

Iron River Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes
June 3, 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.

Attendance: Fred Baue, Dick Berge, Wendy Biggerstaff, Karen Boggess, Jane Bragiel, Linda Brunner, Donna Callahan, Ted Callahan, Jim Duclon, Andrew Edwards, Carey Edwards, Carol Evens, Kent Getty, Jon Hamilton, Kim Hamilton, David Hultman, Linda Hultman, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ray Kangas, Dan Kulig, Mary Kulig, Debbie Landgreen, Tim Landgreen, Marie Larson, Jan Lee, Ray Levine, Anne Madison, Tom Madison, Merv Maki, Rozie Maki, Reen Modeen, Tony Mullozzi, Rick Nelson, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Shelly Olson, Gerald Peck, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Carol Reasbeck, Lona Schmidt, Jim Sloane, Madge Sloane, Guy Suo, Kathy Suo, Ken Watters, John Weiss, Shirley Welty, Karen Wicklund.

Excused: Leroy Forslund, Julie Peck, Robert Ruef, Roberta Ruef Wayne Smith, William Trautt.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: District Governor, Marla Suckow and Mark Suckow, Ann Prell, Helen, Lyndi Graff, Heather Montavon.

President's Report:

- Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 were presented by Marie Larson to Lyndi Graff and Heather Montavon.
- Presentation of the Melvin Jones award – Reading of Melvin Jones' life by Faith Pittsley. Award presented by Dick Berge to Nan Olson.
- Special thank you from Faith Pittsley to Anne Madison for the work on the membership directory and Linda Hultman for her contributions to the club and service as past secretary.
- Induction of new members – Faith Pittsley read a portion of Helen Keller's speech as presented to the Lions in 1925. The following people have been approved for membership:
 - (Present) Wendy Biggerstaff – sponsor Karen Wicklund
 - (Unable to attend) Kurt & Kris Luoma – sponsor Faith Pittsley
 - (Present) Tom Madison – sponsor Anne Madison
 - (Present) Rick Nelson – sponsor Jon Hamilton
 - (Unable to attend) Geri Dresen – sponsor Nan Olson
- Special presentation by District Governor, Marla Suckow. Chevrons were presented to members with ten, 15, and 20 years of service. Highlights as follows:
 - Lions are 1.4 million members in 210 countries.
 - Thank you for your service to Lions. Congratulations on setting up the scholarship in perpetuity and the upcoming building of the handicap access park.

- Shared the organizations and projects of the Wisconsin Lions
- SPOT camera for vision testing – A 50/50 grant has been submitted to Lions International. Each camera is \$8,000. Our district is trying to purchase two cameras. Each club is being asked to donate toward the camera. Club or individual donations may be sent to Scott Martin, District Treasurer. Please write “SPOT camera” in the check memo.
- Global Leadership Team (GLP) – Mark Sucklow shared the goals and opportunities of the team. GLP communicates and ensures delivery of quality training programs for Lions and Lioness leaders. Mark shared 2015 training opportunities. More information can be found at lionsclub.org.
- Currently in our district we are at +60 members – 44 Lions Clubs, 11 Lioness Clubs, 3 Leo Clubs; 97 new members, 9 reinstated, 4 transferred into the district; 141 dropped.
- Approval of May minutes: Correction – Nan Olson will order the ride tickets, not Julie Peck. Minutes approved as corrected.
- Treasurer’s Report: Motion made and second to approve as submitted pending audit. Carried.
- Secretary’s Report: Please make changes to the directory on the sheet attached to the attendance.
- Correspondence: None to report
- Committee Reports:
 - Special Projects:
 - The town board approved the use of the land to the west of the Community Center for development of a playground.
 - We are in need of someone with a bucket truck to take down the hardware on the utility poles so we can proceed with the town banner project.
 - The next special project meeting is June 15 at 2 p.m. at the Winery.
 - Vision Reminder:
 - Vision certification class will be held on June 25, 2015 at the UCC Church Fellowship Hall in Cable from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch is \$7.00. If you wish to carpool, contact Anne Madison.
 - Handicap Ramp Project: Lona Schmidt reported our contact will let us know if there is anyone who is in need of a ramp.
 - Environmental Services:
 - Thank you to Andy Edwards, Kathy Suo, Roger Gustafson, Ed & Linda Brunner, and Faith Pittsley for helping clean up our section of Hwy 2.
 - Thank you to Scot Eisenhauer, Jim & Nan Olson, Jim & Madge Sloane, Linda Brunner, Kathy Suo, Kent Getty, Lisa Hyde, Kim Hamilton, Carol Reasbeck, Roger & Sally Gustafson for helping rake the wayside park.
 - Let Anne Madison know if you helped but are not listed above.

- Old and New Business:
 - Linda and Dave Hultman will take care of planting the garden at the ball park.
 - Nan and Jim Olson will take care of the plating at the park. Marigolds were received from Peterson's Green House.
 - Ted Callahan brings greetings from the Texas Lions Club.
- There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Blueberry Festival meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend the Blueberry meeting. Both meetings will be held at the VFW.
- Sign-up sheets were circulated to help with the Spider Lake Run on Saturday, June 13. See Scot Eisenhower for more information.
- Help is requested for the Library Book Sale on Saturday, June 13 at the Library.
- Members were reminded of the 50/50 drawing.
- Lions Camp Raffle Tickets are available.

Motion to adjourn by John Joseph/Jim Sloane. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Corrections to the membership directory. Please update your copy.

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Blueberry Festival Meeting Minutes
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Update on where some things stand at this point ...

- We lost our grill fabricator and are trying to find someone else to make a grill for us. Please contact Carey Edwards if you know of someone.
- We need a 10' x 20' tent to put behind the stage for the groups who will be entertaining over the weekend (not to sleep in). Let Faith know if you have one we can borrow. We prefer not to purchase a tent.
- The fireworks have been contracted for Sunday night. The rain date will be the Pig Out.
- The tickets are now available for sale. Please sell your \$50 worth and more if you can. The playground will be a big project, and we can use all of the extra money we can get.
- The sign-up sheets for workers are available. Please consider signing up for as many hours as you can possibly work. Share names of people who might be interested in helping out at the Blueberry Fest.
- Jan Lee provided a report on sponsorships to date. Currently, we have \$6,150 in sponsorships with about \$1,000 coming yet.
- Donna will try to find out how many ears of corn the Shriners sold at previous festivals.
- Reminder: All club members are asked to attend a special Blueberry Festival meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

Motion by Lona Schmidt/Jim Sloane to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.