

## Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting was called to order at precisely 11:30 a.m. The following board members were in attendance: Vance Balstad, Leon Nelson, Steve Caron, Bob Weber, Ron Porter, Bob Montebello, Mel Milender, Jim Molde, Wayne Tieman, Bob Sandbo, Bob Woodke, Ann Marie Ward, Guy Drevlow, and Marcus Brunning.

AGENDA: Copies of the agenda were sent out electronically on Friday night to all board members. Hard copies were available at the meeting. No additional items were requested to be placed on the agenda. A Sandbo/Molde motion to accept the agenda as presented was made. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the secretary's report were sent out electronically to the board members on Friday evening and hard copies were available at the meeting. Secretary Nelson noted that two motions from a general membership meeting were not on the electronic copies that were sent out but did appear on the hard copies. A Caron/Tieman motion to accept the secretary's report as presented on the hard copies was made. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber met with former treasurer Joe Love and together they updated monthly reports going back to July. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to approve the amended December treasurer's report. Steve Caron seconded the motion. After a short discussion the motion passed. A longer discussion followed which focused on the income/expenditures from the spaghetti feed for the BSU track team. Treasurer Bob explained the January budget and where the income and expense figures were listed. Lion Ann Marie suggested that a better method for keeping track of income and expenses should be used in the future. She suggested a software program called Quick Book be used which costs about \$55 dollars. After some discussion, Lion Ann Marie made a motion to purchase the software program, with Jim Molde seconding the motion. Motion carried. A Molde/Drevlow motion to accept the January treasurer's report was made with additional review to take place over the next month. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman presented the membership report, along with a "Green Sheet" which summarized activities. With recent applicants being approved by the membership committee, the membership count is at 99 plus one associate. The latest applicant, Joan Berntson from Oak Hills, had turned in an application but was not acted upon by the membership committee. She will be number "100" and will be given a light honor for the milestone. A motion by Wayne Tieman, seconded by Bob Woodke, was made to approve the application of Joan Berntson, along with the following applicants for membership in the Bemidji Lions Club: John Pechin, Amanda Wallestad, Jake Bluhm, Austin Wallestad, Robert Anderson, and Kathryn Smith. All have paid their application fees. Motion carried. Induction of one or more of the approved applicants will take place on Wednesday. Lion Wayne talked briefly about Charter Night, scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles (5:30 p.m.) and New Member Orientation (6 p.m.) which will take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hampton Inn.

CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman also presented an update on the progress of the Multi-District Convention. At present we have received 284 registrations. Lion Wayne expressed "Thanks" to the Lions who have stepped up and chaired various committees needed to make the convention a success. There are still numerous jobs that need to be filled. Members of the club will have the first opportunity to fill these positions, after which outside clubs will be contacted. On February 28<sup>th</sup> Bob Harms and other dignitaries will be in town to review the facility and the progress in regards to the convention. Bob Sandbo will call members to see if they will attend and are willing to help. The total number of participants at the convention could exceed 600 which could be a capacity problem for the main ballroom.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. MID-WINTER CONVENTION REIMBURSEMENT: Lion Bob Woodke questioned if a reimbursement would be granted to those who attended the Mid-Winter convention in Grand Rapids recently. Apparently a request voucher needs to be filled out and submitted to the treasurer. Secretary Nelson will come up with a voucher and distribute them to those who attended the convention.
2. LION'S FLAG – Lion Bob Woodke followed up on the thought of flying a Lion's Flag at City Hall as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Lion's Celebration. Jim Molde will check with Kay Murphy (city clerk) to see if this idea is possible.
3. COMPUTER/PROJECTOR PROJECT: Lion Bob Woodke asked if any progress has been made on the purchase of a projector which can run off a laptop. Bob Weber responded by stating that a projector has been purchased for \$215.75. Additional details will be forthcoming.
4. SPAGHETTI DINNER: The board felt this agenda item had been covered sufficiently in the treasurer's report.
5. CHARTER NIGHT: Lion Bob Weber again reminded members to attend the Charter Night festivities if possible. The evening begins at 6 p.m. Thursday and will be held at the Eagles. Twenty-four BSU students will be inducted into the Lions Club. A Milender/Molde motion to pay for printing costs associated with Charter Night was made. Motion passed.
6. TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES: Lion Steve Caron stated that the Task Force has met twice and is ready to present their findings. Some committees have been condensed and changes have been made concerning committee heads. Hopefully he will send out an e-mail to all members which will detail actions of the Task Force.
7. HOBY AWARDS: Lion Bob Weber spoke about the Hoby Awards. In the past 2 awards have been given out to worthy high school students. He suggested that the club send the Hoby recipients to a camp and help finance their expenses. Upon return these students could assist in forming and leading a Leos Club within their school. Mel Milender made a motion to table this suggestion until additional information could be obtained. Ron Porter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
8. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Lion Steve Caron talked about the document which came out of the Finance Committee and was approved. The Finance Committee will meet on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and develop a preliminary draft of the budget. This should be available for review by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any requests for items that want to be considered in the budget for next year should be submitted to Lion Steve by February 22<sup>rd</sup>.

9. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: The First City Lions, Bemidji Lions Club, and the BSU Lions Club will gather on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hampton to go through an Orientation Session. The event begins at 6 p.m. and over 50 are expected to attend. All club members are invited.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT: Lion Bob Woodke reminded the board that a new position needs to be established and filled for next year. The position of "Club LCI Coordinator" will work between the club's board and Lions Club International. To create this position the club's by-laws and constitution need to be modified. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mel Milender to "Not change the by-laws and constitution" because of this new position. Bob Sandbo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. HANDICAP VAN REQUEST: A request to help fund a handicap van for an individual has been received by the club. The board agreed to delay a decision on the request until further information can be obtained. An additional request to help fund the purchase of sight glasses was put on hold. A Milender/Drevlow motion was made to wait until newer technology on this device is developed. Motion carried.

3. VENDING MACHINE FUND RAISER: The board felt buying into the use of vending machines to help raise funds probably is not the direction to take. No vote was taken on this issue.

4. FLAPJACK DAY: Lion Ron Porter decided on two possible dates for FlapJack day. They are either May 2<sup>nd</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup>. He will check on the availability of the church and the last days that BSU are in operation. Lion Mel mentioned that the Spring Fling needs to be organized and a date picked. The Lions Fare will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. It will operate out of the old Pamida parking lot and Lion Vance will make a few contacts to determine exactly where the boundaries are for the event.

5. MISC: Lion Wayne disclosed to the board that Dick Beitzel will be celebrating his "90<sup>th</sup>" birthday. Lion Dick would appreciate any cards or visits from us. Ron Porter praised the group for raising over \$2,482 dollars this winter while ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Great Job Lions!!!!

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 12: 49 p.m. by Lion Guy Drevlow. Lion Jim Molde seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2016/2017

Feb. 22, 2017 General Membership Meeting. Motion by John Liapis, seconded by Neil Henrud, to donate \$500 dollars to a group of students so they may be able to visit the School for the Deaf in Faribault, MN. Motion passed.