

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING – April 10th, 2017

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

AGENDA: Copies of the agenda were sent out electronically on Friday evening and hard copies were available to all board members prior to the start of the meeting. Steve Caron made a motion to accept the agenda and Bob Madeson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Nelson sent out copies of the March board meeting minutes on April 7th and provided hard copies to the board members prior to the meeting. Lion Steve Caron noted a few "errors" in the minutes and these "errors" will be corrected in the electronic version and also corrected before sending them to Jennifer, who puts the minutes on the club web page. Bob Madeson made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Treasurer Bob Weber was not present at the meeting to give the report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman distributed a "green sheet" which outlined highlights from the recent membership meeting. Presently the club is at 101 members, plus one associate. We have four new members who need to go through the induction process. Dues letters will be going out soon, with the annual dues remaining at \$75 dollars. A new club is being formed at Chisholm and they will hold "Charter Night" on June 1st, starting at 6 p.m. Wayne and Mel encouraged our club to have a strong showing at this event. A Woodke/Caron motion to donate \$100 dollars to the Chisholm Lions Club was made. Motion passed.

CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne also presented the convention report. As of now we have 507 registered for the convention (27 from our club) and 431 have purchased the full hospitality book. There are 205 signed up for the Zero-K walk for diabetes. Posters were distributed to board members. On Wednesday, April 19th there will be a walk-through at the convention site after the noon meeting. On Thursday there will be a work day to get everything in order for the convention. It appears that the arena will be used for the banquet but the ballroom will be adequate for the Sunday morning activities. The raffle room will need volunteers to oversee the operation and a sign-up sheet will be passed around. Eight voting delegates were appointed. They are Lions Vance Blastad, Leon Nelson, Jim Molde, Bob Sandbo, Ron Porter, Bob Montebello, Bob Woodke, and Steve Caron. Two more delegates need to be appointed before the convention. A Wayne Tieman/Jim Molde motion to allow up to \$100 dollars for a raffle basket was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson will put together the basket and make sure it arrives at the convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES:** Lion Steve Caron led the discussion. Recommendations by the Task Force on Committees were distributed on white sheets to the board members, along with a list of the various standing committees and the club members who will serve on them. A Tieman/Woodke motion to accept the documents was made. During the following discussion, Lion Bob Montebello suggested that the BSU Track Fundraiser be dropped from the list of service projects for our club. The BSU/NTC campus club could take on the fundraiser as one of their projects and the Bemidji Lions Club could assist the fund raiser as needed. With this amendment agreed upon, the question was called and the amended document was passed by the board.
2. **BUDGET:** The 2017/18 budget has not come forth as of yet. After very little discussion, Bob Woodke made a motion to mirror last year's budget for next year. Lion Mel Milender seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **FLAPJACK DAY:** Lion Ron Porter met with the Fire Department concerning our use of the grills inside the kitchen of First Lutheran. The fire chief nixed any open cooking inside unless it takes place under a vented hood. The possibility of cooking the flapjacks in a tent located outside may be one of the few options we can pursue. Lion Ron will try to put together a feasible method of cooking the flapjacks and make everyone satisfied.
4. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** LCI is calling for a list of next year's officers. The nominating committee needs to meet soon. Lion Marcus Bruning will work on the committee as a new member while the veteran member is yet to be determined.
5. **O.K. FUN RUN (ZERO-K):** With over 200 now signed up for the Zero-K Fun Run, it appears to be a great success. The run is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and should be completed by 1:30. This created some discussion, being the convention schedule lists the lunch, with speaker, going until 1:30. Lion Wayne assured the board that everything will work out without major problems. Hand- outs and registration forms are now available for distribution.
6. **CONCESSION TRAILER:** The future concession trailer and framework are now parked in the Industrial Park. Secretary Nelson will write a letter to the company which donated the trailer for their tax purposes. Lion Bob Woodke presented to the board several questions relevant to the building of the trailer. Lion Steve Caron will take some measurements on the old trailer so planning of the floorplan on the new trailer can begin. Glacier Industries, located south of Bemidji, will be contacted to see if they can provide ideas, assistance, or whatever.
7. **PORTABLE P.A. SYSTEM/PODIUM:** A brief discussion developed on the suitable route to pursue regarding a P.A. System for use by the Lions Club. The Eagles club has been working to improve the present system, but it still leaves us with only one mike. The general thought of the board was to continue to use the Eagles system for the time being. This issue may be focused upon again in the near future.
8. **COMPUTER:** Lion Bob Woodke led the discussion. Apparently Office Max has new computer that should be capable to handle the club's needs and they are offering the unit to us for \$210 - \$240 dollars. A Tieman/Montebello motion to table any forward movement on this topic was made. Discussion revolved around the fact that we need more information. The board felt that

input from Ann Marie Ward would be helpful before any decision is made. Motion to table further discussion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PROJECT BOARD: Bob Woodke informed the board members about his work in redesigning the project board. He will be using a piece of 2' by 4' plywood and sticking the individual activities/projects on the board by the use of Velcro. A better tri-pod for the board is also being considered.
2. CONVENTION BASKET: This issue was discussed previously in the meeting.
3. RAODSIDE CLEAN-UP: Spring is here that that means we need to again tidy up Hyway 71 south of town. Lion Jack Naastad will be contacted to see if he once again wants to coordinate the activity.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Lion Bob Madeson, seconded by Steve Caron to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:51 p.m. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: April 12th. Motion by Lion Mel Milender, seconded by Neil Hensrud to donate \$100 dollars to a local Boy Scout Troop . This money will be used to help purchase a flag pole for their use. Motion passed.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: April 12th. Treasurer Bob Weber distributed a treasurer's report which covered the last two months. This will be acted upon during the next board meeting. The 2017/18 budget was also discussed. It was unclear how to address the Track Meet fund raiser and the relation of this project to the upcoming budget. Definitely more discussion is needed before an agreement can be reached. A Caron/Tieman motion to table the budget until the next meeting was made. Motion carried. A Caron/Drevlow motion to purchase a used computer from Office max, as previously discussed at the board meeting, was made. Cost of the computer will be slightly more than \$200 dollars. Motion passed.