

MINUTES – BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING – December 11th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Sandbo at 11:34 a.m. The following Lions were present for the meeting: Neil Hensrud, Bob Sandbo, Leon Nelson, Bob Weber, Steve Caron, Tricia Andrews, Mel Milender, Jim Molde, Vance Balstad, Bob Woodke, Ron Porter, and Craig Cameron. (12)

AGENDA: Two late submissions were added to the agenda. They were (1) 2018/19 Budget and Donations Review – By Lion Bob Woodke and (2) Mid-Winter Convention Reimbursements – Also by Bob Woodke. A motion was made by Bob Weber to approve the amended agenda. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lion Secretary Leon Nelson noted that minutes from the November 13th Board Meeting were sent out electronically on Friday, December 8th and hard copies were made available at the meeting. A Caron/Milender motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Lion Treasurer Bob Weber distributed a “White Sheet” which represented transactions in four (4) accounts throughout the month of November. Various board members directed questions to Treasurer Bob, regarding both debits and credits to the accounts. As of November 30th, account balances were as follows: Admin Account - \$12, 288.27, Heroes & Helpers Account - \$660.00, Mint Account - \$1,503.32, and the Activities Account - \$31,642.08. A Milender/Caron motion was made to have a proposed budget for next year (2018/19) go before the Budget Committee for review. The committee should then report back to the Board in January, with their recommendations. This motion passed. After more discussion on the Treasurer’s Report, Jim Molde made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Bob Woodke seconded the motion and it passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Steve Caron distributed a sheet containing information on membership activities. Two members were dropped from the roster during the month. Ron Patterson (deceased) and Austin Wallestad (Transferred) were both dropped from the membership list. Mindy Crowley transferred in and Kirt Dreyer, along with Kurt Henrickson, were added as new members. A Woodke/Weber motion to approve both Kirt Dreyer and Kurt Henrickson for membership in the Bemidji Lions Club was made. Motion carried. Lion Wayne Tieman will contact the Patterson family regarding a club donation of \$50 for a charity of their choice. Collection of club dues is almost complete, with John Hawthorne submitting payment and Wayne Thorson still unpaid. Lion Bob Woodke noted that \$900 has been collected thus far on sales from the Lions Cookbook. The books should be available soon.

DISTRICT REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman was absent to give a report on the District, but did provide the board with a “Blue Sheet” outlining a list of action items. District membership is down slightly, mainly due to drops by the UND and BSU Campus Clubs. Other items worth noting on the sheet related to a Community Assessment, Parade of Green donations, and the Helen Keller Fund. Lion Wayne suggested that our club donate \$200 to the “Brian Sheehan”

campaign for International 3rd V.P. The board recommended that the suggestion be placed in front of the general membership for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT: Lion Bob Woodke talked about the Strategic Planning Meeting which occurred on Dec. 2nd. A "Violet - Planning Process Worksheet" Document was distributed to each of the board members which represented input during the meeting. A Strategic Plan for the future was not completed by mid- afternoon so an additional meeting will need to be scheduled sometime after Christmas.

2. 3rd VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE: Lion Jim Molde asked the board members for help in finding a 3rd V.P. candidate to fill the open slot. Lion Craig Cameron has slid into the 2nd V.P. position and we should try to find a skillful, highly qualified individual to fill the 3rd V.P. opening within the next couple of months.

3. LEGACY BENCH: Lion Steve Caron gave the board an update on the Legacy Bench project. The club is looking at having the city of Bemidji place a bench in Diamond Point and having it recognize the "Bemidji Lions Club". Steve has been working with the Parks Manager (Marcia) and she hints that if the city receives payment of \$1,000 this year (2017), the bench could be installed with a couple of months. A motion by Neil Hensrud, seconded by Vance Balstad , to pay the city this month, \$1,000 for the Legacy Project. The motion passed and Treasurer Bob Weber will write the check.

4. COOKBOOK ADVERTISING & PROMOTION: Bob Woodke informed the board that 57 out of a projected 200 cookbooks have been sold to this point. Advertising or promotion of the book has not started and there is no rush to get them sold immediately. Discussion developed on an ad in the Buy Line/Pioneer and how effective the ad would be. Lion Tricia suggested a "Public Service Ad" could be done with no cost. This idea will be pursued.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Lion Steve Caron questioned whether there is an active Finance (Budget) committee and brought out the point that next year's budget should be addressed soon. After a short discussion, a committee was formed to tackle the budget for next year. Bob Weber will chair the committee and Ron Porter, Mel Milender, Craig Cameron, and Steve Caron will make up the remainder of the committee.

6. VISION FOOTBALL GAME FUNDING: Lion Bob Weber led a discussion on the future of funding for the Vision Football game. Pro's and Con's to the present donation (\$1,500) were discussed by various board members. Jim Molde suggested that a set amount be given to Beaver Pride each year and the Lions Club place trust in their decision on how to distribute the amount given. It was also suggested that the Budget (Finance) Committee take a look at the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BANNER PURCHASE: Lion Vance gave a tear jerking plea for the purchase of a new banner for patches. The present banner is filled to capacity with no place to sew all the new patches the club has been accumulating. A motion by Ron Porter was made to purchase a new banner from the LCI catalog which will cost \$167 plus shipping. Mel Milender placed a second on the motion and it passed. Secretary Nelson will order the banner within the next few days.
2. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT: Lion Steve Caron distributed, on a white sheet, the results from a recent "Community Needs Assessment" survey. Twenty-seven organizations/businesses were surveyed and 14 responded. The feedback was interesting and will be used in planning out the future as the club moves forward.
3. WOMEN IN LIONS PINS: This is the 30th anniversary of having women in Lions. Their impact over the past years has been phenomenal. New pins have been designed and are now for sale through the LCI store that honor what "Women in Lions" have accomplished during this time frame. A Milender/Caron motion to purchase 20 pins, at \$4.95 each was made. Motion passed. These pins will be presented to women in our club. Secretary Nelson will do the ordering.
4. HOBY AWARD CANDIDATES: Lion Bob Weber spoke about the Hoby Award recipients in the future and how they could be a vital link to establishing a Leo's Club in the High School. A Weber/Hensrud motion was made to have the Hoby Award recipients in the future come back and assist in organizing a Leo's Club. Discussion brought out the point that this may be counter-productive in creating interest in the award. A Milender/Woodke amendment was placed on the floor to have the wording changed to "strongly recommend" coming back and help to organize a Leo's Club. This amendment to the original motion passed with all, but one member, voting in favor of the change. The amended motion was then passed by the board. Lion Bob Weber concluded by stating the cost of the awards will be less than approved by the board.
5. PARADE OF GREEN DONATIONS: A Milender/Woodke motion was made to have the Budget Committee discuss the Parade of Green and donations associated with it. Their findings should then be presented at the next board meeting. Motion carried.
6. INVOICE/BEMIDJI LIONS WEBSITE: The person who maintains our website has sent us a bill for \$473.30. After a short discussion, a Caron/Woodke motion was made to pay the bill, taking the funds from the Administrative Budget. Motion passed.

LATE SUBMISSIONS: (1) 2018/19 BUDGET AND DONATIONS REVIEW – This agenda item was withdrawn. (2) MID-WINTER CONVENTION REIMBURSEMENT – Already approved

ADJOURNMENT: A Woodke/Caron motion was made to adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Motion carried. Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2017/18