

Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – March 13th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at 11:36 a.m. The following board members were present: Ron Porter, Vance Balstad, Leon Nelson, Steve Caron, Bob Sandbo, Bob Woodke, Wayne Tieman, Marcus Bruning, Bob Montebello, Bob Madeson, and Jim Molde.

AGENDA: Copies of the agenda were sent out electronically on Friday evening to all board members. Hard copies were available at the meeting. Ron Porter requested that “FlapJack Day” be added to the agenda under Old Business. A Woodke/Caron motion to accept the amended agenda was made. Motion carried.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Copies of the minutes from the February board meeting were sent out electronically on Friday evening and hard copies were available at the meeting. After virtually no discussion, a Woodke/Madeson motion to accept the minutes was made. At this point a flurry of items came to the floor for discussion.

a. Flag: Jim Molde reported that the Lion’s flag could be flown below the U.S. flag at the Lakefront, during Lions 100th celebration. A motion by Marcus Bruning was made to spend up to \$100 dollars on the purchase of a 3’ x 5’ Lions International flag for this purpose. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson will purchase the flag.

b. Hoby Recipients: A question arose about future recipients of the Hoby Award attending a camp, thus learning about the Lions, and returning to help form a Leos Club at the High School. Bob Weber bought this idea up at the last meeting and will be quizzed about it at our next meeting.

c. Van: It was decided that donations for the purchase of a handicap van, as requested by a private individual, does not meet the pillars of Lionism.

d. Projector: Wayne Tieman has the projector which was purchased several weeks ago. Additional components, storage, and use of the projector will await Lion Ann Marie’s return. After discussions ceased, the motion to accept the minutes from the February board meeting passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber was absent from the board meeting. No report was given.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman reviewed the highlights from the recent membership meeting. Presently the club is at 101 members, plus one associate. Joan Berntson was the 100th member and a token of appreciate was given during her induction. Jamie Zyllo, the newest applicant, was approved with a Tieman/Woodke motion. Motion carried. Lion Wayne spoke briefly about the very successful Charter Night and the highly attended Orientation session. District membership numbers look good at this point. The Bemidji Lions Club has excelled in all areas and should submit an application for a Club Excellence Award-21016/17. The membership committee recommended the club cancel the Spring Fling due to extensive work needed to make the Multi-District Convention a success.

CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne continued by giving the board an update on the Multi-District Convention. At present, there are 422 registered for the convention. One hundred and ninety have signed up for the Zero K walk. The Hospitality Book is now \$125 for those outside of the hosting clubs. There are 28 signed up from the Bemidji Lions Club. Wayne assured us that the "schedule" has been approved and is in stone. Production of badges is next on the list of things to do and the logistics of doing the registration, top to bottom, was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. COMPUTER/QUICK BOOK PURCHASE: Lion Bob Weber was not present but a short discussion focused on the possible purchase of a software program needed to monitor transactions within the budget and a computer to assist in presentations and other functions. It was agreed that the club should wait until Anne Marie Ward returns to give input.
2. PODIUM AND MIC SYSTEM: Many ideas came forth concerning this subject. Lion Bob Woodke has been looking for the ideal system but as of yet he has not found an appropriate table top model. A motion by Lion Marcus Bruning to table the issue came forth. Bob Montebello seconded the motion. Because more research is needed into the subject the motion easily passed. A Woodke/Caron motion to have Lion Jim Molde form a committee and report back to the board on their findings was made. Motion passed.
3. TASK FORCE COMMITTEE: Lion Steve Caron led the discussion. Two handouts were distributed to the board. One contained various Standing Committees, including participants, and the other hand-out detailed the responsibilities of the committees. These hand-outs represent recommendations from the Task Force Committee. Lion Steve slowly and methodically reviewed the various committees. Many suggestions came from the floor, including the idea of separating the Strategic Plan from the By Laws and Constitution, thus forming separate committees. Both hand-outs will be discussed at the General Membership meeting on Wednesday and board members will receive revised copies as per direction of President Balstad. FlapJack Day, scheduled for May 2nd, will be co-chaired by Ron Porter and Bob Sandbo. Lion Steve Caron volunteered to assist the co-chairs. Collection of ticket money for this and other fund raisers will now be handled by the co-chairs, not the treasurer. The co-chairs will also present a report on the activity upon completion. A Molde/Madeson motion to table further discussion on the recommendations of the Task Force was made. Motion passed.
4. MELVIN THE LION: Melvin needs to move on. His time in the Bemidji area is starting to wear on him and his present caretaker fails to give him much attention. The Cap Baker gathering (Fun Night) in Grand Rapids on May 5th appears to be a great opportunity for him to change locations. Five are needed to make the transfer. Wayne Tieman, his wife Lenay, and Steve Caron plan to attend. Information regarding the Fun Night will be presented to the general membership meeting on Wednesday and hopefully others may want to attend.
5. LEGACY PROJECT: Lion Steve Caron provided the board with some details on the Legacy Project. Cass Lake Metal Craft can manufacture a bench to our specs. The lettering and emblem still needs to be decided upon but forward progress is being made. A Molde/Montebello motion to table the final decision on the project was made. Additional information will be forthcoming. Motion passed.

6. FLAPJACK DAY: Lion Bob Sandbo outlined plans for FlapJack day, scheduled for May 2nd. Lions Ron Porter and Bob Sandbo will co-chair the event. A Caron/Madeson motion to keep the price at \$5 dollars was made. Motion carried. Wayne Tieman will oversee the making of the tickets and posters.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. REQUEST FOR GRIDDLES: Lion Leon Nelson read a request for the use of our griddles from Boy Scout Troop 25. They want to use them on Sunday, April 9th. Bob Woodke made a motion to allow use of the grills and Bob Sandbo seconded the motion. Motion passed. Leon Nelson will coordinate the operation.
2. LIONS CLUB CAPS: The club is out of caps and we need to purchase more. Lion Bob Woodke made a motion to purchase more caps and Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lion Vance will check on the prices and if "purple" is available again.
3. SPRING FLING: Wayne Tieman spoke once more about the recommendation coming out of the membership committee that the Spring Fling be cancelled for this year, due to the high amount of activity this spring. He emphasized that the "Spring Fling" should be held next year.
4. CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD: Our club has an excellent chance of earning an "Excellence Award". Lion Wayne Tieman will fill out the application for the award and will co-chair the procedure, along with Jim Molde.
5. MISCELLANEOUS: Lion President Vance Balstad mentioned that we should be receiving a patch for our banner due to our contributions to the Leader Dog Program.
6. MISCELLANEOUS: Lion Bob Woodke reported that Paul Simonson ordered a shirt separately from the company which made them. This resulted in a bill (\$15 Dollars) being sent to the club. A Woodke/Caron motion to pay this bill was made. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 1:07 p.m. by Lion Wayne Tieman. Bob Sandbo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2016/17

Special Board Meeting – March 22nd Motion by John Sorensen, seconded by Bob Woodke to continue a Lions Club International magazine subscription to four (4) organizations in town. This includes the Library, BHS, North Country Health and one other location. Motion carried. A Jim Molde/Bob Woodke motion to allow up to \$500 for advertising the upcoming FlapJack Breakfast. Motion passed.