

MINUTES – BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING --- June 12th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Vance Balstad at 11:36 a.m. The following board members were present: Bob Montebello, Bob Weber, Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Mel Milender, Vance Balstad, John Sorensen, and Bob Sandbo. With only eight members attending, a quorum was not obtained.

AGENDA: Copies of the proposed agenda were distributed to the board members. Board members should have received a copy electronically Friday evening. No additions to the agenda came from the floor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of the minutes from the May board meeting were sent out electronically Friday evening and hard copies were distributed at the meeting. Again errors were detected in the minutes from the last Board meeting. The minutes should make reference to the Membership Committee, not the Membership Board. Members of the "Cookbook" committee should be Steve Caron, David Gill, Ann Marie Ward, and Bob Woodke (Chair). Flapjack Day served over 450 people, not 405. Mel Milender will be the new LCI Coordinator for the club. A possible pancake dinner will be held at Calvary Lutheran, not First Lutheran. These corrections will be made on the electronic version of the minutes and then sent to Jennifer for posting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Bob Weber distributed hard copies of the treasurer's report to the board. He mentioned several modifications that were needed on the report. A check dated May 23rd should have come from the administrative fund, not the activity fund. This was an error from the bank and Bob will fix the situation. The bottom line balance on the report reflects the adjustment. Beginning balance should represent May 1st, not March 1st. Discussion then began on how a "Quick Book" computer program can possibly clarify several areas in the budget. Lion Bob has the new computer but has not obtained the software program as of yet. Also discussed was the Headwaters Music Center and their donation status.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Steve Caron gave the report and distributed a "Green Sheet" which summarized membership activities. With the addition of the latest applicant, Dave Balmer, the club has 104 members, plus one associate. Four new Lion applicants new to be inducted. Thirty have paid their dues (\$75) currently. It was decided to pay Bill Britton's dues for the upcoming year and in the future. Charter night at Chisholm was very successful. The club presented a check for \$100 to the newly organized Lions Club located in Chisholm. Our club qualifies for an "Excellence Award" and paper work will be submitted to LCI in July. The district now has around 1300 members, which is a substantial increase from 3 years ago. The "Cookbook" committee needs recipes. Secretary Nelson will send out a plea via e-mail to all members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION ON BSU ATHLETICS PROGRAMS: Lion Jim Molde requested this item be discussed by the board. The board felt that the topic should be delayed and discussed at a future meeting.
2. FLAPJACK DAY FINAL REPORT: Lion Steve Caron distributed a "White Sheet" which contained expenses and income figures for FlapJack Day. Gross income was \$5056 and total expenses came to \$1,732.46. Net profit amounted to \$3,323.54. Overall it was considered an average year when compared to past FlapJack events.
3. LIONS FARE ADVERTISING BUDGET: The board recommended that \$600 dollars be spent on advertising for the upcoming Lions Fare which will be held on August 5th. Discussion centered on most effective way to promote the Lions Fare, considering both printed advertisements and public radio.
4. LIONS FARE TICKETS: With the Lions Fare less than two months away, tickets need to be printed soon. The board agreed to have the ticket price the same as last year, however some board members were concerned about the abuse of children's tickets which sell for less. Bob Sandbo kindly agreed to oversee the printing of the tickets so members could start selling them as soon as possible.
5. CAN DO CANINES: An e-mail from Bob Woodke stated that the "Tails to Tell Tour" will be held on June 24th In New Hope. Lions Bob and Kathryn will be attending and they invited others to visit the training facilities, offices, etc. Lion Bob will also be involved with volunteer training on that date. No discussion came from the board on this item.
6. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: In the same e-mail from Lion Bob, attention was focused on the use of the Lions flag at Lions Fare. He has a pole which will be suitable but it needs a base. He may be able to obtain one at a scout camp. No discussion came from the board on this item.
7. FUN RUN SHIRTS: The third item in Lion Bob's e-mail was about the surplus Fun Run Shirts. With the help of a few volunteers, a table could be set up at the Lions Fare and the shirts could be sold. Proceeds would go to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. The board felt that this could be accomplished.
8. BEMIDJI LIONS CENTINNIAL COOKBOOK: The fourth item in Bob's e-mail concerned the "Cookbook". Recipes have been received by both Bob Woodke and Steve Caron for the book. More will be needed to meet the 100 quota.
9. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: The fifth item in Lion Bob's e-mail simply informed the board that Lion Bob and Lion Kathryn will be attending the International Convention in Chicago on June 29th. Although the board was glad to hear this, no comment came from them.
10. LION'S TRAILER: The final item in his e-mail was about the Lions Club trailer. The trailer needs to be designed and agreed upon. Next a work party will be organized once the materials have been ordered and arrived. Work will take place at Mel Milender's estate. The project will not be finished by August so the old trailer will be used once more for the upcoming Lions Fare. Discussion by the board involved design agreement, other building options, and cost factors.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DONATION REQUESTS: Lion Vance read a number of requests for money from our club.
 - A. Youth Scholarship Program – City of Bemidji: Request will be forwarded to the proper person.
 - B. Camp Confidence – Request will be filed. The club already has contributed to

this charity. C. Timber Bay House – Money is needed for scholarships and a van. Board needs to hear more about their program. D. True Friends (Camp Courage) – They will be invited to give a presentation in the near future. E. Bemidji Jaycees – Need money for “Boom Banners”. Board members decided that this request did not fall under one of our four pillars. F. Veterans on a Resort – Again this request does not fall under one of the four pillars.

2. SYMPHONY AD: A donation to the Bemidji Symphony doesn't exactly fall under one of the four Lions pillars, but an ad in their flyer could be beneficial to our club. An ad for \$120 was recommended by the board. Further action will be taken in the future as the deadline for ads approach.

3. PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS: Lion Leon will be adding up the attendance and activity figures to determine which Lions will be receiving a Perfect Attendance Pin. Attendance of 75% was voted upon last year which means 39 meetings/activities need to be documented for obtaining the pin.

4. FARM BUREAU BREAKFAST: A full slate of volunteers (8) have signed up for helping at the breakfast. The Montebello/Nelson team will make sure the equipment arrives on site and is returned upon completion of the feed. New coordinators will oversee the breakfast this year.

5. BACKPACK BUDDIES: This item will be addressed next month.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Installation of the new officers and board members will take place on June 21st. A Thank You letter was read from the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce thanking the club for hosting the Multi-District Convention in Bemidji.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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