

## Iron River Lions Club Meeting

September 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the VFW

**In attendance:** Dick Berge, Wendy Biggerstaff, Ed Brunner, Donna Callahan, Jim Duclon, Carol Evens, Kent Getty, Jon Hamilton, Lisa Hyde, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Debbie Landgreen, Marie Larson, Ray Levine, Anne Madison, Reen Modeen, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Gerald Peck, Julie Peck, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Robert Ruef, Roberta Ruef, Lona Schmidt, Kathy Suo, William Trautt, Ken Watters, John Weiss, Shirley Welty, Karen Wicklund.

**Excused:** Roger Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, Tim Landgreen, Tom Madison, Rick Nelson, Shelly Olson, Ernie Pittsley, Carol Reasbeck, Guy Suo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Welcome and introduction of guests: (New members) John Angster, John Pieper, Madelaine Herder.

**Secretary Report:** Motion by Marie Larson/Kent Getty to approve with the following corrections: Add Carol Evens and Marie Larson in attendance, and add Carol Reasbeck to excused. Carried.

### **Correspondence:**

- Thank you for sympathy card for Larry Carpenter's family.
- We received a dog bone patch for our banner for our donation to the Leader Dog program. We also received a request for making a donation.
- Deer Hides: Information was received. Chris Olson and Andy Andrews will work with this.

**Treasurer Report:** Nan Olson presented finance reports from July and August. Motion made to file finance reports for audit Kent Getty/Julie Peck.

### **President Report:**

Board of Directors notes from August 24. Discussion included:

- Use of the trailer. It will be returned to our shed.
- Use of the tables by the ATV club approved.
- Insurance value of building and contents – need to have insurance representative go to the building.
- Budget committee needed for audit.
- Entertainment budget
- Officer nominations

- Plan B for officers: The board will share the president and vice president duties month by month. Board members to assume joint leadership roles. A schedule will be set up beginning in November.
- Regular meeting and board meeting schedules
- Approval of new member applications
- The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, at 7 p.m.
- 50/50 Reminder

### **Committee Reports:**

- Special Projects: Bob Ruef – Summary: Total budget \$80,000. Pavillion \$20,000. Playground equipment \$60,000. Equipment items have been decided upon. Next up – is to raise the money. The prices we have are good until January 2017. Donations will be sought from the Lions Club, community members, and grants. The Town of Iron River, The Iron River Foundation, and the Lions Club are working together. At the completion of the playground, the Town of Iron River will assume responsibility for maintenance of the playground. Playground meeting Tuesday, October 4 at Community Center at 9 a.m. If you are willing and interested in helping with the grant, speak with Carol Reasbeck.
- Vision: Date of Iron River Elementary vision screening – October 12.
- Reminder of eyeglass, hearing aid, phone and glossy paper recycling
- Diabetes Prevention Summit at Great Lakes Visitor Center – September 15
- Membership: Plans need to be made to meeting with the new member applicants. Initiation will be October 5, at the regular meeting.
- Sunshine: Ray Kangas was in the hospital and nursing home with an infection in his foot. He is expected to be home on Friday. Ed Stover received a card from us.
- Web Site: John Joseph – August 48,233 hits and 5,400 visits.
- Environmental Services: Highway cleanup date is October 15, Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. at Stephens Road to Sznaider Road.

**Other:** Ken Watters – We had one eye testing request for a voucher.

### **Old Business:**

- Firemen's Booth – Jeannie Joseph – It is important for us to support this effort. The firemen were called out twice on one shift. The Lions on duty helped to fill in. Next year they need a list of workers. Send out an e-mail asking for more workers. The firemen are willing to help us at the Blueberry Fest – we just need to ask.

### **New Business:**

- Volunteers are needed to audit the books – Ken Watters, Bob Ruef, Reen Modeen, (Bill Trautt alternate) volunteered.

- Motion from the board to not have regular meetings in January and February. Second by Reen Modeen. Motion carried with one no vote. We will hold board meetings as usual, all members are invited to attend.
- The following people were approved for membership: Madelaine Herder, Mike Jurkovich, Warren Beede, John Angster, Jon Pieper.
- Golf Scramble: Ed Brunner 20 teams signed up. We have (20) \$100 hole sponsors. Great prizes have been gathered. Help is needed at 8 a.m. September 17. A list of food donations was read. Thank you to all who made food and monetary donations. Proceeds benefit the scholarship.
- The budget committee will meet on September 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Nan Olson's home.

The board needs names of people you recommend to serve as officers. We need a president, vice president, membership chair.

Jeanne Joseph/Carol Evens to accept nominations of directors – Ray Levine, Linda Hultman, Ken Watters, and Bill Trautt.

The board members will take turns acting as president/vice president until these positions are filled. A schedule will be sent out to the membership when it is determined.

Discussion of health fair for next year. Consensus was to go ahead, but for May.

The Christmas Party at The Spot this year December 3. Donna Callahan & Shirley Welty will talk with Pam regarding the menu.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Suo/Shirley Welty to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

### **Blueberry Meeting**

Called to order at 8:13 p.m.

Nan Olson presented financials and accepted questions.

Motion made by the board. Second by John Joseph to approve \$10,000 for the entertainment for the July 22 & 23, 2017 Blueberry Fest.

Pie eating contest – 85 contestants.

The tractor pull will take place next year. The man we have had all of these years died. His family had no records to go by. They are continuing with the business and will do it for us next year.

Ray Levine will help Jon Hamilton with the beer sales. They will ask Rick Nelson to assist.

By show of hands, members want fireworks again on Saturday night. Suggestion was made to get help with 50 percent of the cost. This year Security State Bank assisted with the cost.

Community comments were positive. We will try fireworks one more year and reevaluate at that time.

Please submit your evaluations of this year's fest so we can make changes if necessary. If you would like to be an active member of the Blueberry Fest planning committee over the winter, please submit your name and contact information to Faith Pittsley as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone for the help to make the Blueberry Fest a success.

50/50 winner Jon Hamilton.

Motion by Howard Prell/Dick Berge to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Anne Madison, Secretary