

MINUTES – BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING - September 11th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Sandbo at 11:31 a.m. The following were present at the meeting: Vance Balstad, Bob Woodke, David Gill, Neil Hensrud, Bob Weber, Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Tricia Andrews, Mel Milender, Bob Sandbo, Craig Cameron, Ron Porter, and Ann Marie Ward. (13)

AGENDA: Hard copies of the agenda were available to board members and the proposed agenda was sent out electronically on Friday evening. Bob Sandbo requested that John Eggers be added to the agenda under “New Business”. David Gill made a motion to accept the amended agenda with Neil Hensrud giving a second to the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes from the August 14th meeting were sent out electronically and were available as a hard copy for the meeting. A Woodke/Caron motion to accept the minutes was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson mentioned that Membership Cards will be mailed to Lions who do not attend meetings. He also ordered an 8” Patch for the District Governors Jacket and six 3” patches for member vests.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Weber distributed a “White Sheet” which contained information on receipts, expenditures, and balances for the month of August. At the end of August the Activity Fund was at \$23,204.59, the Administrative Fund held \$8496.41, the Mint Fund was \$1,108.88, and the Heroes Fund remained at \$1,185. Checks written on Aug. 4th and 8th should be shown as “Red” on the report and the Aug. 11th check to “Saykilly’s Mints” should appear under the “Mint Fund”. A motion to accept the August Treasurer’s Report, with corrections, was made by Neil Hensrud. Ann Marie Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A “White Sheet”, labeled “Green Sheet”, was distributed by Membership Chair Steve Caron. Eighty-seven members have paid their dues with a “Reminder Letter” sent out on August 17th to those who have not paid. A motion by Steve Caron was made to drop the following members: Pat Hede, Amanda Wallestad, Jimmie Wiley, and Allen Zutz. Motion was seconded by Bob Weber. Motion carried. Secretary Nelson will drop the stated members, leaving the club with 100 members, plus one associate. Additional information on the sheet focused on a “Cookbook Committee report, breakdown of where the dues go, and Membership Goals.

DISTRICT REPORT: A “Blue Sheet” containing information on District activities was distributed to the board. Lion Steve Caron presented the report. A motion by Steve Caron, seconded by Neil Hensrud, was made to donate \$100 for a Silent Auction Basket which will be part of a fund raiser for “Thanksgiving for Vision”. This event is sponsored by Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson will purchase the items and arrange the basket. Lion Mel spoke about past District Governor Bill Michl and his quest to raise money for the LCI Foundation by running around Lake Superior. Leg problems prevented Lion Bill from completing

his goal but the board decided to contribute to the cause. A Milender/Balstad motion to donate \$200 to Bill's endeavor was made. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FOOD TRAILER PROGRESS REPORT: Lion Bob Woodke presented an update on the new food trailer. The floor is in and next will be the walls. Dave Gill offered to seek out material estimates for the walls and report on his findings. The committee is leaning toward double doors in the rear with a storable ramp.

2. LIONS CLUB COOKBOOK – Bob Woodke gave a brief talk about the status of the cookbook. More recipes are needed and it is hopeful that all Lions contribute at least one favorite recipe for the book.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING: Lion Woodke felt that it is essential to hold a Strategic planning Meeting sometime after deer season and prior to Christmas to establish a future path for the club. It was the consensus of the board to have the meeting on December 2nd, beginning at 8 or 8:30 a.m. More details will follow.

4. FALL CASH RAFFLE: Lion Mel noted that 140 tickets are in the hands of Lions to be sold. Many more must be sold to experience a decent profit. A quality program is being worked out and a video is also being made. Date for the raffle is October 26th.

5. JOHN EGGERS PRESENTATION: Dr. Eggers was not present for the board meeting but his talk would have been related to the goal of having a 100% graduation rate among our high school students. His program will be pushed back to a later date.

6. NON AGENDA ITEM – Lion Mel talked about the Boys and Girls Club Peace Poster Contest.

7. NON-AGENDA ITEM – Lion Steve Caron briefed the board on the Back-Pack Buddies Program. Assembly of packs may take place in October.

8. NON-AGENDA ITEM – Lion Treasurer Bob Weber questioned two bills he received. One from UPS and the other from HBI. Board members clarified the bills and Lion Bob will pay them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. VISION FOOTBALL GAME AND SCREENING: Lion Jim Molde was not present for the report but Secretary Nelson presented some information. Kids screening will take place on Monday, October 9th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This will take place at the Sanford Eye Services located at 1611 Anne Street. The football game will be on Saturday, October 7th beginning at 1 p.m. The Beavers will host the University of Mary. Lion's participation is highly encouraged.

2. CAMPUS LIONS CLUB SUPPORT: Lion Mel informed the board that the campus Lions Club has been in operation for one year. They need help in finding projects, both on and off campus. The board indicated that a future Wednesday program involving the campus club would be

beneficial to both our club and to their club. However, a meeting between both clubs is difficult to arrange because of classes. A Milender/Balstad motion to purchase 24 T-Shirts for the campus club was made. A \$200 dollar cap was made for the complete purchase. Motion passed.

3. THANKSGIVING FOR VISION BASKET: Covered earlier in the meeting

4. ADDITIONAL NON-AGENDA ITEM: Lion Ann Marie Ward gave a short talk on Heroes and Helpers. A short meeting lurks over the horizon and she will announce when it will be held.

5. ADDITIONAL NON-AGENDA ITEM: A letter from the Chamber was read to the board. It was agreed that the board should become increasingly involved with the organization but at what level remains unclear.

ADJOURNMENT: A Hensrud/Caron motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. was made. Motion carried.

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

General Membership Meeting, October 4th, 2017. Motion by Steve Caron, seconded by Neil Hensrud, to donate \$100 to the Leo's Club of Duluth. This donation will go toward the purchase of a Vision Screening Unit by their club. Motion passed.