve Caron requested time to discuss Hall of Fame Candidate nomination. A motion by Wayne Tieman was made to accept the amended agenda. Bob Sandbo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Nelson pointed out that copies of the December 12th board meeting and the agenda were sent out electronically to all board members on January 6th. Hard copies were also available at the meeting. With no immediate discussion, a Caron/Tieman motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was made. Motion passed. After passing of the motion, some discussion developed on the totals of the treasurer's report, which appeared in the secretary's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber distributed two white sheets, representing an amended November Treasurer's report and a December Treasurer's report. Lion Bob explained some of the problems he faces in trying to produce the monthly report. After reviewing the amended white sheet, which represented the November Treasurer's report, a Woodke/Tieman motion to accept the report was made. Motion carried. Discussion continued over the various accounts and because of the time element, Bob Woodke made a motion to table the December Treasurer's report until next month. Ann Marie Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman gave "Green Sheets" to the board which summarized activities relating to membership. We have four (4) new applicants and this should bring our total number of members to 93 + 1. (A jotting on the green sheet had 94 + 1, which was incorrect). Also noted on the sheet were plans for an upcoming "New Lions Members Orientation" which is scheduled for February 23rd. Details are forthcoming. Orange "Orientation Booklets" have been printed and are available for both old and new members to enjoy. There was no "Membership Meeting" this month. Lion Wayne next slid into a discussion which focused on the Multi-District Convention, scheduled for April 21st – 23rd. There are 220 pre-registered so far and the bulk of the registrations are yet to come. Credit cards may be used to pre-register which is a real plus. A "Yellow Sheet", made available to the board members, outlined activities during the three day period of the convention. Things are starting to take shape as we near April. Volunteers are needed to promote the event at the Mid-Winter Conventions, held throughout the state. See either Wayne or Mel if interested. Expenses will be paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **BSU CHARTER NIGHT:** Lion Bob Weber provided the board with additional information about the BSU Charter Night. It is scheduled for February 16th, beginning at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Eagles Club. A meal will be served and will cost \$15 dollars. A Molde/Tieman motion to pay for the meals of the speakers and participating students was made. Motion passed. Also invited will be city mayor Rita Albrecht and BSU President Faith Hensrud.
2. **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:** Lion Bob Weber talked briefly about the upcoming Centennial Celebration. On June 3rd celebration festivities will occur at the Mall of America. A steering committee has been established and plans are slowly being developed. Chicago will be the site of the international celebration and this will occur during the days leading up to July 4th. More information will be available at the Mid-Winter Convention and the Multi-District Convention.
3. **CAN-DO-CANINES:** A "Tails To Tell Tour" will occur on January 14th in the cities. This tour will emphasize a series of factors relating to the use of trained dogs to assist blind individuals. A challenge has been presented to the clubs to give an additional \$100 to the Can Do Canine organization. Lion Steve Caron made a motion to donate an extra \$100 to the cause. Bob Madeson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLICATION:** Lion Mel Milender noted that some of our new member applicants have the gift of writing and publishing. This could be an asset to the club in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prior to new business, President Vance read a "Thank You" note from "Let's Go Fishing" for our donation. He also read two letters from local Boy Scouts requesting money so they could attend a National Jamboree for scouts. After some discussion, Wayne Tieman made a motion to give \$100 dollars to each of the two scouts to help their fund raising efforts. Bob Woodke seconded the motion and it passed on a majority vote.

1. **APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS:** Four new member applications have been received by the club. They are: Sharon Geisen, Matthew Whitbeck, John Eggers, and Milagros Zegarra. A Woodke/Caron motion was made to approve these new applicants. Motion passed. Induction will take place on Wednesday, January 11th, at the general club meeting.
2. **PARADE OF GREEN:** The Mid-Winter convention is only ten days away and the Parade of Green worksheet needs to be addressed. After discussing amounts and organizations, the following donations were agreed upon: Can Do Canines - \$500, Leader Dogs for the Blind - \$500, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) - \$500, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. - \$500, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation - \$500, and the Multiple District Hearing Foundation - \$500. A Woodke/Molde motion to fund Mn Lions Diabetes Foundation was passed and a Milender/Weber motion to remove American Diabetes Foundation from the donation list also passed. A motion by Wayne Tieman was made to approve the above stated donations, with Steve Caron seconding the motion. Motion carried.
3. **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:** Lion Bob Woodke noted that a new requirement has filtered down from the International Lions Club. In the future, a person must be nominated to serve the position of LCIF chair from each club. This Lion will act as a liaison between the Foundation and

the club. Apparently this has been written into the Constitution and By- Laws. All clubs should try to abide in filling the new position.

4. HALL OF FAME CANDIDATE: Lion Mel briefly presented information on the "Hall of Fame" award. Clubs nominate a candidate, after which the name goes to the District and then to the Multi-District. A Caron/Weber motion to nominate someone from our club was made. Motion passed. Almost immediately a Weber/Drevlow motion to select LeRoy Hill for the award was made. Motion passed without the slightest hesitation. A final motion by Steve Caron, seconded by Wayne Tieman, to have Bob Weber complete the nomination process by completing the paperwork. This motion carried.

5. PARTING COMMENTS: Lion Bob Woodke talked about the pride that goes into seeing older and sometimes disabled Lions at Multi-District conventions. Some Lions have dedicated major portions of their lives to the Lions cause. Steve Caron indicated there will probably be a Leo's gathering in March. More details to come.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:45 p.m. Lion Bob Sandbo made a motion to adjourn. This was followed by a second from Jim Molde. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson- Bemidji Lion's Club 2016/17 Secretary

Special Board Meeting – January 18th, 2017

Bob Woodke/John Liapis motion to endorse Wayne Tieman for 2nd District Governor. Motion passed.

Bob Weber/Jack Naastad motion to hold Mid-Winter Convention in Bemidji during 2020. Motion passed.