

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING -- May 8th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at 11:33 a.m. The following board members were present: Vance Balstad, Wayne Tieman, Mel Milender, Bob Woodke, Bob Weber, Jim Molde, Marcus Bruning, Leon Nelson, Steve Caron, Ann Marie Ward, LeRoy Hill, and Ron Porter. Also joining the board meeting was Lion Jack Naastad.

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. Jim Molde requested that "Kids Sight" be added to the agenda under New Business. Lion Bob Woodke made a motion to accept the amended agenda and Lion Wayne Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Leon Nelson sent out copies of the April board meeting minutes on May 5th and provided hard copies to the board members prior to the meeting. Lion Bob Woodke noted numerous discrepancies with the April minutes. Under "Old Business" # 8 – Computers – apparently Office Max had a new computer to offer the club, not a used computer as indicated in the minutes. Under "New Business" # 1 – Project Board – the dimensions of the project board should have read 2' x 4' instead of 2" x 4". At the General Membership meeting a \$100 dollar donation was made to a local Boy Scout Troop but it wasn't troop 40. At the Special Board meeting the treasurer should have read "Bob Weber" not "Bob Woodke". With these items corrected in the Secretary's Report, a Woodke/Tieman motion to accept the amended report was made. Motion then passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber began his report by announcing that he finally received a bill from the 5M10 district. The amount, \$1136.96, was paid. Lion Bob mentioned that future billings and payments may be done electronically. The April Treasurers Report was reviewed by the board. Minor questions arose from board members concerning expenditures and/or deposits being listed under the activity fund and/or administrative fund. These concerns were explained and a Bob Woodke/Anne Marie Ward motion to approve the April Treasurer's report was made. Motion carried. Immediately a motion by Bob Woodke, seconded by Jim Molde, to bring the February and March Treasurer's report onto the floor for discussion. Motion passed. The February report contained some minor errors which were corrected. Again a discussion on what is "an "Activity item" vs. an "Administrative item" occurred. A motion by Jim Molde, seconded by Bob Woodke to accept the February report was made. Motion carried. In the March Treasurer's report, the board felt that a \$500 dollar donation to the "Sign Language" program at BHS should fall under "Activity" and not "Administrative". The treasurer agreed and the move will be made. Treasurer Bob mentioned that future requests for reimbursements should include date, sales slip, and reason for purchase. The board agreed with this suggestion. With this accomplished, a Jim Molde/Bob Woodke motion was made to accept the amended March report. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman presented the Membership Report. Presently the club has 101 members plus one associate member. Approved applicant Jake Bluhm needs to be inducted. Two new individuals have applied for membership. They are Ryan Tomevi and Gilmen Tinnes. Both have paid their dues and were approved by the Membership Committee. A motion by Wayne Tieman, seconded by Bob Weber, to accept the new applicants was made. Motion carried. Lion Anne Marie Ward will be joining the Membership Committee in the future and Steve Caron will become the Membership Committee chair. Dues are due and they should be paid to either Wayne Tieman or Steve Caron. A short discussion on Orientation for new Lions occurred and it was decided to make the sessions more frequent

and less formal. The 2016/17 Club Excellence Award application will be filled out and sent in for the club. Charter night at the new Chisholm Lions Club will be June 1st at 6 o'clock. A healthy representation from our club would be appreciated. A "Centennial Cookbook Committee" has been formed by members Steve Caron, David Gill, and Bob Woodke (Chair). One hundred Lions will contribute 100 recipes which will celebrate 100 years of service.

CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Wayne summarized the convention as it goes down in the history books. The convention account still has bills to address and adjustments to be made. Any Lion who paid for the convention but didn't attend will be reimbursed if a request is forwarded to the convention committee. Over 600 attended the convention and at least 250 participated in the Zero-K walk for Diabetes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FLAPJACK DAY: FlapJack Day, held on May 2nd, appeared to be a success. There were 450 people from the community served and over 60 Lions showed up to assist in the event. Gross income was \$3,867 and total expenses are still being calculated. Lion Ron Porter explained the "Expense Report" which was distributed to the board. Discussion occurred on ticket sales, publicity strategies, and some ideas for future improvements. A Woodke/Weber motion was made to accept the preliminary report. Motion carried.
2. CASH RAFFLE: The Fall Cash Raffle is scheduled for October 27th at the Hampton Inn. Lion Mel made a motion to obtain a Raffle License for the event and Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed. More details on the Fall Cash Raffle will be forthcoming at future meetings.
3. CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT: Lion Steve Caron presented the board with several pictures of the proposed Legacy Bench, which will be placed on the property near the Sanford Hospital Complex. A plaque, which notes that the Bemidji Lions Club donated the bench, is being made and should be finished in the near future. Lion Bob Woodke added that the "Cookbook Project" can also be considered a "Legacy Project". Secretary Nelson will inform LCI of this additional goal.
4. BUDGET: President Vance noted that the budget for 2017/18 needs to be finalized and readings be made. The board discussed mirroring last year's budget with \$500 going to the BSU Track. A Weber/Milender motion to approve a new budget, as a duplicate of last year, was made. Later discussion and decisions may result in amendments to the approved 2017/18 budget. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DONATION: Lion Ron Porter reported that \$119.73 worth of supplies were left over from FlapJack Day. He was contacted by individuals who were connected with a fund raiser for a baby receiving a heart transplant. These individuals requested that the excess supplies from the FlapJack event be donated to the fund raiser. A motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Anne Marie Ward, was made to donate the extra supplies to the fund raiser event. Motion passed.
2. NEW PROJECT: Lion Mel Milender talked about a project several clubs in the zone have been involved with. It has been labeled "Soles for Souls". It involves collection of shoes of all types and then later distributed to those in need. This could be accomplished at the cash raffle. A Jim Molde/Steve Caron motion to pursue this event was made. Motion carried.
3. TREE PLANTING: Lion Jack Naastad reported that there is a need to have several trees planted at the Greenwood Cemetery. Seven 6 foot trees and 20 shorter trees need to find a home among the

tombstones. These are flowering crabs and the date for planting will be the 20th of May (Saturday) at 10 a.m. Jack will keep the members informed as the date approaches.

4. CLUB COORDINATOR: Secretary Nelson informed the board that a LCIF Coordinator should be selected within each club, according to Susan Pollock, LCIF District Coordinator. Lion Bob Woodke reacted to the comment and stated that the issue has already been addressed and a "Motion" by the club to not add the position has been made. The added position would have to be included in the "By-Laws" & "Constitution". At the end of the discussion, Mel Milender opted to be the director..

5. KIDS SIGHT: Jim Molde, Coordinator for Kids Sight, spoke about a training session to be held in Virginia sometime in July. Additional details will be revealed as plans are finalized. At that point Jim became quite emotional as he announced that Leo has been located. Leo, the club mascot, has been in seclusion for over six months and was found hiding in a truck of a car, owned by a future relative of the Molde family. Board members were ecstatic over the discovery.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 1:03 p.m. by Lion Marcus Bruning. Jim Molde seconded the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

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

General Membership Meeting May 17th, 2017 Motion by Wayne Tieman, seconded by John Liapis, to donate \$100 to the Bemidji High School Trap Shooting Team. This money will come out of the Misc. Fund. Motion Carried.

Special Board Meeting May 24th, 2017 Discussion on a possible pancake dinner at Calvary Lutheran Church. Steve Caron, who was absent, proposed the idea to the board. Jim Molde will seek additional information on the activity and present it at the next meeting.

Special Board Meeting May 31st, 2017 Item #1. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Bob Weber, to provide grills and workers for a fund raiser at Calvary Lutheran Church on July 12th. Serving will be from 4 to 7 p.m. and the Bemidji Lions Club will receive a portion of the profits, not to exceed \$500. Motion passed. Item #2. Discussion on \$4000 received by the Bemidji Lions from the Convention Account. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Bob Woodke, to deposit \$2000 in the Administrative Account and place the remaining \$2000 in a sub-account for a future convention. Motion passed. Item #3. Third reading of the budget. Weber/Caron motion to donate \$500 to the Headwaters Music Center. This amount would come from Misc. A Woodke/Molde amendment to increase Misc. in the 2017/18 budget to \$2500. Amended motion passed.

General Membership Meeting June 7th, 2017. Item #1. Motion by Bob Montebello, seconded by Neil Hensrud, to approve 2017/18 budget at \$19,100, which includes an additional \$500 for the Headwaters Music Center. Motion carried. Motion by David Gill, seconded by Neil Hensrud, to approve slate of officers for the 2017/18 year. Cast unanimous approval to accept. Motion passed.

Special Board Meeting June 7th, 2017. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by John Sorensen, to approve Dave Balmer as a new Lions Club member. Motion passed. Lion Bob Weber led a discussion concerning a check to US Foods which was never cashed yet they want immediate payment for an overdue bill. Suggestion by the board was to wait until Monday and revisit the situation.