

Iron River Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 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, Andrew Edwards, Carey Edwards, Tess Eisenhauer, Scot Eisenhauer, Debbie Landgreen, Tim Landgreen, Jan Lee, Anne Madison, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Madge Sloane, William Trautt, Ken Watters, Jim Weishoff, Robin Weishoff, John Weiss, Karen Wicklund.

**Excused:** Leroy Forslund, Darren Hanson, Kim Hamilton, Reen Modeen, Shelly Olson, Lona Schmidt, Randy Severin, 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, Ray Levine, 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 Ken Watters/Bill Trautt to approve the secretary's report from the February 4 meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

- The treasurer presented a checkbook report for February 1 through March 4. Checks written include Ashland County Aging for the local diabetes event (\$100.00); House of Hope (\$200.00); and Northwestern High School donation toward the purchase of a grand piano (\$250). The treasurer's report was approved and submitted.

**Correspondence:**

- A letter from the District Governor Marla Suckow regarding the *Spot Camera for Vision* was read. The cost of each camera is \$7,000 - \$8,000 with the hopes of having one to share between two districts. Donations welcome.
- A letter was read from Ted Benson regarding vision screening certification at Cable. June and September training events are being planned. Drummond School is looking for vision screening assistance due to budget cuts; there may be other schools, too. More information to come.
- Thank you was received from Security State Bank for the Toys for Tots donation.
- We received a check in the amount of \$230 from Andy Edwards from the sale of deer hides. This money goes toward the Lions Camp.
- Thank you was verbally given for the VFW painting and remodeling.

**President's Report:**

- The February board meeting minutes were presented and available.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Special Projects
  - Banners: Kim Hamilton presented two draft designs created by Dick Berge. Members were encouraged to vote by tally on their choice of color. The chosen banner will be presented at an upcoming town board meeting.
  - Playground: Nan Olson reported the plans are moving along. The proposed location is next to the Community Center. A drafting class from Rice Lake is considering drawing up the plans to be submitted with grants that Lisa Hyde is applying for.
- Membership:
  - Reminder to return the membership survey by March 15.
  - ASK 1 was presented to members. ASK 1 is a nine month membership growth and retention program designed by the national Lions Club. Each member is asked to provide the name of one person who would make a good Lion member. Invitations will be sent to prospective members to attend an informational event on April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW. ASK 1 pins were handed out to members in attendance. Forms were distributed to complete and return with prospect members' contact information. Names should be submitted to Jim Sloane or Faith Pittsley by Friday, March 20.
- Diabetes/Wellness: Faith Pittsley
  - Help is needed March 19 at the Great Lakes Visitor Center to staff the Lions Booth. Shifts are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A sign up sheet was distributed.
  - Drivers are needed for the Prevention Summit March 19, 26; April 3, 10, 17, 24, and 30.
- Request made by Faith Pittsley for formal committees to be established for the following areas. Interested members please let Faith know.
  - Vision
  - Hearing
  - Eyeglasses
  - Advertising/Public Relations
  - Environmental Services (Could include highway clean up and participation in the Chamber Iron River Pride Days)
  - Youth programs
- Sunshine:
  - Reported Karen Maron home.; Guy Suo is having surgery on March 17 at Mayo. If you know of someone in need of support contact Donna Callahan.

## **Old Business:**

- Northwestern High School – Grand piano donation of \$250 approved by the Board. The check has been written.

## **New Business:**

- District Governor Marla Suckow will be attending our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We will hold initiation of new members along with a pot luck.
- Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) – We have \$1,000 to donate to Lions Club International Foundation. MJF is an honor presented to a Lions Club member who shows outstanding Lionsim. Our last recorded MJF recipient was 2008. Prior Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients will work on

nominations for candidacy for the award. The goal is for nominees to be selected by April 1 with the award to be presented at our June meeting.

**Other Notes:**

- Reminder: Convention April 10 & 11 at Lake of the Torches. Registration forms were provided for members. Registration forms may be found online at <http://www.md27c2.org/Conventions/2014-2015%20conventions/2015%20Convention%20Registration%20Form.pdf>
- There will be a Strides Walk for diabetes at the Convention.

Motion by Dick Berge/Jan Lee to adjourn regular meeting and convene Blueberry Fest Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

**Entertainment:**

- Bands are booked.
- The stage contract was discussed. The cost this year is \$4,800 plus two hotel rooms and meals for the labor crew. The idea was brought up of offering food vouchers for vendors at the fest. The entertain committee was charged with making the decisions needed for this year regarding the hotel rooms and meals. Discussion included looking at other options in the future.

**Sponsorship: Jan Lee**

- Sponsorship requests have been submitted to WalMart; Superior Fuel; and Norvado. In process are Rustic Roost and Pizza Parlor.

**Chicken Dinner: Carey Edwards**

- Discussed was the need to change the way the cooking process is done. The cooking pit is broken up and is a liability risk for injury. Other cooking options were discussed.
- It was suggested that fresh cooked chicken be offered all day Saturday and Sunday.
- More discussion is needed before decisions can be made.

**Vendors: Tess Eisenhauer**

- There are more vendor requests than we have space. Some are wanting to offer duplicate food items with a different flair.
- Space rental issues were discussed.

**Rides/Activities:**

- Catapult - Carol Reasbeck and Jim Sloane will work on the idea.
- Possible ideas for teens:
  - Kayak race
  - Climbing wall
  - Dodge ball tournament

**Safety:**

- The need for speed bumps for Hwy H was brought up. Scot Eisenhower will check into the possibility and process that would need to be followed.
- The idea of hiring traffic patrol for a donation to an organization was brought up.

Motion by Carey Edwards/Ernie Pittsley to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Madison, Co-Secretary