

Minutes
Waterman Lions Club
October 11, 2007

President Lion Dale Gaston at 7:07 p.m. called to order the October 2007 business meeting of the Waterman Lions Club at the Community Building in Waterman. Lion Shawn Blobaum led the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call showed the following members present: Bob Bend, Shawn Blobaum, Dale Gaston, Harold Giddings, Leonard Johnson, Phil Nielsen, Craig Rice, Al Rickert, Janelle Stein, and Wayne Stryker. Secretary Lion Dave Stryker could not attend so Craig Rice was appointed secretary pro tempore. Roll Call showed 41 percent of membership present or accounted.

Lion Rice read the minutes of the September 2007 meeting. Lion Shawn moved to approve the minutes as read. Lion Phil seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

President's Report

Lion Dale read a thank-you note from District Governor Lion Ron Fangusaro for our club's hosting him and his wife Elisabeth at Steak Night.

Lion Dale presented a flyer announcing the Lance Halsey Memorial Benefit on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Elburn Lions Park, Elburn. Lance, who died in a motorcycle accident returning home from a Lions Club event, is the son of Zone Chairman Chris Halsey. The event is for the benefit Lance's widow and their three children.

Referring to the September 2007 issue of the District 1-J Journal, Lion Dale pointed out pictures of Lion Dave, Lion Al, and Lion Leonard.

Lion Dale showed a membership promotional brochure developed by Lion Leonard from a similar brochure published by the Paw Paw Lions Club, who, by-the-way, sponsored the formation of our club.

Committee Reports

Health Services: Lion Janelle reported Candy Day solicitations for Friday and Saturday, October 5-6, totaled \$2,078.27. This amounts to almost \$700 per case of candy or \$47 per Lion Hour spent on project. She said, since there is one case of candy left, there will be an encore on Friday, October 12, to finish out the project.

Also, coinciding with the Club's Candy Day solicitation, the club hosted on Saturday, October 6, the Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetic Retinopathy Screening unit with the cooperation of Shabbona Farmers and Traders State Bank at the Waterman location. Eleven persons were screened.

Orchard BBQ: Lion Dale, who coordinated the project, reported the club brought in over \$1200 on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the pork chop sandwich barbecue held at Honey Hill Orchard. Since there is some product left over, Lion Dale said the project would be repeated on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the orchard. Workers should arrive between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Signature Project-Roadside Cleanup: Lion Leonard and Lion Phil coordinate this project. Participants will meet Sunday, Oct. 14, at 7:00 a.m. at Lion Leonard's house.

Boys and Girls: Lion Janelle said the Halloween Party for Waterman children will start at 6:00 p.m. at Waterman Grade School. She requested that the committee and other interested helpers meet to organize the event at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Trattoria Da Francesca—the Italian restaurant in downtown Waterman.

Christmas Trees: Lion Phil said he will add 25 to 30 more trees of larger sizes to the number ordered last year. Trees arrive in Waterman just before Thanksgiving.

Membership: Lion Leonard said the committee will continue recruiting three of the five on the previous shortlist and the committee will develop new group of five potential members to contact.

Pancake Day: Lion Dale said the committee needs to get tickets ready and confirm the date for the Waterman Business Association's Christmas Drawing, which is usually the second Saturday in December.

Program: Lion Janelle reported the program for October is the Halloween Party at the Grade School; November there is no program scheduled because of Thanksgiving; December is the club's Christmas Party, date to be determined. She listed program ideas generated by the committee which may be adopted for meetings early next year.

Park: Lion Dale hopes a letter will be sent out to Waterman Lions asking for their opinions about whether alcohol should be permitted in Waterman Lions Park. If there is a consensus of all members that use of alcohol should be prohibited at the park, then the club can contact the Village Board with its recommendation against adopting a proposal that would allow alcohol.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Bob Bend presented the treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$2,844.22. Income from Orchard BBQ, Candy Day, Gobbler Gallop 5K Race and Dues totaled \$3,818.27. Expenses from Kids Night, tractor show security and Steak Night totaled \$571.18. This gave a balance on hand as of Oct. 11 in checking of \$6,091.31. Balance on hand in passbook savings and certificates of deposit total \$7,209.25. Total balance on hand as of Oct. 11, 2007, is \$13,200.56. President Lion Dale accepted the reported as printed.

Gobbler Gallop 5K Walk/Run: Lion Mark reported that sponsors have given the club \$1,775 and another \$850 is pledged for a total of \$2,625. He said now attention can be diverted to getting runners and promotion. The next committee meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Fenske's house. The event is planned for 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2007, starting at Waterman Elementary School.

Old Business

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New Business

Lion Shawn Blobaum moved that Lion Craig find out the price of a new basketball rack for the Waterman Elementary School. Lion Bob Bend seconded the motion. Motion carried on voice vote.

Tail Twister Lion Janelle called Lion Shawn Blobaum to the front of the room. She asked each member to take a piece of paper write Lion Shawn's full name on it. It seems various spellings of his name appear on Lions Club documents. The subject Lion said his first name is spelled the American way, not the Irish way, and his last name is German with no W after Blo.

Lion Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting. Lion Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Craig Rice, secretary pro tem