



Cuyuna Range Lions Newsletter November 2024

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting: November 7., 2024, Hallett Library, 6pm

Club Meeting: November 21, 2024, Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood, MN

Happy November Birthdays!

11/03- Wayne Brezina

11/14-Julie Aspelin

11/14- LeAnn Tichenor

11/21-Ed Anderson

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**Cuyuna Range Lion's Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2024
Hallett Library**

Attendees: LeAnn Tichenor, Mark Boike, Laura Martin, MaryLou Smith, MaryJo Wehseler, Chuck Lubowitz, Robin Novotny, Judy Odegaard, Diane Boike, Ed Anderson, Steve Freese

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by LeAnn Tichenor.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented and there were no changes. Motion made by Laura Martin with a 2nd by Chuck Lubowitz to approve the agenda. Motion voted and passed.

Approval of September 5, 2024 Board Minutes: The board minutes were sent via e-mail to all board members for approval. There were no changes or discussion to the minutes. Motion made by Robin Novotny with a 2nd by Laura Martin to approve the September 5, 2024 Board Minutes. Motion voted and passed.

Review of Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed. There was a question about the \$508.41 payment for websites. There is a club website but it has not been working for several months. It is nonfunctional for two thirds of the time. We need to find a new platform for the club website. Laura will set up a new website with a new provider. Mark and Laura will work together on getting the new website set up and running.

Correspondence

a. Letter from Scholarship Recipient: The recipient wanted to know how to get the awarded money. Laura will contact the recipient.

Requests for Donations: Crosby/Ironton Grad Blast: A request was received for the yearly grad blast. This will be presented at the general membership for discussion.

Committee Reports

Roadside Cleanup

Chuck reported the cleanup will take place on October 12. The area has been mowed so it doesn't look that bad. Meet at 8:00 at the Ironton sign. Karla will contact those that have signed up.

26 Club

Mark reported the city of Ironton has approved the event. All information will be sent to the state. Laura has all of the tickets. You can begin selling now. All tickets are to be sold by November 13. Please remind people when filling out the ticket to not write information past the perforation.

Awards

Ed and Mark are putting together a committee of previous recipients. Once people have been selected the list will be given to LeAnn for review and decision on when to present awards. We need to make this a big deal. There is not timeline at this time. Ed will give a list of presidential awards to LeAnn. We need to communicate more to the club on what types of awards are available.

Riverton Park Clean Up

Laura reported there is no change at this time and work will not commence until spring.

Shed Maintenance

Mark reported that Terry and Dave will help with maintenance. Plywood has been purchased for the ramp. A motion was made by Ed with a 2nd by Judy to spend up to \$300 on the maintenance of the shed. Motion was voted and passed.

Food Truck Maintenance

Laura reported for Ron that there is no change at this time.

Old Business

a. Signature Fundraiser Vote

i. Last month the board reviewed and determined to not continue with looking at Heritage Days or the Phonebook as a fundraiser. It was determined these should go to the club for a vote as it is a club event. These items will be placed on the agenda for the next club meeting. Mark will talk to Laurie about Heritage Days and what is involved if the club wants to help. LeAnn will ask Gerry to speak about the phonebook. The tractor pull has been confirmed for Heritage Days next year.

b. Donut Event

i. Chuck has nothing to report at this time. We may look into having the waffle guy do an event with us in the winter. Chuck will see if he can get more info on the waffle guy.

New Business

a. Additional Donations: We will bring to the next club meeting, for discussion and vote, the following yearly donations: Cuyuna Youth Center, Kinship Partners, Hallett Library, Cuyuna Lakes Foundation, and Confidence Learning Center. We also have a couple of outstanding "commitments" that need to be discussed and voted on. They are \$2000 for scholarships and \$2000 for holiday families.

b. Potential Donation Recipients: We will remind club members that if there are any organizations that they feel we should consider as a donation recipient, they should give that information to the board for discussion at a club meeting.

- c. New Club Event: LeAnn and MaryLou discussed the event that took place on October 1. The district is wanting to add clubs to the area. There was a meeting about starting a club in Deerwood. Not a lot of interest for a new club. We as a local club need to bring in new members.
- d. Expanding Club Membership: Jude presented that we need ideas for events that will help expand our membership. What can we do that will attract more members to our club and to get current members to attend. If you have any ideas, send them to Judy before the November board meeting. We can also bring in District resources to advise us on growing our club. It was decided to not do this yet.
- e. Holiday Party: Laura and Diane are working on the event. Looking into venues and thinking outside of the box for idea.
- f. Summary of Event Profits: LeAnn will gather this information and send it to the Courier for publication. Include a thank you for all those that have donated and what the Lions do in and for the community.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Judy with a 2nd by Laura to adjourn the meeting at 7:20. Motion was voted and passed.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/17/24: Lions Club Meeting
- 11/7/24: Lions Board

The next meeting will be by 11/7/24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hallett Library

Respectfully submitted by MaryLou Smith, Recording Secretary

**“Lions raise funds, have fun
and then we give it all
away!” Lion Dick Waby**

****SAVE THE DATE**- Lions Christmas Party, December 19th at the 40 Club. More information to follow!**

**Cuyuna Range Lion's Club
Club Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024
Salem Lutheran Church**

Lion LeAnn Tichenor called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. Those in attendance were: LeAnn and Terry Tichenor, Marian and Steve Freese, Mark and Diane Boike, MaryLou and Dave Smith, MaryJo Wehseler, Ed and Jan Anderson, Jim and Birdie Walth, Mike and Jean Shermock, Karla Peterson, Chuck Lubowitz, Dennis and Gerry Nyberg, Dave Dehn, Cathy Akyens.

Introduce and Welcome Guests: There were no guests present today.

Table Grace & Meal: Lion Jim Walth

Program: No program today.

Approval of Agenda: There were three additions to the agenda: Old Business add Phone Book under Fundraising Suggestions, Holiday Kids/Families under Request for Donations and under Old Business remove Food Operations from Fundraising Suggestions. A motion was made by Lion Chuck with a 2nd by Lion Judy to approve the amended agenda. No discussion. Motion voted and passed.

Approval of September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed without any changes. Motion was made by Lion Karla with a 2nd by Lion Mark. Motion was voted and passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Lion Steve provided a copy of the treasurer's report for everyone present. Members reviewed the report. Motion made by Lion Cathy with a 2nd by Lion Chuck to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion voted and passed.

Correspondence: Thank yous were received for all of the majors that were submitted as well as a thank you from CRMC for the donation to their Halloween event.

Requests for Donations:

1. Crosby-Ironton Grad Blast: In the past we have donated \$100 to this event. A motion was made by Lion Cathy with a 2nd by Lion Karla to donate \$100 to the Crosby-Ironton Grade Blast. Motion was voted and passed.

2. Food Shelf: The community food shelf is requesting a donation to assist with holiday food bags to be given to students prior to the extended Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. This would be for approximately 25 bags of food. A motion was made by Lion Ed with a 2nd by

Lion Kathy to donate \$300 to the food shelf and be applied to the food bags for students during the holidays. The motion was voted and passed.

3. Holiday Kids/Families: In the past the club has traditionally donated \$2,000 to purchase gift cards for families identified by the school. These gift cards include but are not limited to Target, grocery stores and local restaurants. A motion was made by Lion Steve with a 2nd by Lion Dave to donate \$2,000 for the Holiday Kids/Families. Motion was voted and passed.

Committee Reports:

1. Chaplain: Lion Marian reported that Lions Ed and Mark have upcoming surgeries.
2. Riverton Park Project - Lion MaryLou reported that there were no updates at this time and work will most likely start in the spring.
3. Shed Clean Up and Maintenance: Lion Mark stated that a new ramp will need to be built/installed. Lions Terry, Dave and Chuck have volunteered to help clean out the shed. There is no way to totally mouse proof the shed. The shed will be cleaned out and a lot of items thrown away. Once that is completed, we can look at improving the outside of the shed.
4. Food Truck Clean Up: Lion Ron was not present to report on any updates.
5. Roadside Cleanup: Lion Karla reported that we have to pick a new date for clean up as the previous date was rained out. The new date is Monday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Anyone that wants to help can show up between 4:00 and 5:00 on the 21st.
6. 26 Club: Lion Mark reported that there are two books of tickets left to be given out to people for selling. Lions Mark and Bonnie have requested one of those books. The Town Tavern has been confirmed and there is a sign on the wall promoting the event. A friendly reminder when people are filling out their information to not go beyond the perforation. This will make sure all information is visible and can be read.
7. Donut Sales: Lion Jim reported that he has not been able to find anywhere that rents a donut making machine. The closest place is in the cities. Lion Chuck brought up having the waffle guy coming out for an event. At this time, it is yet to be determined if we will do this event. Lion Jim will continue to research.
8. Holiday Party: Lions Diane and Laura are still in the planning stages. Invites to go out by Thanksgiving.

Old Business: At last month's meeting it was announced that the Board determined there was not enough interest in the following ideas. The board then decided to bring these ideas back to the general membership for discussion.

1. Fundraising Suggestions

a. Heritage Days: Lion Mark spoke to Laurie about the Lions possibly working with her on Heritage Days. She was elated to hear this news. Laurie is interested in meeting with Mark and other Lions to discuss Heritage Days and what work would be involved. This will definitely require more than one person to help. Lion Mark will report back once he gets further information and we will then do additional research if needed.

b. Directory: Lion Gerry gave the club information on the Directory the club in Canada made. This club made over \$40,000. There is a lot of time involved as

you need to solicit companies to place ads in the book and then compile the book. She will present more information in the spring.

New Business:

1. Traditional Donations: The following is a list of traditional donations the club makes every year. Organizations were discussed and voted on. These donations will be made on Give to the Max Day.
 - a. Youth Center: A motion was made by Lion Ed with a 2nd by Lion Steve to donate \$400 plus fees to the Cuyuna Youth Center. Motion was voted and passed.
 - b. Kinship Partnership: It was decided to wait on a decision for a donation to this organization.
 - c. Hallett Library: A motion was made by Lion MaryLou with a 2nd by Lion Karla to donate \$400 plus fees to the Hallett Library
 - d. Cuyuna Lakes Education: A motion was made by Lion MaryLou with a 2nd by Lion Cathy to donate \$200 plus fees to the Cuyuna Lakes Education Foundation. Motion was voted and passed.
 - e. Confidence Learning: A motion was made by Lion Dave with a 2nd by Lion MaryLou to donate \$400 plus fees to Confidence Learning Center. Motion was voted and passed.
 - f. Habitat for Humanity: A motion was made by Lion Cathy with a 2nd by Lion Judy to donate \$500 plus fees to Habitat for Humanity. Motion was voted and passed.
 - g. Prevent Child Abuse: A motion was made by Lion Mark with a 2nd by Lion Gerry to donate \$300 plus fees to Prevent Child Abuse. Motion voted and passed.

2. New Donations: If you hear of any organizations in the community that are seeking donations, please suggest that organization to the club. Lion Ed made a motion that we make another donation to LCIF for \$500. Lion Karla 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

3. Additional Service Projects: Are there any projects going on in the community that we can help with? Lion Mark talked about building a shelter with a built-in table. This is something that could be built in any of the parks in the area and all members of the community could use it. Another idea was to assist people with rides to doctor appointments. Some clubs collect plastic and have it recycled into benches. Think of additional projects that we can bring up and research.

4. Expanding Club Membership: Lion Judy brought up the fact that we need to get more members in our group. It's the same people doing all of the work and we need more people to help assist with projects and events. What is an event we can host that will bring in people and have them become members? We need to have members of the community know what we do. Let's think of an event and advertise it to get the new members.

5. Thank You in Paper - We will run an ad in the December issue of the Courier thanking everyone that has donated and/or helped the Lions Club this year in any way (i.e., SuperOne, etc.). Lion LeAnn will submit this information

6. Zone Club Meeting Hosting: Are we interested in hosting a Zone meeting? Discussion was tabled to research further and discuss at a later date.

Tail Twister: Lion Terry had a quiz on Culinary topics and Halloween. The winner with the most correct answers was Lion Cathy.

Free Meal: Lion Jim won the drawing for a free meal next month.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Lion MaryLou with a 2nd by Lion Judy to adjourn the meeting at 8:13. Motion voted and passed.

Upcoming Events:

11-07-24: Lions Board Meeting at the Hallett Library, 6:00 p.m.

11-21-24: Lions Club Meeting at Salem Lutheran Church Social Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Social, Meeting begins at 7:00

Minutes respectfully submitted by MaryLou Smith, Recording Secretary

