

WATERMAN LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2011

7:05 P. M.

Present: Richard Smith, Leonard Johnson, Bob Bend, Warren Sommerfeld, Norman Gaston, Mark Fenske, Harold Giddings, Wayne Stryker, Jeff Weber, Shawn Blobaum.

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Giddings at 7:05 P. M.

Due to the absence of the Secretary the review and approval of the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

The Treasurers Report was presented and reviewed by Treasurer Bob Bend. The club is within the approved budget passed earlier in the year. The payment of the Quest Program was questioned and funds have not been disbursed for 2011 at this time. The report was approved on a motion by Leonard Johnson, second by Richard Smith and carried.

President's comments included mention of pictures in local newspapers of donations made by the club to Kishwaukee College and the local pre-school. More donations will be made at the Senior Night Meeting to the NICE Center, UMPEC and the Heritage Society.

Nominations Committee member Mark Fenske presented the list of new officers for the coming year, 2012-2013. The officer list is complete except for 1 Board of Director position which is open. The list is attached with these minutes. President Harold asked for volunteers for the Director position. Mark Fenske offered to take the position. The Officers List including the addition of Mark Fenske as Director was approved on a motion by Bob Bend, second by Wayne Stryker and carried.

President Harold also reported that Nicholas Watgen has completed a membership application to join the Waterman Lions Club. Craig Rice has the application but he was not able to attend the meeting due to health problems. The approval of the above membership application was tabled until the next meeting. President Harold also reported that 3 other prospective members have applications out.

Committee reports:

5-K committee- Mark Fenske reported that the committee met last month. The finances of the event were discussed. It was reported that a major sponsor the past couple of years - ROTC, was unable to get approval of the funds this year to sponsor our event. The committee will attempt to replace the ROTC donation with funds from other area businesses. The committee will meet again after the Tractor Show.

At 7:25 a prospective member Matt Yingling joined the meeting.

Blood Drive – President Harold stated that posters have been distributed. He will meet with the marketing representative from the blood center later this week. We will need 3 members to help with the event which takes place from 3:30 – 7:30 May 18th.

Tractor Show – Leonard Johnson distributed a handout he and Steve Bock developed. They put together a list of sub-committee's for the event, with assigned duties for Lions Members. The sub-committees were reviewed and discussed. A copy of the sub-committee list is attached to these minutes. Radio advertising for the event was discussed and it was decided to commit at a later date.

Tootsie Pop Sales – Bob Bend reported that the club raised \$1,563.49. A discussion was held on the amount of the donation to the Foundation. The required donation is 60% or \$937.00. A motion was made by Shawn Blobaum, second by Richard Smith and carried to donate \$1,000.00 to the Foundation.

Senior Citizens Dinner – President Harold has distributed flyers in the community to advertise the event. The date for the dinner is May 26th with serving at 6:00 at the community building. The speaker for the meeting will be John Wright. We will need some Lions to meet at 5:00 to set up tables.

Road Sign – Mark Fenske reported on the results of the specs and pricing he found on replacing our sign. The sign is 48" X 96" and is double sided with a plexi-glass cover. Additional options added would be a new trailer, top header, and an arrow panel. The total cost including tax would be \$2,282.80. It would take about 2 weeks to deliver the new sign. The old sign and trailer would be donated to the Boy Scouts with the stipulation that the Lions could use the sign any time they need to. A motion to purchase the new sign at a cost of no more than \$2,300.00, and the funds taken from the Club Projects account was made by Shawn Blobaum, second by Bob Bend and carried.

New Business:

Norm Gaston requested that the secretary and treasurer reports be e-mailed to members prior to the meetings.

Norm Gaston has talked to an accountant about setting up the club with a 501©3 designation with the IRS. It was mentioned that donors and sponsors want to see documentation that the Lions Club is a tax exempt organization when making donations. It is a lengthy and repetitive application process but it is a 1 time application which an accountant could process with little trouble. It was decided to proceed with the application process and Norm will contact an accountant to complete the application.

Norm also led a discussion of the Summerfest Beer Garden. If we would like to continue this part of the event Pub West would run and staff the beer garden. The Lions would advertise the beer garden in their promotional material and advertising. Trent from Pub West is checking on the necessary insurance coverage and checking with the Liquor Commission. In the past the band for this event has been donated. It was decided to allow Trent to run the beer garden since our club does not have the man power to take on that part of the event, and that he would donate a portion of the profit to the Lions Club. The Lions will discuss and probably supply food for the beer garden and set up the beer garden. There will be no fireworks this year at Summerfest.

President Harold mentioned that he would like the Tractor Show Committee to meet at the Park sometime soon. He suggested including the Boy Scouts in the meeting since they will be helping to serve food at the event.

Old Business – None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P. M. on a motion by Bob Bend, second by Shawn Blobaum and carried.

Submitted by Jeff Weber