

Iron River Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes
February 4, 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, Tess Eisenhauer, Scot Eisenhauer, Carol Evens, Kim Hamilton, Debbie Landgreen, Tim Landgreen, Anne Madison, Chris Olson, Nan Olson, Jim Olson, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Carol Reasbeck, Lona Schmidt, Jim Sloane, Ken Watters and John Weiss. **Excused:** John Hamilton, Lisa Hyde, Jan Lee, Ray Kangas, Reen Modeen, Shelly Olson, Madge Sloane. **Snow birds:** 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, Ray Levine, Rozie and Merv Maki, Tony Mullozzi, Julie and Jerry Peck, Bertie and Bob Ruef, Wayne Smith and Kathy and Guy Suo. **Guests:** None

Secretary's Report: Approved minutes from January 7 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was approved and submitted.
- Payments for the raffle license for the Blueberry Festival (\$25) and a bill from Lions International for dues and supplies (\$446.60) were approved for payment.
- The club has been reimbursed from the Town for half of the materials for completing the repair of the Moon Lake Park pavilions.
- A \$100 donation to Northwestern High School to sponsor the musical Cinderella was moved and seconded.
- We sold 300 Super Bowl tickets. Thanks to everyone that helped. Congratulations to all our winners.

Correspondence:

- Northwestern High School requested a donation for their Cinderella production being held on February 14 & 15. Donations will be listed on the playbill. Motion: Ken Waters/Scot Eisenhauer to donate \$100. Approved.
- A request for vision screeners was presented. Training will be held at the convention on April 10. Adult vision screening training 10 a.m. – noon; Children's vision screening training 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Contact Faith Pittsley for more information.
- A thank you note was received from Rural Care and Share Food Shelf.
- Ray Kangas is home from the hospital.
- Lions Camp information was received. Lona Schmidt will reach out to area school nurses.

Committee Reports:

- Banners:
 - Kim Hamilton presented a draft design created by Dick Berge. The goal is to have a final drawing ready for the March meeting to present to the club with hopes of banners being hung on the street poles by June 1.

- Playground:
 - Nan Olson reported the easement has been found. She will be meeting with the zoning committee soon. The proposed location is next to the Community Center. Ray Kangas is in contact with a drafting class from Rice Lake to draw up the plans. Lisa Hyde will apply for grants.
- Membership:
 - Jim Sloane reported on the survey being distributed to each member. **Please complete and return the surveys by March 15 to Jim.** Completed surveys can be brought to the March meeting.
 - Dues – Some members are struggling with paying dues. Jim suggested the club pay for such dues one time due to hardship. It was noted that as of October 2014 dues are considered delinquent 30 days from the date the notice is received. If not paid, the member is no longer in good standing and has no voting privileges. At the end of the 30 days the secretary is to report any unpaid dues to the board. The board then determines to drop, retain, or suspend membership. Reinstatement is allowed within one year with no fee. Over one year there is a \$15 fee to reinstate membership.
 - Regular membership meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at the Battle Axe.
- Diabetes/Wellness:
 - A Prevention Summit dates changed. The new dates are March 19, 26; April 3, 10, 17, 24., 30. Request for drivers and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Volunteer drivers must submit paperwork and copy of driver license to Ashland County. Help is needed to serve snacks and they are looking for door prizes and goodies to put in the attendees' bags. Contact Faith if you can help drive, serve snacks, or donate items for the door prizes and bags.
 - March 24 is Diabetes Alert Day
- Eyeglasses:
 - Ernie Pittsley reported that the collected eye glasses, hearing aids, and phones have been delivered to Cable. Drop boxes are distributed locally in town and at the VFW.
- Sunshine:
 - Reported Karen Maron had knee surgery; Ray Kangas is home with pneumonia; Marie is out and walking. If you know of someone in need of support contact Donna Callahan.

Old Business:

- Northwestern High School donation request for a new piano was tabled.

New Business:

- District Governor Marla Suckow will be attending our June 3rd meeting. We will hold initiation of new members along with a pot luck. Anne Madison volunteered to do decorations. More information will be forthcoming.
- We have need for the creation of an advertising committee and/or a publicity/public relations person to help get information out about our club.

- There are openings for development of vision/hearing programs/events.
- Nomination for Tail Twister: Scot Eisenhaur/Tess Eisenhaur nominated Glen Miller. The nomination will be voted on next month.

Other Notes:

- Regular board meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the VFW.
- Keep collecting your shiny paper for the South Shore music department. We are storing it at our VFW meeting place until Kent Getty gets back.

Motion by Chris Olson/Jim Olson to adjourn regular meeting and convene Blueberry Fest Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

**Iron River Lions Club Blueberry Festival Meeting
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The meeting was called to order by President Faith Pittsley.

Entertainment: Contracts with the bands are in process.

Sponsorship Forms: Draft of the sponsorship form was presented by Anne Madison. Jan Lee will distribute the sponsorship forms. The goal is to raise \$5,000 in sponsorship. Recommendations on people to contact for sponsorship are appreciated.

Fundraisers:

- Blueberry Bungalow - Being that there was little return for the energy and money spent, we will not be doing the bungalow this year.
- Raffle tickets and rides are big fund raisers.

Ideas:

- The idea of a catapult was brought up. Carol Reasbeck and Jim Sloane will work on the idea.
- Out house races
- Something for teens:
 - Paddle boat race
 - Kayak race
 - Climbing wall – Anne Madison will check on rental.

Chicken: The pit is in need of repairs. Carrie is considering a menu change. Ideas brought forth were blueberry brats, blueberry BBQ sauce, and ice cream.

Motion by Scot Eisenhauer/Ernie Pittsley to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Madison, Co-Secretary