

LIONS MOBILE SIGHT & HEARING UNIT OF DISTRICT 24-D, INC



~ Lions Serving the Community ~

THIRD QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Angelo's Steakhouse Newport News, VA February 18, 2010

President Lion Nancy Cranford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. (A copy of the Agenda is on file as part of the official minutes.)

Thirteen board members were present for a quorum as follows:

- William Chasten
- John Cranford
- Nancy Cranford
- Charlie Cunningham
- Al Miller
- Bob Nery
- Minnie Nery
- Solomon Sherfey
- Clay Senecal
- Roy Stockdill
- Dayton Ward
- Janice Ward
- Charles Wood

Also present was, Chet Kramer, PDG, Fund Raising Committee, Mel Stauffer, Driver; and Christine Stauffer, Van Aesthetics Committee

President Lion Nancy Cranford recognized and welcomed each of the guests to the meeting.

As Lion Secretary Dayton Ward had completed a roll call as members arrived, a formal roll call was not taken.

The minutes of the November 19, 2009 Board meeting had been sent to all board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded and approved. (A copy is on file as part of the official minutes.)

Lion Treasurer John Cranford presented the Treasurer's report for the year to date. Lion John reported that:

- Receipts have been good and most clubs are current in paying for use of the Van.
- Have had donations as well as the Eyeglass Recycling Center has paid their rent bill for the next 6 months. Have also received money from Food Lion (MVP) and CFC; however, Food Lion has changed their criteria and we will on longer get MVP contributions from them.
- The present checking balance is \$31,002.09.
- The majority of the checking account, \$25,908 is for Van Replacement and the remaining 5,092 is for operations.
- Have a CD for \$15,354.34 that belongs to the Van Replacement Fund. It is due March 7th.
- He now has online access to the checking account, and when possible uses online payment of bills.

After some discussion it was moved and approved to increase the CD to \$30,000 at its renewal in March.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. ***(A copy is on file as part of the official minutes.)***

Committee Reports:

Building & Van Engineer: Lion Sol Sherfey

Van Status - Maintenance

Lion Sol gave us an update on van repairs and maintenance as follows:

- Had gotten a lot done over Christmas and had finished:
 - Repair of leaking radiator
 - Repair of the left leaking hydraulic jack
 - Replacing all of the shock absorbers
 - Replacing one tire that was over 5 years old, one more old tire yet to replace (now used as a spare)
 - Wheel wells repaired
 - Dash fan is working again
- Has material and is now working on the battery isolation switch.
- Now working on the hearing booth doors.
- Repair of rear awning is estimated at about \$1,100. Looking at alternatives before proceeding.
- Still working on valve extensions for dual wheels, the new valve extensions didn't work out.

Building Status: Lion Sol gave us an update on the building as follows:

- Need to get up on roof and repair leak at heater exhaust
- Need to wire light switch for two-way operation
- Need to repair Emergency Lighting and Exit sign (Fire Marshall)
- Need to wire, plumb compressor
- Need to replace locks
- Want to extend lattice work on mezzanine all the way across
- Want to paint floor
- Need to pour pad for eyeglass recycling bin (sketches from DG Gary - estimate - \$400)
- Parades & Floats storage much improved, but could still use some cabinetry/shelving

Lion Sol's report was approved as presented. ***(A copy is on file as part of the official minutes.)***

Lion Sol also reported that there was a surprise inspection by the Fire Marshal. Everything went well.

Changes to Building: - Initiated by Eyeglass Recycling

- There was some discussion regarding the container for Chesapeake Garbage Collection and the Mail Box that was obtained by Eyeglass Recycling. Any expenses incurred for Chesapeake Garbage Collection to go to Eyeglass Recycling.
- Eyeglass Recycling also has a metal bin setting at the side of the building for use by people dropping off used glasses.

- Eyeglass Recycling wants to put in a concrete pad for the Garbage Container and the metal bin for eyeglass drop-off.
- Eyeglass Recycling also wants to move the existing curb cut to the right of its current location. This would increase the width of the driveway entrance.
- Reasons for the changes (concrete pad and moving the curb cut) are not fully understood and may involve permit issues as they would infringe on the storm water collection pond and into the right of way for the street and collection ditch.
- The Eyeglass Recycling Center had previously told Lion President Nancy that they would contact the City of Chesapeake to see if they would be responsible for moving the curb cut.
- Any costs for such a concrete pad and moving the curb cut would need to be paid for by Eyeglass Recycling.
- Lion Chet Kramer noted that these actions had not yet been discussed by the Eyeglass Recycling Board.
- At the urging of Lion Clay Senecal and Lion Sol Sherfey there was discussion leading to approval of a motion that a letter be sent to Eyeglass Recycling stressing that any requests/changes first come to the Sight & Hearing Unit Board before any action is taken by Eyeglass Recycling. The letter to stress responsibility for incurred costs and not wanting to take any actions that could jeopardize our current exemption from Chesapeake property tax.

Constitution & Bylaws: Lion Clay Senecal stated that he had no issues to talk about tonight; however, at Lion Nancy's urging on the issue of mailing meeting notifications vs. use of email, Lion Clay clarified that email was not a legal communication. Subsequent discussion is summarized as follows:

- Lion Clay noted that from an operational standpoint, if we are doing it and no one is complaining about it we should not worry about it. Just continue doing it, just don't formalize it in the by-laws.
- Lion Secretary Dayton Ward noted that his practice was to only use US Mail for meeting notifications to just the elected board members. Meeting notifications to all others was by email. Distribution of meeting minutes (not addressed by the by-laws) was handled by email. If anyone did not have email (or upon request), US Mail was used.
- Lion Dayton agreed to start sending meeting notices by email unless individuals requested otherwise. Notice for the Annual Meeting will continue to be sent by US Mail.

Fund Raising: Lion Chet Kramer proposed that we have a Bowl-A-Thon as these were often successful fund raisers. This activity would involve people at the individual club level, and would be open to everyone and all ages. The focus of the Bowl-A-Thon being to raise money for the Van Replacement Fund. A brief overview follows:

- **Date:** Saturday, June 12, 2010 (1:00 – 3:00 PM)
- **Location:** AMF Lanes, located at 6660 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-3422 (757) 420-5840. Will reserve 20 to 25 lanes. Can expand if needed.
- **Cost:** \$20.00 per bowler, asking each team to drum up \$250.00 in sponsorship.
- Team members do not have to be Lions.
- Will provide donated gifts to top 3 winning teams.
- Will also sell 50/50 tickets for \$5.00 each. Can sell tickets at Region Meetings, Club meetings, State Convention, and to the public at the Bowling Lanes. Drawing

at the Bowl-A-Thon. Lion Dayton Ward will assist with coordinating distribution/sales of the 50/50 tickets. Lion Chet will print the tickets on standard ticket forms.

Lion Chet passed out copies of a flyer promoting the event

A motion was made and approved to support Lion Chet's proposed Hearing Van Bowl-A-Thon Fund Raiser Event. ***(A copy of the Sight & Hearing Van Bowl-A-Thon flyer is on file as part of the official minutes.)***

Grounds: Lion "Chase" Chasten had no report as there was no activity.

Medical Equipment Upgrade: Lion Clay Senecal reported that in Franklin, he had set up one Vision Machine for "**Far**" and the other machine for "**Near**"; requiring people to be screened by each machine. This worked out much better and completely eliminated any issues with accuracy of screeners communicating results to the clients.

At Lion President Nancy's request, Lion Sol discussed the issue of Mathews Lions Club (in conjunction with Lion Dr. Houser Weiler and The Eyeglass Recycling Center) using a "Trailer" for sight screening. This presents a potential issue as one of those promoting use of the Trailer ***in lieu*** of the Sight & Hearing Van is the District Governor.

- We have been working hard to keep the costs down so that many clubs can use it and in this regard we need to be supported by the District leadership.
- Ideally we could work together, using the Van for screening and the Trailer staffed with a Doctor(s) and used eyeglasses to issue and fill prescriptions. We have not yet been successful in getting them to work with us.
- It was recommended that we have a meeting with the District Governor and Cabinet to express our concerns.

Scheduling: Lion Doug Mueller, PDG was not present; however, Lion Sol had a report from Lion Doug which summarized scheduling activity, Year to Date. ***(A copy is on file as part of the official minutes.)***

- Use schedule for ***past*** months:
 - July - RAM
 - August - 5 runs
 - September- 15 runs
 - October - 11 runs plus Fall Conference
 - November — 6 runs
 - December - 3 runs
 - January - 1 run
- Use schedule for ***future*** months:
 - February - 3 runs scheduled at this time.
 - March - 3 runs scheduled at this time.
 - April - 5 runs scheduled at this time including a three day run to Lancaster County.
 - May - 2 runs scheduled at this time.
 - June - 1 run scheduled at this time.
- Four Clubs turned down for scheduling conflicts on initial request, three rescheduled usage date with fourth reschedule pending
- Four Events cancelled, two lack of participants, one weather, one due to a date change

Biggest challenge is getting drivers to read their email and respond. Use of email is the most effective way of broadcasting LMSHU usage dates quickly to all drivers so they can volunteer to take runs. It is the way scheduling of drivers will continue until and unless a new scheduler is selected. If doing scheduling by telephone is desired I would recommend that another scheduler be recruited.

Lion Nancy urged all drivers to respond to their email, if they can't drive, still respond by email letting Lion Doug know that they can't.

Van Aesthetics: Lion Christine Stauffer confirmed that the Van was clean and in good shape.

Web-Site: Lion Sol reported that he had just updated it today and had set up a page for a photo gallery and had sent an email to Lion Don Mikulecky asking when he would be ready to take over as webmaster.

Old Business:

Status of 500 Pins Celebrating 10 Years of RAM: Lion Sol reported that the design had been set and it was with Dave Harris. Lion Sol felt that it was more appropriate to only get 200 pins.

Updating Speakers Script: Lion Nancy reported that she had finished revising the Speakers Script and would send out copies to everyone on the Speaker Committee.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Lion Nancy reported that she had appointed Lion Bob Nery, Lion Minnie Nery, and Lion Clay Senecal to be the Nominating Committee for next year.

Food Lion – MVP: Lion Nancy read the letter from Food Lion where they had revised their MVP criteria to only supporting those organizations whose primary focus is to:

- Provide hunger relief
- Improve children's health
- Offer nutritional education in the community or to
- Operate and maintain a free standing animal clinic in the community

Lion Nancy has reviewed all of our data on how many times we have screened school children and is writing Food Lion a letter requesting that we continue to get their support

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7pm at Angelo's Steakhouse in Newport News.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Dayton Ward

Secretary