

Minutes – Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – July 10th, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Bob Sandbo. The following were in attendance: David Gill, Leon Nelson, Bob Weber, Bob Sandbo, LeRoy Hill, Mel Milender, Steve Caron, Wayne Tieman, Bob Woodke, Vance Balstad, Craig Cameron, Jim Molde, Tricia Andrews, and Ron Porter.

AGENDA: Copies of the proposed agenda were available to the board members, plus it was sent out electronically on Friday evening. Steve Caron indicated he would like “Backpack Buddies” added to the agenda under Old Business. A motion by Bob Woodke, seconded by Dave Gill, was made to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Copies of the minutes from the June Board Meeting were sent out electronically Friday evening and hard copies were distributed at the meeting. A Tieman/Caron motion to approve the minutes as printed was made. Motion carried. Since a quorum was not achieved at the last meeting, the May Board Meeting minutes were not approved at that time. A motion by Mel Milender to approve the May minutes was made. Wayne Tieman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber distributed a “White Sheet” which summarized the activities in the four accounts. As of June 30th, the Activity Account stood at \$19,879.19, the Administrative Account at \$9,617.19, the Mint Fund at \$1,447.16, and the Heroes Account at \$1,185.00. A motion was made by Wayne Tieman to approve the June Treasurer’s Report. This was seconded by Bob Woodke. Motion passed. The May Treasurer’s Report had not been approved yet due to a lack of quorum. Knowing this, Jim Molde made a motion to approve the May Financial Report, which was distributed to the board last month. Mel Milender seconded the motion. Motion passed with Bob Woodke abstaining.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Steve Caron presented the Membership Report. Presently the club is at 104 members, plus one associate. David Balmer, our newest applicant, needs to be inducted. A motion was made by Steve Caron to move Lion Bill Britton to “Privileged Membership” status. Mel Milender seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval. Lion Steve reminded everyone that dues need to be paid and the number of paid members presently is at 55. Additional information concerning membership was found on a “White Sheet” which was distributed by Lion Steve.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. UNPAID ORGANIZATIONS: Lion Bob Weber led a discussion concerning several organizations that are in our budget, but were not given checks during the 2016/17 year. Lion Vance supported this concern by informing the board that “Fishing Has No Boundaries” was in last year’s budget and have not received a check. After much discussion, a motion by Mel Milender was made to close the book for 2016/17, ask the unpaid organizations to come in and give a

presentation, and receive a double payment to include last year and this year. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. MD5M CONVENTION: Lion Wayne Tieman gave the absolutely final report on the 2017 MD5M Convention, held in Bemidji. Total number attending was 602 with 455 full registrations. The Zero K Walk and the Raffle Room were very successful, providing funds for Diabetes in Minnesota and Canada, along with a donation to Camp Confidence. Total income for the convention was \$84,451.50. Additional details on the convention were listed on a "Yellow Sheet", which was distributed by Lion Wayne.

3. LCIF CLUB COORDINATOR: Lion Mel Milender has accepted the responsibility of being the LCIF Club Coordinator. Bob Weber made a motion to amend the club's Bylaws/Constitution for this new position. Lion Steve Caron seconded the motion and the motion passed with little discussion.

4. LEGACY BENCH PROJECT: Steve Caron reported on the problems which arose concerning the Legacy Bench Project. Apparently Sanford requests that our chair match the others in the immediate vicinity, which throws a hitch into our plans. Lion Steve stated that he will make more contacts, secure additional information, and continue to pursue the objective.

5. PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS: Lion Leon has finished the calculations relating to the Perfect Attendance Awards. Twenty-one club members will receive the pin for attendance and activities they were involved with. A Tieman/Caron motion to order the pins from LCI was made. Motion carried.

6. BACKPACK BUDDIES: Lion Steve Caron presented the board with information about the "Backpack Buddies" program. Cost for each pack is roughly \$4 dollars. As an alternative to donating money to the program, Lion Wayne suggested that we could be involved with the packing of the backpacks. After a short discussion, Mel Milender made a motion to table activity on this subject. Vance seconded the motion and it was passed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. LION'S TRAILER: Four club members met at Mel Milender's ranch on July 9th and discussed the future of the new Lion's Club serving trailer. Bob Woodke informed the board on the decisions that were made at the gathering. The 8' by 28' trailer would have an inside ticket window, preparation table, serving window, fold down ramp in the back, windows and a 36" door. Questions about the wiring and wattage demand are still being discussed. JC Custom Welding will lower the top framework and Glacier Industries will be contacted for their input and assistance.

2. LION'S FARE: Jim Molde gave an update on the 2017 Lion's Fare, scheduled for August 5th. He will plan for 800 meals and make sure the event is well publicized. The secretary will provide him with a list of members and phone numbers so he can begin the task of calling volunteers. At this point there appear to be no major problems with the plans.

3. FALL RAFFLE (CRAIG CAMERON'S QUESTIONS): Mel Milender gave a progress report for the October 26th Fall Raffle. Tickets will be available at the Lion's Fare and the days following. Craig Cameron spoke on several factors that could influence the number of tickets sold and listed some strategies to increase sales.

4. CONVENTION REPORT: Lions Kathryn Smith, Bob Woodke, and Mel Milender attended the 100th LCI Convention in Chicago last week. Both gave their thoughts about the convention, noting the highlights and areas for improvement. Next year the convention will be held in Las Vegas.
5. CAN DO CANINES: Lion Bob Woodke updated the board on the latest news from Can Do Canines. The “Top Dog Award” should be discussed for possible presentation to a club member.
6. LION’S FLAG LEGACY PROJECT: Our recently purchased Lion’s Flag should be flown at the Lion’s Fare, along with other events that are sponsored by our club. Lion Bob Woodke mentioned that he has a pole and can borrow a base from a scout camp. The flag is presently at the secretary’s home.
7. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT (SPR): It has been three years since our last Strategic Planning Meeting and perhaps the time has come for another action packed session to develop future goals and objectives. This topic will be addressed in the near future, presumably after the Lion’s Fare.
8. FINANCIAL STATUS CONCERNS: It appears the club is behind with the 990 tax reports. Former treasurer Joe Love is working to solve this problem and the word “Audit” was mentioned briefly. With the Membership Business Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, this issue, as well as many others, will probably be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 10th, 2017

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2017/18