

Minutes

Waterman Lions Club

November 13, 2008

President Lion Mark Fenske called to order the November 13, 2008, business meeting of the Waterman Lions Club at 7:03 p.m. at the Clinton Township Community Building in Waterman. He asked Lion Norm Gaston to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call showed 13 members present and one member with an excused absence for an attendance percentage of 52% of the membership. Present were Lions Bob Bend, Shawn Blobaum, Steve Bock, Mark Fenske, Norm Gaston, Harold Giddings, Phil Nielsen, Craig Rice, Al Rickert, Janelle Stein, Wayne Stryker, Jeff Weber, and Richard Smith. Lion Dave Stryker was in attendance at another Lions meeting.

Secretary Pro-Tem Lion Craig Rice distributed copies of the secretary's report from last month. Lion Shawn Blobaum moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Lion Bob Bend seconded the motion. Motion carried on voice vote.

Treasurer Lion Bob Bend distributed copies of the monthly treasurer's report and copies of the proposed 2008-2009 Budget. Lion Norm Gaston asked for the policy on dealing with members who are behind on dues payments. Lion Bob said that the secretary keeps the dues records but he thinks the club's policy is to contact those who are behind two quarters.

The treasurer's report showed \$393.18 of expenses and \$5,291.00 of receipts since last meeting. The current balance in checking is \$10,861.86 and in passbook savings is \$7,474.77. Total on hand is \$18,336.63.

The club discussed the proposed budget. Noting the large balance on hand, Lion Shawn suggested the club could invest in a sign that could be used to promote community activities. Lion Norm said another use could be to pay down the club's pledge to SightFirst II. President Lion Mark tabled further discussion until the January business meeting.

Lion Shawn Blobaum moved to accept the budget for 2008-2009 club year. Lion Steve Bock seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Lion Shawn Blobaum moved to accept the treasurer's report with the change noted that signs purchased were for the 5K race and not for Candy Day. Lion Jeff Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

President Lion Mark read correspondence dealing with an environmental photo contest, a green team environment contest, a thank-you note from Melissa Bouma for the club's contribution for the memorial fund for her husband, the District 1-J bowling contest, Diabetes Month, the Illinois Eye Bank, Ski-for-Sight, and Lions of Illinois Forum.

Committee Reports

Fruit Sales/Pancake Day: Lion Mark distributed fruit order forms and pancake day tickets. Lion Norm noted that the committee bumped up the prices by 50 cents and that Lion Leonard Johnson will prepare and send out the work schedule.

Christmas Tree Sales: Lion Phil Nielsen said the trees would arrive late in the third week of November. He said Lions Steve and Craig helped set steel posts for the tree stand at Swenson's storage lot.

Christmas Party: The party will be December 5 at Johnnies Char House. Lionism starts at six o'clock and dinner at half past six. No presents will be exchange this year. Instead, Lions are asked to contribute \$5.00 or bring non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army food pantries. Deadline to reserve for the party is Thanksgiving. Partygoers will order from the menu.

Gobbler Gallop 5K Race/Walk: Lion Mark passed out the work schedule. Set up starts at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, at the Waterman Grade School. Seventy-seven runners have pre-registered. Race director Karen Fenske expects up to 150 runners to participate. Sponsors have donated \$3,000.00 and many have donated in-kind services such as food and signs. Karen has ordered 200 t-shirts for runners, helpers and sponsors.

Candy Day Report: Lion Janelle Stein reported 67.5 Lion hours were spent on soliciting for Candy Day. Collections brought in \$2,500.00. Lion Norm moved that the club send \$1,600 to Lions of Illinois. Lion Steve Bock seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote. Comments: Working Friday morning was a good deal and brought in an extra \$500.00; the club should try to go through another ½ case next year for 4.5 cases.

Orchard BBQ: The final numbers are not fixed yet, according the Lion Norm Gaston, who coordinated the project, but he expects it to net around \$750. Consensus of the membership was that the extra frozen chops be donated to the NICE Center in Lee.

Halloween Party: Lion Janelle Stein, project co-chairman, reported 35 to 40 children participated. In addition, 13 members and spouses participated as helpers. She suggested moving the start time to 6:30, a half hour later, and go for one hour. The club bought the grade school a Badge-A-Minute button maker. She noted the grade school could also use a blood pressure cuff. Left over candy will be distributed at the 5K race and at the Santa Visit on Pancake Day.

New Business

Lions Quest: Lion Norm Gaston said the club is waiting to see if Lee Lions Club will be one of the clubs sponsoring the program at Indian Creek Middle School. If they are, then the cost of sponsorship for each of three clubs will be about \$209.00. If just Waterman Lions Club and Shabbona Lions Club are sponsors, then the cost will be about \$250 per club.

Adjournment: Lions Shawn Blobaum moved to adjourn the meeting. Lion Steve Bock seconded the motion. Lion Mark declared the meeting adjourned.

Tail Twisters Lion Steve and Lion Shawn fined President Lion Mark for leaving the key in the lock when he unlocked the community building.