

Cuyuna Range Lion's Club
Club Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2024
Salem Lutheran Church

Lion LeAnn Tichenor called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Those in attendance were: LeAnn and Terry Tichenor, Marian and Steve Freese, Mark and Diane Boike, Laura and Ron Martin, MaryLou and Dave Smith, MaryJo Wehseler, Ed and Jan Anderson, Robin Novotny, Chuck and Judy Odegaard, Bonnie Rekucki, Jim and Birdie Walth, Becky and Gary Guida, Cathy Aykens, and Estella Waby.

Introduce and Welcome Guests: Tyler Scull and Ginny Savaloja from The Community Effect are in attendance.

Table Grace & Meal: Lion Jim Walth

Program: Tyler Scull gave an overview of The Community Effect. At this time he is not asking for a donation but giving general information hoping that Lion members will want to become involved in the program. The program is a new non-profit that cultivates impactful and meaningful relationships with children. A reading program was started at the elementary school and was a huge success. This was the pilot program for the organization with hopes of it becoming bigger in the future.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Lion Robin with a 2nd by Lion Birdie. Motion was voted and passed.

Approval of May 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed without any changes. Motion was made by Lion Mark with a 2nd by Lion Gary. Motion was voted and passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Lion Steve gave an update on items paid and monies collected from cans. Motion by Lion Ed with a 2nd by Lion Ron to approve the report. Motion voted and passed. Lion Robin requested those that have not yet paid their dues to pay them as soon as possible.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Requests for Donations:

1. Interfaith Volunteers: Lion Bonnie gave a presentation on behalf of Lion Mark who volunteers with Interfaith Volunteers. This organization works on making homes safe for older adults and those with disabilities so they can stay in their home. They work in all of Crow Wing County. Lion Ed made a motion to donate \$500 to Interfaith Volunteers. A 2nd by Lion Cathy. Motion was voted and passed.
2. Cuyuna Range Youth Center: The club donates to this organization yearly. It was decided to table this donation until Give to the Max happens.
3. Confidence Learning Center: This request was also tabled until Give to the Max happens.
4. Coats for Kids: The Board voted to donate \$300. Members have also donated an additional \$200. There was discussion if this should be handled differently as we are a

service organization donating to another service organization. We will discuss in the future if the club should give directly to Coats for Kids instead of going through the Knights of Columbus.

Committee Reports:

1. Chaplain: Lion Marian reported that everyone is doing well.
2. Power Boat Races: Sign up sheets were passed. Several Board members are the chair of this event. Help is still needed for the initial set up on 7/27.
3. Heritage Days:
 - a. Lion Ron reported the car show has been advertised and there should be a very good turn out. The club is sponsoring the event this year as it was determined the Fire Department cannot donate to our club. We will need to find a new sponsor for next year.
 - b. Food Booth: Lion Terry and Lion Dave are chairing this event. Food booth sign ups will be sent out shortly.
 - c. Tractor Pull: Tractor Pull will begin at noon. Still in need of 1-2 volunteers to help with registration. Mike and Chuck will help. We will seek sponsors to pay for this event next year.
 - d. Peaches: Lion Judy reported that peaches will be delivered on July 29 so everyone needs to contact who they sold to last year to confirm they are buying this year. Sign ups were passed around to help with pick up days. Pick up will be held at Nelson Trucking.

Old Business:

1. Roadside Clean Up: This will happen again in the fall. The more help we have the easier the task.

New Business:

1. Service Project for Riverton Park: Lions Laura and Ron presented on this project. The park in Riverton is in need of some maintenance. Riverton also stores our trailer. It would be beneficial for both Riverton and the Lions to work together. Our tasks could possibly include painting, planting, small repairs on the equipment. We might get a sign in the park with our name on the sign. At this time the City of Riverton is checking to make sure the Lions would not be held liable for anything and what sort of budget they have for us. Lion Laura is the chair of this committee and Lions Judy and MaryLou have also volunteered to work on the committee
2. Fundraising Suggestions: Lion LeAnn asked that each member consider how we can expand our club's fundraising and come up with a signature event besides the 26 Club and peach sales. Members are asked to bring ideas to next month's meeting.
3. Shed and Food Truck Cleanup and Maintenance Committee: Lion LeAnn stated the shed and food truck need continued maintenance and cleanup. We need a committee set up to keep a pulse on the status of both so we can be ready to go. Lion Ron will chair this committee. Lion Mark said he would be part of this committee. Anyone else interested in this committee should let Lion Ron know.

Tail Twister: Lion Terry had a quiz on Navy Knowledge.

Free Meal: Dave Smith is the winner for next month's meal.

Adjourn: Lion Ron made a motion that we adjourn at 8:25 p.m. A 2nd was made by Lion Mary Jo. Motion voted and passed.

Upcoming Events:

- 07-27 and 07-28: Power Boat Races – Food Booth
- 08-01-24 Lion's Board Meeting
- 08-15-24 Lion's Club Meeting
- 08-17-24 Heritage Days Car Show, Food Booth and Tractor Pull

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by LeAnn Tichenor. Agenda was presented and a change was made to the agenda to add Confidence Learning Center to Request for Donations. A motion was made by Chuck Lubowitz and a second by Laura Martin to accept the agenda with the change. Motion was voted and passed.

The June Board minutes were sent out for everyone to review. The minutes were reviewed and one change was made. A motion was made by Ed Anderson to approve the minutes with the change and there was a second by Robin Novotny. Motion was voted and passed.

The Treasurer's report was handed out to all present and reviewed. Steve Freese stated that we received \$1452 in dues at the year end picnic. Those funds have been deposited for the new year.

Correspondence

- No correspondence to share

Request for Donations

- Received a request from Confidence Learning Center for a donation. Laura Martin will contact Confidence Learning Center and ask that they attend a meeting and present their program. At that time we can decide on a donation.

Committee Reports

- Chaplain Marian - Lion Marian Freese reported that everyone is doing well. .
- Power Boat Races: The committee for the power boat races consists of Ron and Laura Matin, Mark and Diane Boike, Terry and LeAnn Tichenor and MaryJo Wehseler. We are still in need of a chairperson. Leann and Terry will lead Saturday and Mark and Diane will lead on Sunday. Additional volunteers are still needed to help to make this event a success. At least 2 more people are needed to help with the event on Sunday, July 28. As a club we need to find additional ways to get more members helping with events. The committee will meet to discuss final details such as food pricing (pork chops on a stick, burgers, hot dogs), set up, etc. The Power Boat Race Committee will meet after the July 18 club meeting.
- Heritage Days - The fire department can no longer sponsor the Lions for the car show. We will pay for the event this year with the goal of getting a sponsor for next year. We should not be soliciting members for additional funds to have this event. Any member donated funds will be returned. The event for Heritage Days consists of the car show, food booth and tractor pull. Volunteers are still needed for the food booth and tractor pull. The club has spent approximately \$690 in the past and this includes the tractor pull, car show trophies, car kits, dash plaques, and porta potty. A motion was made by Terry Tichenor and a second by Dave Smith that the club fund the car show this year

and we will revisit the funding for next year as it gets closer. The motion was voted and passed. The food booth needs a chair for Heritage Days. Terry Tichenor and Dave Smith will co-chair this event. Mark Boike has the information from last year to pass on to Terry and Dave.

- Peaches - Peaches will be sold in half lugs only this year. The cost of a half lug is \$22. Delivery is approximately the end of August. We do not know yet if pears will be available. A due date for orders has not yet been established.

Old Business

- Riverton Park Service Project - We will present to the club membership taking on Riverton Park as a service project. This would include some minor maintenance on equipment, etc. The material will be provided by Riverton and members will evaluate the work to be done and complete the repairs. This will also include ongoing maintenance and care of structures within the park. It will not be a significant amount of man hours. The city of Riverton mostly wants to have a volunteer group making sure everything is okay. By helping out the city of Riverton the club has the potential option of rental storage space for the food trailer with the rental cost being zero. If it's decided we want to take this on we could look at having a plaque in the park with our club name on it. It needs to be determined that the club and its members will not be held liable for anything should someone become injured by something we helped repair. Ron Martin will get a list of needs and expenses from the city of Riverton for this project.
- Roadside Clean Up - There were 8 volunteers that helped with this event. Saturday is the best day for volunteers to help. The fall clean up will be held on a Saturday. Roadside Clean Up will be on the July membership meeting agenda so everyone can begin planning for this event.
- Shed Repair and Clean Up - The shed is in pretty good shape at this time. We also need to include the food truck as part of the clean up event. The shed needs to be sealed to prevent critters from getting in. A committee will need to be formed and they will need to set up a long term maintenance plan for the cleaning of the food truck and shed. A motion was made by Terry Tichenor with a second by Mark Boike to form a committee for long term renovation/maintenance of the shed and food truck with a budget to be determined at a later date. This committee will also maintain a list of food assets in the shed, bins and trailer. Discussion should occur at the next club meeting. The motion was voted and passed.

New Business

- Coats for Kids - Steve Freese presented a letter for this year's collection. The club has donated \$300 in past years. A motion was made by Chuck Lubowitz with a second by Robin Novotny that we donate \$300 to Coats for Kids. The motion was voted and passed.
- Fundraising local phone book: LeAnn presented a fundraising option for the club. This was establishing a local phone book of businesses and members. The book was done by a club in Canada and raised a great deal of money. Our club needs a signature event/fundraiser. We will ask members to contribute ideas for potential events. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. We will ask members of the club to bring their ideas and a brief description of their idea to the September meeting. A motion was made by Terry Tichenor with a second by MaryLou Smith to place on the July agenda a new business item of Signature Events/Fundraiser with each member bringing an idea to the September meeting. It will be our September program and there is no pressure for the member to get up and present. Motion voted and passed

- Programs for Lion's Club meetings: Laura Martin, as past president, is in charge of contacting people/organizations for program presentations at our meetings. We need to let Laura know when the District Governor is going to visit so the meeting is not overbooked.
- Bank Signatures: A copy of the minutes must be provided to the bank so signature cards for the accounts can be updated. LeAnn Tichenor is President, Mark Boike is first vice president and Steve Freese is Treasurer. These people were voted in at the May general members meeting. A motion was made by Steve Freese with a second by Diane Boike for LeAnn, Mark and Steve to be on the signature card. The motion was voted and passed.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn at 7:11 was made by Robin Novotny with a second by Laura Martin. Motion was voted and passed.

The next meeting will be 8/1/24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Deerwood Legion

Respectfully submitted by MaryLou Smith, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events:

7/20/24: Lion's Club Meeting

7/27 & 28/24: Power Boat Races

8/1/24: Lion's Board Meeting

8/17/24: Car Show @ Heritage Days

End of August/Beginning of September: Peaches arrive