

Iron River Lions Club Minutes August 2, 2017

The August meeting of the Iron River Lions was called to order by President Faith Pittsley. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to our country.

Those present were: Fred Baue, Scott Bensen, Dick Berge, Wendy Biggerstaff, Donna Callahan, Ted Callahan, Jim Duclon, Carol Evens, Kent Getty, Roger Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, Jon Hamilton, Kim Hamilton, Linda Hultman, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ray Kangas, Dan Kulig, Mary Kulig, Debbie Landgreen, Marie Larson, Ray Levine, Rob Lombard, Tom Madison, Reen Modeen, Tony Mullozzi, Willard Ogren, Lisa Olby, Chris Olson, Nan Olson, Jerry Peck, Julie Peck, Jon Pieper, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Bob Ruef, Bertie Ruef, Lona Schmidt, Guy Suo, Kathy Suo, Bill Trautt, Ken Watters, Shirley Welty, and Karen Wicklund. Excused: Anne Madison, Rick Nelson, Shelly Olson, Ernie Pittsley, and Carol Reasbeck.

Prior to the meeting, pizza and ice cream were served. Thanks to all who helped make the 2017 Blueberry Fest a success.

Introductions were made to the club. They included folks who were not club members but volunteered anyway to help at the festival. Also in attendance were the queen and princess and their families. This year's queen is Alexius Eagle and this year's princess is Sienna Ansello. Julie Peck pointed out that the queen and princess candidates sold over \$12,000 this year in ticket sales.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report of July 5th was presented and approved. Motion: Roger Gustafson/Dick Berge.

Treasurer's Report: Nan presented the treasurer's report which included: Reconciliation Detail, Reconciliation Summary (cash-general, period ending 7/31/17), Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison (October 2016-July 2017). Motion for these reports to be filed for audit: Lona Schmidt/Carol Evens. Approved.

If Faith is absent at our September meeting, Chris Olson will chair the meeting with Jan Lee serving as co-chair.

COMMITTEES

Website: John Joseph reported there were 87,500 hits in July. Look for pictures of this year's Blueberry Fest on our club's web page. It was also pointed out Facebook is a useful tool to see more of the Fest.

Vision: Screening for the daycare and elementary school is scheduled for Oct. 4th. A sign-up sheet to help with this project will be passed around at our Sept. meeting.

Sunshine: Contact Donna Callahan if you know of someone in our club or family members/friends who needs a card sent out to them.

OLD BUSINESS

Nomination Committee and Officers: The following officers are needed for 2018: president, vice president, membership chair, tail twister and Lion tamer. Please consider serving.

Golf Scramble: Save the date-September 9th. A sign-up sheet was passed around for food and monetary donations and helpers for this event.

NEW BUSINESS

Lions Storage Shed: The shed has been cleaned out and rearranged more efficiently. Thanks to Dick Berge, Tom Madison, Jim Duclon, Jon Pieper, Ernie Pittsley, and Bill Trautt for doing this.

Pig Out: To be held Labor Day Weekend. Sunday Sept. 3rd. The EMT's and our club are working together this year and will share the profits. Our profits are going towards the upcoming playground. Jon and Kim Hamilton will handle the food and plates etc. Our club members are needed to help take tickets, serve food and help wherever needed at this event.

Faith pointed out this is a one time event for our club.

Raffle Tickets: Nan has 200 raffle tickets at \$20.00 a piece for the club to sell with profits going towards the playground project. The winners will be drawn at the pig out. \$1,500 in total prizes. Cash drawings of \$500.00 at 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. No need to be present.

Next board meeting: August 23rd.

Member meeting September 6th.

50/50 drawing: Won by Shirley Welty!! (again)

Thank you, Ray Levine, for donating a plywood backed banner designed by Creative Design which features the future playground and hopefully will generate more interest in donating to this project.

Before we adjourned, Tom Madison spoke to the club about how well the Blueberry Fest comes together and how proud he is to be a Lion. This makes us Lion Proud!

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting: John Joseph.

Blueberry Fest Follow-up Meeting

Thanks to all who helped and made the this year's festival a success. Thanks especially to Ted Callahan for his electrical skills.

At the festival talent show this year, there were 214 people in attendance, folks brought in 200 pounds of food and donated \$234.00 for our area food shelf.

At our September meeting things will be clearer as to what the profits were, what things went well, what needs attention for the 2018 festival. It was mentioned we should jot down ideas for next year's festival.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, Secretary pro-tem