

NE Minneapolis Lions Club Minutes:

January 14, 2020 Jax 6:30pm

Call To order: Lion President Tom at 6:30pm

Pledge

Invocation: Lion Marty

Birthdays: Lion Heidi, Lion Bruce LaMere, Lion Dave Vadis

Introduction of Guest and Speaker: Lion Kim Schommer, 5M5 Leader Dog Chair for 2019-2020. Founded by Lions International in 1939. Clients are given seeing eye dogs at no charge. Takes about 18 months from birth to get these dogs ready to be given to client. They match the personality of the dog to the client. Cost of about \$42,000 per dog. Clients need to be white cane and mobile. Labs and Golden's make the best seeing eye dogs and shepherds are also used but generally too protective.

Secretaries Report: Lion Pete; Minutes as submitted by email. Motion Lion Jen, 2nd Lion Deb and approved.

Treasurers Report: Lion Jerry; Checking \$20,001.16 Outstanding Dues \$3,800.00. Motion Lion Larry R, 2nd Lion Denise and approved.

2020 5M5 Convention: Chair Lion Denise; Recap. Great fun. 48,000 pairs of glasses collected, \$316,000 donated at parade of checks (we donated \$8,200) Food donated by Ed and Mary Jane Caputa was delicious. Lion Heidi was awarded the Change Maker Award, Lion Heidi gave the invocation at both the Saturday Luncheon and the Awards Dinner. Plan on attending in 2021.

Bowling Tournament 2020: – Chair Lion Heidi; Jan. 25, 2020 at Elsie's Bowl. Sign in by 12:30 and bowling starts at 1 pm. Sponsors are secured, 6 lanes still open, Elsie's to donate lanes and food, Lot of Fun.

Pot O Gold 2020: Co-Chairs Lion's Heidi and Marty; March 18, 2020 at Jax. Tickets are printed, fliers are being worked on. Need volunteers to help set up. Lion Sherrie to chair the silent auction room, Lion Denise to chair the Barrel of Booze raffle. If anyone has a source for sports tickets for the silent auction or other great prizes we could use let Lion Heidi or Lion Sherrie know. Cost is \$200 per ticket for two. Extra raffle tickets are \$50.00, and Wheelbarrow tickets are \$5.00 each.

Golf Tournament 2020: Chair Lion Larry W, co-chair Lion Ed C and Lion Tom D. June

12, 2020 is the date at Columbia Golf Course with lunch served there and dinner at Jax. Volunteers as always are needed to help run this event. Probably going to raise the entrance fee to cover costs.

Lions Nut Drive 2019: Chair Lion Jerry Recap. \$32,000 spent on nuts, popcorn and boxes. \$21,000 sold leaving us a profit of around \$11,600. We used 800 popcorn and 2125 lbs of nuts.

Lions Nut Drive 2020: Chair Lion Jerry, Open to boxes like last year. Some customers want tins and are willing to pay more so this might be an option this coming year.

Bell Ringing 2019: Chair Lion John H; raised \$824.00 for Salvation Army this year.

CLUB BUSINESS: Opportunity to Volunteer

All of the Club functions are always looking for more volunteer help. Work with your sponsor and plan on volunteering.

Meals on Wheels – Lion Denise; need help last Monday of the month.

Christmas Party 2019 – Lion Joanne; No report

80th Anniversary Celebration: Lion Heidi; July 14, 2020. Will have fliers soon.

Shoe Drive – Lion Jenny; Done and over.

Playground Update – Lion Mike; absent tonight. Bricks are still for sale.

Gaming Report: Gambling Manager Lion Marisa

Nov 2019 Gross Sales \$923,531.00	Nov 2018 Gross Sales \$984,070.00
Nov 2019 Gross Deposit \$149,303.00	Nov 2018 Gross Deposit \$130,674.00
Nov 2019 Net Operating Profit \$21,597.00	YTD Net Operating Profit \$181,143.00
State Taxes Paid \$51,320.00	YTD State Taxes \$240,401.00
City Taxes Paid \$4,197.00	YTD City Taxes \$21,223.00

Motion to approve Lion Susan, 2nd Lion Paul and approved.

January 2020 Operating Expense Request \$150,000.00 Motion to approve Lion Dave, 2nd Lion Paul and approved.

New e-tabs are going in the 1st Tap Draft in the North Loop. (our new site). Will be doing meat raffles and bingo here.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation Requests from General Funds: Discussion item and vote at General meeting. No Requests this month.

Donation Requests from Charitable Gambling: General Membership to Vote on these:
Already approved up to \$2,200. for Leo's at the convention.

ESNS - \$30,000

For Parade of checks at 2020 Convention:

LCIF - \$2,000, Diabetes - \$500, Kid Sight - \$500, New Hope - \$500, Leader Dogs - \$500, Lions Hearing - \$500, Can Do Canines - \$500 (this was given to them in December to get matching funds.) Motion to approve all Lion Paul, 2nd Lion Jenny and approved.

OTHER NEW OR OLD BUSINESS:

Art A Whirl coming up.

Elections coming up.

February 20 will be another membership meet and greet at the Moose on Monroe.

Prior Lakes Lions has an inner city kids fishing event – make a donation for this cause and they will take our club out fishing.

Next Board Meeting at The Moose January 28, 2020 at 6:30pm

Next General Meeting at Jax February 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Lion Larry R, 2nd Lion Sherrie and adjourned at 8:30pm.

In Attendance: Lions all; Dave, Paul, Dave V, John H, Mike I, Heather, Audrey, Tom, Larry W, Susan, John S, Ed, Darrel, Heidi, Christina, Marty, Paul J, Marisa, Jerry, Rick, Denise, Jenny, Jennifer, Deb, Larry R, Brittany, Sherrie and Pete. Prospective new member Alturo Ranallo.

2020 5M-5 Lions Convention

January 10-12th, 2020

Double Tree Bloomington MN

Friday

evening is always FREE and tons of FUN featuring

- Hospitality room judging (This year's theme was Singapore won by the New Hope Lions, Hopkins, and Camden)
- Hot dish judging (won by the Crystal Lions Club - we took 2nd place, 2nd year in a row!)
- our Leos Club was present (along with 85 other Leos) packing Care packages, the socks collected, as well as sorting the 48,000 pairs of glasses that were donated.

Not to mention the

- Frumpy Fashion Show (won by Osseo & Hamel Lions Club)
- The Bags Tournament
- and The Family Feud Lions Style (won by the Maple Grove Lions Club)

Saturday

8am Cabinet Meeting

Note of Interest- dues per member will increase by \$2.20 starting in July 2020. Dues per the 5M-5 have not raised in the past 20 years.

9am Memorial Service-

Our Club honored Jimmy Haracz of Jimmy's Bar, long time member. Do not believe any family members attended on his behalf. Heidi attended but was busy taking pictures of the screen.

11am Lions Presentations and Luncheon

Attended by Lions Paul R and Heidi Z. Speakers on our

- Lions Gift of Sight (now called Lions Vision Foundation) at the U of M (#1 in the Country- Wow!! Started by the Lions Club-U Of M joined in later), as well as
- Lions Youth Exchange Students (life changing experience for High School kids traveling abroad for 3-4 weeks, ½ time with a host family and ½ the time attending a camp showcasing that Countries highlights) no more than two kids from any Country allowed to attend the Camp at a time, never two kids from the same school or Club)
- Peace Poster- The NE Lions Poster took 3rd place.

2pm - 4:30pm Business Meeting

Attended by Lions Roger Spotts, Dave Clarkson, Paul Rolvaag, and Heidi Z

Voting on privacy policy, dues increase and New District Governors.

6pm Lions Awards Dinner

Attended by Lions Paul Rolvaag, Heidi Z, Larry Ranallo, Jerry Weller and Wife Cathy.

Lion Heidi was invited to say prayer. Lions Jerry Weller and Larry Ranallo received well deserved Everyday Hero Awards!
Lion Heidi was presented with a Change Maker Award on behalf of DG Brian Busch.

Sunday

9am Lions Breakfast and Parade of Checks

Attended by Lions John Hoyny, Paul Rolvaag, and Heidi Z

Fun Tail twisting going on- all proceeds go to Charity.

Live Auction for 3 items to be yours for one year. Return the following year at Convention for next auction. All monies raised go to one of the designated Charities.

Lions Heidi Z presented the checks as follows:

- Lions Diabetes Foundation \$500. (Total Convention Donations of \$32,040.00)
- Lions Hearing Foundation \$500. (Total Convention Donations of \$27,325.00).
- Lions Vision Foundation \$1,000. (Total Convention Donations of \$36,835.00).
- Can Do Canines (Denise presented 12/31/2019- for a matching funds grant) Note was placed in an envelope for them at convention noting such. (Total Convention Donations of \$17,695.00).
- Kid Sight Foundation \$500. (Total Convention Donations of \$8,025.00).
- LCIF \$2,000. (Total Convention Donations of 38,000.00).
- Leader Dog \$500. (Total Convention Donations of \$22,700.00)
- Project New Hope \$500. (Total Convention Donations of \$2,250.00)
- Leo's Convention Projects \$2,200. (Total Convention Donations of \$3,775.00)

We did not give in 2020 to

- Special Olympics (Total Convention Donations of \$13,200.00)
- Youth Exchange (Total Convention Donations of \$22,050.00)
- Camp Friendship. (Total Convention Donations of \$2,300.00)
- Camp Confidence (Total Convention Donations of \$1,700.00)

Total NE Lions Donated= \$8,200.00

Total Combination of all Clubs + Silent, Auction, + Bags Tourney Fees, etc. \$316,352.00+

Fun Facts about our 5M-5 District

- Friday night convention is always FREE and FUN!
- Hopkins is our oldest Club (85 years old, founded in 1938).
- 3,000 kids have been screened with the KidSight Cameras resulted in nearly 50 referrals!
- 48,000 pairs of glasses were collected by our Clubs in 5M-5. The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization in Sauk Center, MN collects more than 700,000 pair of used eyeglasses every year. Glasses collected are cleaned, repaired and classified by prescription before being made available for medical mission work in developing countries. Millions fail to reach their economic, educational and social potentials without access to quality eyeglasses.
- This year's International convention will be held in Singapore, and in 2021 Montreal, Quebec

Interested in Leadership Training and making friends join us this year for the **Northern Pride Lions Forum** to be held on March 27-28 2020 Kelly Inn 100-4th Ave S St. Cloud, MN. You will choose 6 of the 36 offered seminars to learn and grow. These skills transfer nicely into your career and life as well. Cost is 105. Plus hotel. If you're interested there may be grant funds available to help cover the costs.

Special Thank you to Convention Chair Denise Dietz, and everyone else who donated, volunteered or attended. You are Appreciated! Make it your goal to attend next year and attend everything, you'll be glad you did!