

MINUTES

Iron River Lions Club

November 1, 2017 ~ VFW at 6:30 p.m.

After members enjoyed a buffet of delicious snacks and a beverage, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Faith Pittsley, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: Fred Baue, Scott Bensen, Dick Berge, Wendy Biggerstaff, Ed Brunner, Linda Brunner, Jim Duclon, Kent Getty, Rick Halet, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ray Levine, Rob Lombard, Anne Madison, Tom Madison, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Nan Olson, Jon Pieper, Kathy Suo, William Trautt

Excused: Jody Halet, Jon Hamilton, Lisa Hyde, Jan Lee, Reen Modeed, Tony Mullozzi, Rick Nelson, Lisa Olby, Jim Olson, Shelly Olson, Gerald Peck, Julie Peck, Howard Prell, Robert Ruef, Roberta Ruef, Guy Suo

Secretary Report: Anne Madison presented the October minutes. Motion by Bill Trautt/Kent Getty to approve the secretary report. Motion carried. Reminder: It is time for our annual dues to be paid for the upcoming year. Membership dues are \$50 for single membership or \$80 for family membership. The club subsidizes each membership and also uses the 50/50 raffle money raised at our meetings toward this subsidy. Details: Option 1: Pay in full by October 31. Option 2: Half by October 31 with the second half due by June 30. Checks are to be written payable to Iron River Lions Club. Mail payment to the Iron River Lions Club, PO Box 821, Iron River, WI 54847.

Correspondence:

Thank you from the Western Bayfield County Historical Society for the donation to the Iron River Museum.

Thank you from the food pantry for the generous donation.

Thank you from the Leader Dogs for the Blind for the donation. A patch was received for our banner.

Thank you from the Lions Eye Bank for the donation. A patch was received for our banner.

The playground received press coverage in the Ashland Daily Press in the Saturday, October 21, 2017 edition.

Thank you from Ted & Donna Callahan for the ramp installation.

Verbal thank you from Jeanne Joseph to all who helped with the ramp and meal; Bill Trautt, Fred Baue, Dick Berge, Dave Hultman, Jon Pieper, Jim Duclon, Linda Hultman, Julie Peck, Bertie Ruef.

Treasurer Report: Nan Olson presented the Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison, the Reconciliation Detail and Summary. Motion by Kent Getty/Ray Levine to file the reports for audit. Motion carried. Nan reported a \$2,000 profit from the football tickets. The audit committee (Wendy Biggerstaff and Bill Trautt) performed the audit. They found all of the records to be in balance with no discrepancies.

President Report: No report at this time.

COMMITTEES

Website: John Joseph reported 29,000 hits and 4,170 stopped by the web site in October.

Vision: The date for the second screening of the Smiling Faces children has been set for December 7. Volunteers are needed to help. See sign-up sheet or contact Anne Madison 715-456-5304.

Sunshine: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Verne Pittsley of Brule. Verne passed away on October 28. (Wife, Audrey; daughters, Rene Nicolletti (Pete, Casey, Jaimie) and Joni Tasky (Bill, Cheyenne, Will). Thinking of you Donna Callahan and Ken Watters. Kathy Suo's brother is home from the hospital. Mary Tuura passed away. Kent Getty reported he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will receive treatment.

Diabetes: No report at this time.

Roadside Cleanup: Linda Brunner reported that seven people helped with the roadside cleanup on October 18. Thank you.

Playground: Next meeting November 20 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Nan Olson reported Phase I has been completed with a cost of nearly \$51,000, not including the chips and concrete. Phase II will include the pavilion, picnic tables, garbage cans, wall of honor, benches, and signs with an estimated cost of \$25,000. Approximately \$10,000 needs to be raised yet. Ray Levine thanked all who came out to help with the playground. He received wonderful comments from the crew who came from the playground company. The company donated the bike rack for free.

OLD BUSINESS

Football Ticket Sales: Chris Olson reported that the December 23 football tickets are available to purchase.

Deer Hide Collection: Chris Olson reported that the bins are out and signs will be coming soon. Hides are sold to Maple and the money goes to Lions Camp.

Iron River Elementary Santa Visit: Kathy Suo reported Santa's visit is scheduled for December 22. Linda Hultman is checking on the availability of the Lutheran Church to pack the candy bags.

Bell Ringing: A sign up sheet was passed around. Ringing will begin before Thanksgiving at the grocery store, hardware store, and at the Cenex store. See Lisa Hyde to sign up to help. 715-372-5838 whitetailcountry@cheqnet.net

Thanksgiving Community Dinner: Contact Doug & Nancy Thyberg to volunteer to help at 715-372-5249

Christmas Party: Carol Reasbeck passed around a sign up sheet for the party to be held Saturday, December 2 at Northern Pines Golf Course beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Catering provided by Rich's in Superior. Entertainment by Ray Levine and friends. Menu: beef, pork, chicken, Yukon gold potatoes in hollandaise sauce, garam masala carrots, Mediterranean salad, relish tray, fresh bread loaves, and cake celebrating Carol and Marie's parents anniversary. The cost is \$21.09 per person and includes gratuity and tax. Payment is due before the event. RSVP to Carol Reasbeck at 651-358-7261 before November 24. Dinners reserved must be paid for even if you cannot attend.

Whistlestop Water Stops Report: John Joesph thanked those who helped with the water stops – Reen Modeen, Karen Wicklund, Fred Baue, Wendy Biggerstaff, and Jeanne Joseph. It was a fun event and we will help again next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of Officers: New officers were installed: Chris Olson, Vice President; Jim Duclon, Lion Tamer; Jon Pieper, Director. Existing officers were re-installed: Nan Olson, Treasurer; Anne Madison, Secretary; John Joseph, Director; Ray Levine, Director; Bill Trautt, Director.

New Member Initiation: Motion by Kent Getty/Dick Berge to postpone new member initiation and awards to the December meeting. Motion carried.

Stage Trailer: The board recommends we sell the old stage trailer that is now at Hood's in order to reduce our liability. Jeanne Joseph seconded the motion with the trailer be gifted or sold. Motion carried. Ed Brunner will draw up the paperwork. Willard Ogren will speak with Hoods about the trailer.

Banners: The Town does not have any of our banners. We need a count of how many are in our garage. If you picked up a banner and still have it, please let us know.

Thank You: Thanks John Joseph for driving the float at the Apple Fest.

Upcoming Meetings: The board approved no regular club meetings in January and February. Instead, we will have board meetings on the regular club meeting dates. Members are welcome to attend these meetings if they choose. The next board meeting is November 29 at 6:30 at the VFW. The December 27 board meeting is cancelled due to the next board meeting being scheduled for January 3. The next Lions Club meeting will be December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW.

50/50 drawing: Bill Trautt

Motion by Kent Getty/Scott Bensen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS – ALL MEETINGS AT THE VFW
Note changes for January and February. Dates and times subject to change.

Board Meeting: November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Party: December 2

Member Meeting: December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting: January 3 at 6:30 p.m. – members invited to attend

Board Meeting: February 7 at 6:30 p.m. – members invited to attend

Lions Club Meeting: March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting: March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: April 4 at 7:00 p.m. (Roadside cleanup this month?)

Board Meeting: April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: May 2 at 7:00 p.m. (Health Fair this month?)

Board Meeting: May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting: June 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: July 4?

Board Meeting: July 25? (Blueberry Fest: July 26, 28 & 29)

Lions Club Meeting: August 1 at 7:00 p.m. (Bayfield County Fair this month)

Board Meeting: August 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: September 5 at 7:00 p.m. (Golf Scramble and roadside cleanup (?) this month)

Board Meeting: September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: October 3 at 7 p.m. (Vision screening and Whistlestop Water Stations this month)

Board Meeting: October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Meeting: November 7 at 7 p.m.

Board Meeting: November 28 at 6:30 p.m. (Bell Ringing begins this month)

Lions Club Meeting: December 5 (Christmas Party this month)

Board Meeting: December 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Blueberry Fest Meeting

Advertising Submitted: Anne Madison submitted the dates for the Talent Show and Blueberry Fest to Summer Fun magazine. This is a free submission. The contact person is Linda at linda@winterfun101.com

Entertainment: Several bands/performers have contacted the Lions through Facebook requesting to perform at the Blueberry Fest. Anne Madison has forwarded the information to the Entertainment Committee.

Blueberry Selling: Jeanne Joseph would like someone to take over selling the blueberries.

Anne Madison
Secretary