

Iron River Lions Regular Meeting Minutes September 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Nan Olson and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our country. Those in attendance were: Fred Baue, Dick Berge, Jane Bragiel, Ed Brunner, Linda Brunner, Donna Callahan, Andy Edwards, Carey Edwards, Carol Evens, Kent Getty, Roger Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, Jon Hamilton, John Hancock, Dave Hultman, Linda Hultman, Lisa Hyde, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ray Kangas, Dan Kulig, Mary Kulig, Debbie Landgreen, Tim Landgreen, Ray Levine, Merv Maki, Glen Miller, Tony Mullozzi, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Jerry Peck, Julie Peck, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Carol Reasbeck, Bob Ruef, Bertie Ruef, Lona Schmidt, Jim Sloane, Kathy Suo, Guy Suo, Ken Watters, John Weiss, Shirley Welty, Karen Wicklund and Mary Winkler. Excused: Scot and Tess Eisenhauer, Darren Hanson, Marie Larson, Shelly Olson, Joyce Orlovski, and Bill Trautt. There were no guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of August 6th were presented and approved. Motion: Tony Mullozzi/Ray Kangas.

Treasurer's Report: The September report will be given at the October meeting.

Correspondence: A thank you ad to supporters and sponsors was sent to The Connection. The copy was routed to the membership.

The Fairchild Lions Club in WI is doing a special fund raiser for the Leader Dog 75th anniversary. Our club currently sends in money garnered from the sale of used Lions Club pins donated to our club. Any additional donation will be considered by the Budget Committee.

Report from the President/Board meeting:

- a. The Membership Committee entertained potential new members prior to the Board Meeting. They are: Madge Sloane, Ann Madison and Jim and Robin Weishoff. Thank you Faith Pittsley and Jim Sloane for coordinating that meeting.
- b. The Board approved 3 applications for membership that were received: Rick Nelson, Madge Sloane and Ann Madison.
- c. John Joseph presented a proposal to coordinate our scholarship presentation with the Iron River Foundation. The Foundation committee is made up of Lions' members John and Jeanne Joseph, Guy and Kathy Suo and Merv Maki. The Board approved their proposal with one change, that a member of our Board serve on the committee. This vote was a recommendation to the membership and was seconded by Lona Schmidt at the regular meeting. Approved.
- d. The Nominating Committee updated the Board on the new slate of candidates for the upcoming year. Not all positions have been filled. We need the club's help in identifying members willing to serve.
- e. The Board discussed 2014-2015 budget considerations to go to the Budget Committee. That list includes:
 - *Project KIND \$200 (Kid's in need of duds—winter clothing)
 - * Technology project for the Iron River Elementary School
 - *Scholarships Possible 2nd scholarship from the Marie Larson Golf Scramble
 - *Youth Center \$500
 - *Handicap ramp project \$1,500
 - *Blueberry Festival considerations
 - *Lions Foundation

*Restoring Hope House (a home in Madison where patients awaiting transplants and their families can stay at a reasonable cost.)

*Iron River Library/capital campaign

*Helping with financial aid to college students after their freshman year attendance in school.

Other projects discussed per request from the Health Dept. at the VFW: Painting the kitchen cabinets. After looking at the job, the board decided to have the Gordon prison crew consider doing it for us. Chris Olson is working with the supervisor to look at the job. This would be a good cold weather project for them.

Next Board meeting is September 24th at 6:00 pm. at the VFW. Discussion will include the Scholarship Fund/Budget for 2014-2015/Awards.

Special Projects: Met at Glen Miller's office on August 25th. At the next meeting on September 22nd, a banner for the town's main street poles will be selected to be put out in the spring. Rodney Hipsher has agreed to take down the old hardware from the poles.

Highway clean up: Will be meeting at Stephans Road on September 7th at 12:30. Bring gloves and bottled water will be provided.

Membership: Faith reported we have potentially 3-5 interested candidates. The new members will be installed at the November 5th meeting. This meeting will also be our club's awards evening.

Activities: Ray Kangas reported November 1st is the date for Veterans' Appreciation Day. More information at the next meeting.

Diabetes/Wellness: The shuttle bus has not been confirmed for the October 11th Diabetes Expo in the cities.

Web site: John Joseph reported there were 44,000 hits in August. Thank you Ernie Pittsley, Shelly Olson, Julie Peck and Ray Kangas for taking pictures of the Blueberry Festival. Some pictures can be used on the web site.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Opportunities "to Serve", the list was circulated during the meeting. Carol Reasbeck has agreed to work on the Membership Committee. We are still looking for another member. Lisa Hyde agreed to coordinate the Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army collection prior to Christmas. Let her know if you are willing to ring bells.
- b. Golf Scramble: Was held September 6th. Thanks Ed Brunner for such great coordinating efforts. There were 20 teams who participated.
- c. Budget committee: Lona Schmidt, Ken Watters, John Joseph, Jim Sloane, Bill Trautt, Linda Hultman, Faith Pittsley, Joyce Orłowski and Nan Olson will work on the budget as soon as the Blueberry Festival results are completed..
- d. Booyah Bash to be held at the White Winter Winery on September 28th beginning at 4:00. Thank you Ray Levine for stirring up this big pot of stew. Cost is \$5.00. Many club members have already signed up to attend. Please call Faith to make your reservation.
- e. Football Boards: There will be 200 tickets sold each for the two Packer/Viking games and the Super Bowl.
- f. Continue to save your recycle paper.

- g. Thank you to Donna and Ted Callahan for driving Blueberry Queen Paige Orłowski and Princess Taylor Sprague in the Port Wing Parade

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Thank you Chris Olson, for getting the Bill Maki Memorial bench back into our storage shed during the winter months. In the spring and summer, the bench is at Moon Lake Park.

The regular meeting was adjourned. Motion: Ray Kangas/Tony Mullozzi.

**Iron River Lions Club Blueberry Festival Meeting
September 3, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Nan Olson. The appreciation Picnic following the Blueberry Fest was held on August 19th at Moon Lake Park. Thank you, Faith, for coordinating it. The food was great, attendance was wonderful, the weather cooperated and we enjoyed the beverages that Jon and Kim Hamilton set up so nicely. It is always fun to attend such events, but we all should be reminded to help with set up and **clean up** for events. Very often the same people have been doing the work.

Assignment for the Working Committee: Be sure you complete a summary of your Committee. List what went right and should be considered for next year. Also, list things that need to be improved for next year. Consider using Jon Hamilton's financial summary.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bayfield County tourism director, Mary Motiff requested a meeting to discuss possible coordination ideas with the Fair. Nan is meeting with her on September 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Rustic Roost. If you are interested in joining them, please let Nan know.

The Entertainment Committee will convene in October/November.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Fred Baue who gave his winnings back to the club!

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, secretary