

Iron River Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Faith Pittsley and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our country.

**In attendance:** Dick Berge, Jim Duclon, Andrew Edwards, Carey Edwards, Scot Eisenhauer, Carol Evens, Jon Hamilton, Kim Hamilton, Lisa Hyde, Ray Kangas, Debbie Landgreen, Tim Landgreen, Marie Larson, Ray Levine, Anne Madison, Reen Modeen, Chris Olson, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Carol Reasbeck, Jim Sloane, Madge Sloane, William Trautt, Marian Vaughn, Jim Weishoff, Robin Weishoff, Karen Wicklund.

**Excused:** Leroy Forslund, Darren Hanson, Jim and Nan Olson, Shelly Olson, Lona Schmidt, Jim Sloane, Fred Baue, Karen and Tom Boggess, Jane Bragiel and Kent Getty, Ed and Linda Brunner, Donna and Ted Callahan, Sally and Roger Gustafson, Linda and Dave Hultman, Jeanne and John Joseph, Mary and Dan Kulig, John Podlesny, Rozie and Merv Maki, Tony Mullozzi, Julie and Jerry Peck, Bertie and Bob Ruef, Wayne Smith, Kathy and Guy Suo.

**Guests:** None

**Secretary Report:**

- Motion by Bill Trautt/Carol Reasbeck to approve the secretary's report from the March meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

- The treasurer is on vacation, so no report was available.
- Check was written to Bayfield Electric to pay the electric bill.

**President's Report:**

- Highlights of March 25 meeting:
  - Approved purchase of covers for BBQ pit at Moon Lake Park and temporary reinforcing of existing structure.
  - Approved menu expansion of Lion Grill as presented by Carey Edwards, Chairperson
  - Initial review of the membership survey results were presented. Results to be shared with the club members at the May meeting.
  - Representative from Thrivent Financial addressed the board regarding investment possibilities of scholarship monies.
- Special online board meeting:
  - Request for \$1,000 of Melvin Jones Award money to be paid as set aside in the budget, along with Submission of our Award Candidate Application. Approved by the board members. The award will be presented at the June 3 meeting.
  - Request for permission to purchase an event grill with propane tanks from Sam's Club for the Lion Grill at \$399 plus tax. Approved by the board members.

## Committee Reports:

- Special Projects: Kim Hamilton
  - Banners – The club members voted on and approved of the green design.
  - Park – The right of way has been settled. The drafting class from Rice Lake is not going to draw up the design.
  - Next meeting – Monday, April 20 at 10 a.m. at the White Winter Winery.
- Membership: Jim Sloane
  - The membership survey results have been compiled and will be presented at the May meeting. Seventy-six surveys were sent out with forty-two being returned.
  - Ask 1 Membership Drive – Due to lack of participation the focus date will not be in October.
  - New member orientation is set for Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW. Potential members have been invited to attend. A sign-up sheet was passed around for donations of snacks and beverages to be served that evening. Request was made for all board members and interested members to be in attendance.
- Diabetes/Wellness: Faith Pittsley
  - Drivers are needed for the Prevention Summit April 3, 10, 17, 24, and 30.
  - Thank you to Madge Sloane and her mother, Helen, for assisting with the Lion Diabetes Display at the Healthy Living Summit on March 19.
  - Faith requested reimbursement of \$50 to the Iron River Ambulance Service for supplies used for glucose screening and blood pressure checks during the Summit. Motion by Tim Landgreen/Carol Evens to approve \$50 to Iron River Ambulance Service. Motion carried.
  - Healthy Living with Diabetes and a Matter of Balance classes are being held at the Visitor Center outside of Ashland on Thursdays until the end of April.
- Vision:
  - Madge Sloane and Anne Madison have stepped forward to work with the vision program. Vision screening training is being offered at the Convention on April 10. A training session is also being planned soon in the Cable area.
- Sunshine:
  - Guy Suo is home.
  - Karen Maron is doing well.
- Environmental Services:
  - Andy Edwards – Highway cleanup will be in May. Date and time to be determined. Watch for e-mail communication.
  - Scott Eisenhauer – Suggested we clean up the wayside park again. He will organize the clean-up.
  - Lisa Hyde – May Pride Town Project – A list of projects is being put together. A date is yet to be determined. Lisa will send out information as soon as she knows the date and projects needing to be completed.
  
- Special Activities:

- Ray Kangas – Presented the option of a smelt fry instead of a pancake breakfast on the May 2 fishing opener. Motion by Andy Edwards/Jim Sloane to not host an event on May 2. Motion carried.
- Plans are moving ahead for the Veterans Memorial Park on 10 acres on the Iron River Flowage.
- There is a bike run fundraiser being planned for July 4 at the Fairgrounds. Proceeds to benefit the Honor Flight. Lions were offered to serve food.
- NorthLakes Community Clinic is planning a community garden.

**Old Business:**

- We are still in need of some people to help develop a Public Relations/Publicity Committee. Please consider helping with this project even if you can only work on it temporarily.
- We are looking for a Youth Program Coordinator.
- Convention reminder – April 10-11 at the Lake of the Torches. Register online.
- District Governor Visit June 3, 2015 – A hosting committee is needed to oversee the pot luck sign-up, set-up, serving, and clean-up.

**New Business:**

- None

**Communication:**

- Lakeland Ladies Lions Charter Party on April 16.
- Walk/Run for the Lions Camp – August 15 at Rosholt
- Annual Pride Shoot Sporting Clays – June 13. Proceeds support the Lion Pride Endowment Fund.

Motion by Howard Prell/Bill Trautt to adjourn regular meeting and convene Blueberry Fest Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Iron River Lions Club Blueberry Festival Meeting**

**April 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Faith Pittsley.

**Chicken Dinner: Carey Edwards**

- Chris Olson – Presented information on a chicken grill. The cost is materials plus \$400. An old boat trailer is needed to fabricate the grill onto. Carol Reasbeck has a trailer to donate. Motion made by Carol Reasbeck/Tim Landgreen to check out size, price, etc. Motion tabled and revised. Motion by Tim Landgreen/Reen Modeen to authorize further investigation with the board to make the final decision in purchasing the grill. Carried. Information is to be presented to the board at the April 22 meeting.

**Vendors:**

- Faith Pittsley – The Knights of Columbus and the Shriners will not be vendors this year. A letter of regrets was sent in response to the letter from the Knights of Columbus.

**Notes:**

- Faith Pittsley encouraged members to ask friends and neighbors to help with the Blueberry Fest. We need as many helping hands as we can gather.
- There will be a special Blueberry Fest meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW. All committee chairpersons and interested members are requested to attend. Faith Pittsley will contact chairs from last year requesting updated notes from last year.

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner Ray Levine.

Motion by Ray Levine/Karen Wicklund to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Madison, Co-Secretary