

Iron River Lions Club September 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Nan Olson and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our country. Those in attendance were: Janelle Armbruster, Fred Baue, Dick Berge, Karen Boggess, Tom Boggess, Jane Bragiell, Donna Callahan, Ted Callahan, Carey Edwards, Tess Eisenhower, Carol Evens, Kent Getty, Roger Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, Jon Hamilton, Kim Hamilton, Darren Hanson, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ramon Kangas, Dan Kulig, Mary Kulig, Debbie Landgreen, Marie Larson, Lois Leslie, Ray Levine, Merv Maki, Rozie Maki, Glen Miller, Tony Mullozzi, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Joyce Orłowski, Jerry Peck, Julie Peck, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Carol Reasbeck, Guy Suo, Kathy Suo, Bill Trautt, Ken Watters, John Weiss, Karen Wicklund and Mary Winkler. Excused: Shelly Olson.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting were presented and approved. Motion: John Joseph/Kent Getty. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carey Edwards presented her report. As of 8/31/13 the Ending Balance in Checking is \$34,015.24, Savings \$19,411.38, Total Assets \$53,426.62. Motion for approval pending audit, Ted Callahan/Ken Watters. Approved.

Correspondence: A thank you was read from the Rural Care and Share Food Shelf for our \$130 donation from tips at the Blueberry Fest beer sales.

Report from the August Board Meeting:

- a. Our annual Awards Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at the Community Center. Bids are being accepted for catering of the food. A sign-up list was sent around for those planning to attend. Linda Hultman is chairing this committee. The district governor will be in attendance.
- b. Discussion concerning the challenges of budget regarding the separation of public and administrative moneys. Also an effort to provide more visibility of the Blueberry Festival in the budget process.
- c. Darren Hanson has been appointed to review our insurance coverage from the National Lions Association and reported that it covers the public attending our events but does not cover our members or other volunteers at any event. Darren will investigate additional coverage and bring it to the board of directors.
- d. Darren Hanson and Fred Baue will be drafting a policy regarding use of the Lions property which would include the use of tables, trailer, games, inflatables, sign, etc.
- e. Our bylaws are outdated and need to be reviewed and updated. Wayne Smith has offered to look at these.
- f. If available, new members will be installed at our October 2nd meeting. Those include Mary Methvan and Marian Vaughn. Also at this meeting will be our election of officers and approval of the budget.
- g. The board discussed the possibility of creating a special logo for the 50th anniversary of the Blueberry Fest.

Special Projects Report:

- a. Committee has not met since last meeting but Ray Kangas reported that since it is cost prohibitive to widen Hwy H from town to Moon Lake Park, (\$60,000) a walking path could be considered.
- b. Chamber met in August regarding business improvement and development and community enhancement to develop an action plan. Nan Olson, Lisa Hyde and Glen Miller attended the meeting.

Activities Committee Report:

Veterans Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for November 2, 2013 at the Community Center. A sign-up sheet was passed around for workers. Ray Kangas indicated that it is also a fund raiser for transportation for veterans and for the creation of a Veterans Memorial Park.

Diabetes/Wellness Education Report:

- a. Faith Pittsley reported that there is a diabetes education day scheduled for October 3rd at Barker's Island . Cost is \$30/45 depending on age.
- b. Diabetes Expo in Minneapolis is Saturday, October 12th. It is possible that the MN Lions club will again be providing transportation at a minimal cost.

Website: John Joseph reported 67,700 hits in August compared to 28,000 in August of 2012.

Facebook: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Thank you to all who participated in the Appreciation Picnic at Moon Lake Park on August 15th. Expenses totaled \$36.
- b. Thank you to all who worked at the fair for the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance booth.
- c. At the recent Pig Out at the Winery, almost \$3000 was raised for the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Dept.
- d. Six Lions members worked at the Port Wing Fall Fest at our obstacle course ride. The gross profits were \$286 and 10% (\$29) was given to the South Shore Lions Club. This allowed \$257 to be deposited in our new ride account bringing the new total to \$2001.12.
- e. The Marie Larson Golf Tourney to raise money for scholarships is Saturday, September 7th. Sixty-four golfers are registered.
- f. Nominating committee of Darren Hanson, Chris Olson and Ray Kangas will present slate of officers at the October meeting.
- g. Budget committee of Bill Trautt, Lona Schmitt, John Joseph, Carey Edwards, Nan Olson and Joyce Orłowski will meet in next few weeks.
- h. WI iron-on patches are available for \$5 through Carey.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Our books need to be audited. Ken Watters and Tony Mullozzi volunteered.
- b. Merv Maki reported on the football tickets. Tickets can be purchased from Kathy Suo, Janelle Armbruster and Nan Olson
- c. The fall Highway 2 pick-up will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- d. Tess Eisenhower had questions on the history of the baseball fields up near the elementary school. Linda Hultman will be asked to check the minutes for the actual contract from the Lions to the Town of Iron River.

The regular meeting was adjourned. Motion: Janelle Armbruster/Kent Getty. Approved.

Blueberry Festival Meeting

1. There is some question about the ride inspection fee. The original fee was \$220 with an additional fee of \$280 added. Carey will check on this.
2. Although there was some concern about changing raffle ticket sales from \$3/5 to \$5 per ticket, the sales remained similar to last year. A suggestion was made to offer tickets at \$5/piece and/or 5/\$20.
3. Nan distributed a list of comments and suggestions from members.
4. Carey Edwards was thanked for all of her hard work on the financial report of the Festival.
5. A thank you ad will be in the next issue of the Connection.

The Blueberry Fest meeting was adjourned. Motion: Tony Mullozzi/Ray Levine. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Peck, Secretary Pro Tem