

MINUTES – BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING – November 13th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Sandbo at 11:31 a.m. The following Lions were present for the meeting: Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Bob Weber, Wayne Tieman, Mel Milender, Bob Woodke, Vance Balstad, Bob Sandbo, Neil Hensrud, Ann Marie Ward, Ron Porter, Jim Molde, and Craig Cameron.

AGENDA: Two changes were made to the proposed agenda. 1. The BSA/Pack 80 report under #1 (Old Business) was replaced by Fall Cash Raffle. 2. The late submission of FlapJack report became #8 under Old Business. A motion by Neil Hensrud was made to accept the modified agenda. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the October 9th Board Meeting were sent out electronically and were available as a hard copy for the meeting. A Tieman/Caron motion to accept the minutes as written was made. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Bob Weber distributed a "white sheet" showing activities in the various accounts. The spreadsheet was explained by Bob Weber and Ann Marie Ward. Questions were asked and promptly explained. Ending balance on the Administrative Account was \$12,769.34. It was noted that the balance did not reflect the payment of Convention Pins. The Heroes and Helpers balance was \$2560 and the Mint Fund was \$1371.05. The Activities account balance as of October 31st was \$28,675.08. An error was detected under the Credit column. One of the Cash Raffle winners received \$250, not \$1,000. This will be changed by Lion Treasurer Bob. A Woodke/Hensrud motion to accept the amended Treasurer's Report was made. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Steve Caron presented the report. A white "Green Sheet" was distributed which outlined highlights concerning membership. Induction into the club for Ryan Tomevi will occur on November 8th. This will put our membership number at 97 plus one. Mindy Crowley will be transferring into our club and has been approved by the Membership Committee. Mel Milender made a motion to accept her transfer, with Bob Woodke giving a second to the motion. Motion carried. Her induction will take place in the near future. Austin Wallestad will be transferring to a club in Illinois. He will stay on our books until the transfer is completed. Lions Overson, Pechin, and Zyllo have paid their dues. Lion Wills dues have been paid by a member of the club and that club member will be repaid on a monthly schedule. Hawthorne and Thorson's dues are under discussion. Additional membership information can be found on the distributed sheet.

DISTRICT REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman distributed a "Blue Sheet" which summarized activities on the district level. Membership in 5M10 is down slightly when compared to July. District Governor Mark Eyre will be visiting our club on November 29th. His jacket has been ordered. The 5M10 MidWinter convention will be in Drydon, Canada in January. Forms are available for registration. A Caron/Woodke motion to reimburse members who attend the convention for the registration fee was made. Motion carried. Lion Wayne has been visiting clubs within 5M10.

He will be attending several more before the convention. The LCI Parade of Green donations in the past have been \$3,000 and split between six areas. Board members should consider increasing this amount for the next convention. More information about the district can be found on the "Blue Sheet".

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FALL CASH RAFFLE: Lion Mel Milender passed out a "white sheet" which contained information on the October 26th Fall Cash Raffle. Income was \$18,390 and expenses totaled \$9,981, leaving a profit of \$8,409. There were 96 who attended and 11 tickets were sold at the door. Lion Mel suggested a new name be considered for the event next year. He also indicated that a Lion member should be in charge of publicity next year. First City Lions made \$520 in profit for their involvement.

2. HEROES AND HELPERS: "Everything is on track" stated Lion Ann Marie Ward while talking about the Heroes and Helpers December 5th program. A sign – up sheet will be circulated during the next general meeting. Mel Milender made a motion to contribute \$500 to the Heroes and Helpers account. Craig Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. TRAILER REPORT: Bob Woodke reported that progress is being made on the Lion's trailer. Wall sections need to be bolted to the steel frames along with additional work before the harsh winter sets in. A Milender/Molde motion was made to pay bills from the "Administrative Account". This motion carried.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: On December 2nd board members, along with others who want to join the meeting, will gather to discuss the future for the club. Lion Bob Woodke distributed a handout containing 10 questions which should be reviewed before the meeting. It is expected that the planning session will last most of the day.

5. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: This is the final year for the Centennial Celebration. Bob Woodke emphasized the fact that "Membership" should be a top priority for the upcoming years. The Bemidji Lions Club has excelled in meeting all five of the Centennial Pillars this year. Over 1,100 eye glasses have been donated, along with a hearing aid. Lion Bob congratulated the club for their dedication and hard work.

6. CAN DO CANINES: Lion Bob Woodke presented an update on the Can Do Canine program. He reminded the board that the program is funded by our club through a "Parade of Green" donation every year. Bob passed around a recent newsletter from the organization and revealed that a "Gala Celebration" is being planned for January 27th in the cities. More details to follow.

7. VISION FOOTBALL GAME DONATION: Treasurer Bob Weber noted that the club had pledged \$1500 to the BSU Foundation/Athletic account because we sponsored the Vision Football game.

Five hundred would come from our account, with the remaining \$1000 being donated from the members. Unfortunately only \$520 was raised from the members, leaving a shortfall. A Milender/Caron motion was made to cover the difference, which was \$480. Motion passed.

8. Flapjack Day: Lion Ron Porter discussed the spring Flapjack day. Several dates were mentioned, including April 24th, May 1st and 8th. Lion Ron indicated that he will not be in charge of the event this year. Craig Cameron offered his help in making some of the decisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NORTH COUNTRY FOOD BANK DONATION: Bob Woodke emphasized the importance of supporting North Country Food Bank. He made a motion to donate \$100 to the charity. Neil Hensrud seconded the motion. The motion passed with one board member abstaining.

2. GRILL REQUEST: Troop 25 has requested the use of our grills on April 8th. They have used them in the past. A Tieman/Milender motion was made to allow usage of the grills on said date. Motion passed. Lion Leon will oversee the logistics.

3. MINDY CROWLEY TRANSFER: Covered under Membership Report.

4. SALE OF HATS: Lion Vance informed the board that he is contemplating the purchase of new Lions Club hats. A Caron/Milender motion was made to order 48 hats at the price of \$12 each. Vance will oversee the operation with the club selling them at \$15 each. Motion carried.

5. SPONSORSHIP OF BSA/PACK 80 AT NORTHERN SCHOOL: Discussion developed on what is involved with sponsoring a BSA Pack. Questions were answered by Lion Bob Woodke about the commitment. Mel Milender made a motion to sponsor Pack 80, with Vance Balstad acting as the Pack representative. Neil Hensrud seconded the motion and it was passed by the board.

6. TIMBER BAY YOUTH DONATION: A representative from Timber Bay Youth gave a presentation to the club a few weeks ago and now they are requesting a donation through a letter sent to the secretary. A Milender/Tieman motion was made to donate \$200 to the organization. Motion passed.

7. YOUTH FOCUS GROUP: Lion Steve Caron spoke briefly on the subject and no board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: A Hensrud/Cameron motion was made to adjourn at 12:54 p.m. Motion carried. Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2017/18

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ December 6th: Motion by Lion Ann Marie Ward, seconded by Neil Hensrud to exceed the Hoby Baker Award funding by \$150. This would make a total of \$700 which will go toward the recipients of the award. Motion passed.