

MINUTES
Iron River Lions Club
September 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Faith Pittsley with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Fred Baue, Dick Berge, Wendy Biggerstaff, Ed Brunner, Donna Callahan, Ted Callahan, Jim Duclon, Carey Edwards, Roger Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, Jody Halet, Rick Halet, Jon Hamilton, Linda Hultman, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Dan Kulig, Mary Kulig, Debbie Landgreen, Jan Lee, Ray Levine, Rob Lombard, Anne Madison, Tom Madison, Reen Modeen, Willard Ogren, Lisa Olby, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Gerald Peck, Julie Peck, Jon Pieper, Robert Ruef, Roberta Ruef, Lona Schmidt, Guy Suo, Kathy Suo, William Trautt, Ken Watters

Excused: Carol Evens, Kent Getty, Marie Larson, Rick Nelson, Shelly Olson, Howard Prell, Carol Reasbeck, Karen Wicklund

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Donna Callahan to approve the August minutes. Second by Reen Modeen. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- The Connection, August 8, 2017 "Bentzen's Bits" by Eileen Bentzen article regarding the Blueberry Fest Fireworks
- Ted Benson – previous zone chair – passed away.

Treasurer's Report:

Nan Olson presented the following reports: Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison, Reconciliation Detail, Reconciliation Summary 2017 Blueberry Fest Summary as of 8/31/2017. Motion by Linda Hultman to file the reports for audit. Second by Jeanne Joseph. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEES

Website: John Joseph reported 87,500 hits in July and 25,400 hits in August. Actual visits are down with 6,000 in July and 4,000 in August.

Vision: Screening for the daycare and elementary school is scheduled for Oct. 4th. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.

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

Diabetes: No report at this time.

Roadside Cleanup: Date and time to be determined.

Playground: Bob Ruef reported the equipment has been ordered. To date \$58,000 has been raised. Phase I includes the concrete for the pavilion and sandbox, and the equipment. Help is needed on October 16 & 17 to assembly the playground equipment. Bill Trautt reported the storage shed and dog pen will be moved on Monday, 9/11. Forms for the concrete will be built on 9/16 & 9/17 with the concrete pour on 9/23 at 8 a.m. Please let Bill know when you can help. Jeanne Joseph reported the deadline for the sale of tiles is due by October 1. The penny jars have raised \$2,200 to date.

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. Nominations are due by October 1. Installation will be November 1.

Pig Out Report: Nan Olson reported \$2,400 was raised for the playground. The 50/50 raffle raised \$866 with half going to the winner and the other half split between the firemen and the playground. The massage therapist, Kathy Freeman, donated \$85.

Golf Scramble September 9: Ed Brunner reported that 23 teams are registered. Raffle prizes and hole sponsors have been secured. Helpers are needed the day of the event. See Reen Modeen if you can assist in the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS

Deer Hide Collection – Chris Olson

Peace Poster Contest – Chris Olson

Iron River Elementary Santa Visit – Kathy Suo

Football Tickets – Chris Olson reported that 50 tickets remain left to sell. The money will go toward the playground.

Library Report – Linda Hultman reported the books have been boxed and are moving to the White Winter Winery for storage. The Masons are allowing the library to use their building for library services until they are ready to move into the new building.

Queen Float – Thank you to the Ted and Donna Callahan for pulling the queen float in the Port Wing Fall Festival on September 3.

Donation Presentations – Nan Olson, Treasurer, presented donations to Linda Hultman and Roberta Ruef for the Rural Care and Share Food Shelf \$1,500; Iron River Historical Society \$300; Iron River Public Library \$500.

Letter from Iron River Volunteer Fire Department – Faith Pittsley, President, shared a letter received from the fire department concerning the Lions help at their food booth at the Bayfield County Fair. In part, the letter explains “there were concerns expressed from Lions about paying

to get into the fair, even stating to fire department members that they would like to get out of this obligation at the fair ... We greatly appreciate the time the Lions have put into helping the Fire Department but at this time we are releasing the Lions from their obligation to have members helping on Sunday at the fair.” Faith voiced her concerns about the situation and reminded members that we are Lions and we serve – without complaint. A letter will be drafted in response that requests we be allowed to return and help with the Fire Department’s booth at the fair.

Upcoming events – Fall party at the elementary school, community Thanksgiving dinner, bell ringing, Christmas party.

50/50 drawing: Winner Ted Callahan. Ted donated the winnings back.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed Brunner with a second by Dick Berge. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Board Meeting: October 25

Member Meeting: November 1 – New member initiation, officer installation, and awards

Board Meeting: November 22 or 29? (Thanksgiving is November 23)

Member Meeting: December 6

Board Meeting: December 27

Blueberry Fest Meeting – No meeting at this time.