

MINUTES – BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING – August 14TH, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Sandbo at 11:29 a.m. The following were in attendance: David Gill, Leon Nelson, LeRoy Hill, Bob Weber, Vance Balstad, Wayne Tieman, Ron Porter, Bob Sandbo, Steve Caron, Bob Woodke, Jim Molde, Marcus Bruning, Mel Milender, and Craig Cameron.

AGENDA: Hard copies of the agenda were available to the board members and also sent out electronically on Friday evening. Lion Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept the agenda, with Ron Porter placing a second on the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the July 10th board meeting were sent out electronically and made available to the board in hard copy form. Lion Steve Caron noticed another error. Ron Patterson should have been added to the motion to receive "Privileged Membership" status. A motion was made by Bob Woodke to accept the amended report. Jim Molde seconded the motion and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber distributed a "White Sheet" which contained information on receipts, expenditures, and balances for the month of July. Four accounts were listed with beginning and ending balances shown. Ending balance for Activity Account was \$19,931.81, Administrative Account was \$8,972.42, Mint Fund was \$1,487.81, and Heroes Fund was \$1,185.00. A motion by Wayne Tieman was made to pay for a one year membership with the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce. Marcus Bruning seconded the motion and it carried. Lion Bob Weber questioned a bill he received for a subscription to the "Lions Magazine". The board advised Bob to contact LCI about the matter. A Tieman/Caron motion gave the treasurer permission to write himself a check for \$9.90. This is a reimbursement for a payment he made on his credit card to cover the expense of filing a tax statement. Motion passed. Upon conclusion of the treasurer's report, Steve Caron made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Jim Molde. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Steve Caron gave the report. He distributed a two page sheet summarizing membership activities. Presently the club has 104 members, plus one associate member. Seventy – nine members have paid their dues which represents 76%. "Past Due" letters will be sent out to 25 club members. The letter will be changed to read "Annual dues are currently \$75 and are payable on or before July 1 of each year". A Woodke/Caron motion to approve the amended letter was made. This motion carried. The handout sheet passed out by Lion Steve also contained information on where the money for dues is distributed, 5M10 membership, an update on the Lion's Cookbook, and membership goals, established in 2015.

DISTRICT REPORT: The "District Report" will be a new addition to the minutes. Lion Wayne Tieman presented the report which was outlined on a "Blue Sheet". As an upcoming District Governor, Lion Wayne listed his goals for the first year of his leadership role. A Tieman/Milender motion was made to proceed on having the 2020 Midwinter Convention in Bemidji. This motion passed. The board selected November 29th as an appropriate day to invite

the District Governor to Bemidji. This included the purchase of a Woolen Mills jacket and reservations at a motel. A Tieman/Woodke motion was made regarding the Governor's visit. The motion passed. Other items on the "Blue Sheet" included Brian Sheehan's endorsement as International 3rd V.P., MD5M Convention balance, a diabetes project, officer training for the BSU-NTC club, and a possible formation of a campus Lions Club in Thunder Bay.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LIONS FARE: Lion Ron Porter gave a report on the 2017 Lions Fare, held on August 5th. There were 718 meals prepared, which was slightly below average. Profit and expense figures will be available in the near future. Discussion erupted on whether having it on Dragon Boat weekend was a positive or negative. Some of the logistic problems with serving/ticket collecting may be solved with the new trailer. The Lions Fare committee will address several other issues as the club looks forward to next year. Overall the event was a success and the club appreciates the work Lion Jim Molde and the crew put into the effort.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES: Lion Steve Caron distributed a two page white sheet on Standing Committees. After a quick review, President Bob Sandbo said he would be happy to work with the committee chairs in achieving success.

3. BACKPACK BUDDIES: Steve Caron contacted the United Way about the Backpack Buddies program. As a result he received information on contact people and how the program operates. A Caron/Molde motion was made to participate in the program by packing meals for the less fortunate. Motion carried. Normally 800 meals are packed per sitting. Denae Alamand will be the key person for this endeavor and may speak at the upcoming membership meeting.

4. FUNDING OF ORGANIZATIONS: There are four organizations that have been funded in the past but do not appear on this year's budget. They are 1) Let's go Fishing 2) Headwaters Music 3) Bemidji Youth Trap Shooting 4) Hero's and Helpers. After a short discussion, a motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ron Porter, was made to table discussion on the funding of these organizations until later in the year. The motion passed. However, the issue of funding the Youth Trap Shooting program came back to the floor. A Weber/Woodke motion to contribute \$500 to this particular program was made. After more discussion, an amendment to reduce the amount to \$300 dollars was made. The amended motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. LIONS FARE – 2018: Lion Jim Molde presented several ideas for improving the Lions Fare for 2018. Next year the Dragon Boat Festival will be held on August 1st-4th. This factor will be considered when selecting the date for next year's Lions Fare. The new trailer should help eliminate some of the problems associated with set-up and serving.

2. UNITED WAY CHILE COOK-OFF: President Bob Sandbo informed the board of the annual United Way Cook-Off, scheduled for September 20th. In the past Lions were involved with this

event. The board appreciated the information but did not show any excitement toward the activity, henceforth no action was taken.

3. FEED OUR STARVING CHILDREN REQUEST: Lion Bob Sandbo presented details on the program. Up to 125,000 meals will be packed in the Bagley area and shipped to less fortunate countries. On August 23rd the board will learn more about the program and what it entails. The club can donate funds to activity or members can assist in the packing.

4. NEW TRAILER WORK DAYS: Mel gave a quick summary on the progress of the new trailer. The top has been lowered and the next step is to install the floor. Discussion centered on the back door, with ramp/door combination or double doors as options. Configuration of the interior was also addressed. Lion Mel estimated that \$4000 should cover most of the construction expenses. A Molde/Weber motion to finance the trailer to the amount of \$4000 dollars was made, which would come out of the Activity Fund. An amendment to the motion reduced the figure to \$2500. Motion passed.

5. FALL CASH RAFFLE: Lion Mel informed the board that the poster for the upcoming Cash Raffle is completed. Packets of four (4) tickets are now available for sale. Mel distributed a "white sheet" to the board which contained projected expenses and projected income. After review of the sheet, Jim Molde made a motion to approve the budget as presented, with Wayne Tieman giving the motion a second. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m., Monday, August 14th, 2017.

Respectively Submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2017/2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – August 16th – Motion by Wayne Tieman, seconded by Neil Hensrud, to have the Bemidji Lions Club host the 2020 Mid Winter Convention. Motion passed by those in attendance.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – August 16th – Motion by Neil Hensrud, seconded by Ron Porter, to allow the following Lions to Co-sign checks from the Administrative Fund and the Activity Fund.

1. Robert Sandbo – President
2. James Molde – Vice President
3. Robert Weber – Treasurer
4. Leon Nelson – Secretary

Motion Carried by the board members in attendance.