

Waterman Lions Club  
September 12, 2013, Business Meeting

Vice President Lion Shawn Blobaum called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in the conference room at KishHealth Center in Waterman. Lion Richard Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call showed the following Lions present: Bob Bend, Richard Smith, Mark Fenske, Shawn Blobaum, Craig Rice, Warren Sommerfeld and Dale Gaston. Also present was guest Mel Hass representing Wild West Shows & Cowboy Events.

Lion Shawn introduced Hass who talked about his group, the Northern Illinois Outlaws—cowboy mounted shooting contestants who compete in this equestrian sport: a fast action timed event using two 45 caliber single action revolvers each loaded with five rounds of specially prepared blank ammunition. Courses of fire are set in a variety of patterns. During the run, cowboys try to shoot out balloons.

If the club wants to hire them, the “Outlaws” will perform at the Lions Club Summer Festival and Antique Tractor Show. Hass proposed doing two half-hour shows—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Costs would be \$250 per horse and rider, minimum three horses; \$75 for a mounted announcer; \$30 insurance and \$250 ammunition.

The club made no decision regarding hiring the performers.

**Secretary's Report:** Lion Craig distributed copies of the report. Lion Bob Bend moved to accept the report and Lion Mark Fenske seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Bob Bend handed out copies of the report. It showed balance on hand at the last meeting of \$13,124.81. Since then, the club had income from dues and interest totaling \$826.07. It had disbursements and expenses for tractor show, donations, kids night supplies, zone meeting meals and flowers. These totaled \$2,160.88. The current balance on hand in checking is \$11,790.00. Current balance on hand in savings is \$9,243.91. Balance on hand in all accounts is \$21,033.91.

Lions Richard Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Lion Warren Sommerfeld seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Old Business

*Funding Middle School Projector Project:* Lion Dale Gaston reported that Shabbona Lions are not participating in this and Lee Lions will decide whether to participate at their meeting later this month. The topic was postponed until the September 26, 2013, Steak Fry dinner meeting.

*Back to School Picnic:* Lion Mark Fenske said the event was a “roaring success”.

*Halloween Party:* Lion Mark said it would be October 31. Lion Richard questioned whether the club should drop this event because of low turn out. Other members suggested perhaps the club could partner with other organizations such as Methodist and Presbyterian Churches' Trunk or Treat. Lion Mark will check with Lion Dave and Mary Stryker and Lion Phil Nielsen.

*Lions Club College Scholarship:* The Boys and Girls Committee—Lions Warren, Mark, Nathan and Jerry—and Lion Dale will have a revision of the application, selection criteria and description ready for the next dinner meeting.

*Candy Day:* Lion Richard said the club needs more members to sign up. It will be October 4 – 5.

## **New Business**

*Barbecue at the Orchard:* Lion Richard said the club needs more members to sign up. It will be October 6 starting at 10: a.m. at Honey Hill Orchard.

*Roadside Clean Up:* An e-mail from Lion Leonard Johnson said the date would be October 12. Details to be announced later.

*Pancake Breakfast:* Lion Bob said the Boy Scout Troop would like to partner with us like they did last year. Discussion centered on whether to move the event to the Old Gym at the Middle School, the need for more tables, and coordination with the scouts and the business association.

*Christmas Trees:* Lion Warren said Lion Phil ordered a few more bigger trees and a few less total number of trees. Lion Dale will approach the Waterman Village Board for permission to use the lot next to the bank and Lion Warren will talk to Lion Jeff Weber about permission to hook on to the bank's electrical outlet.

## **Committee Reports**

*Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk:* Lion Mark reported about publicity plans. Next committee meeting is September 18.

*Restrooms at Lions Park:* Lion Dale said a village board member suggested the unused block building housing toilets be demolished. Lion Dale suggested the building could be changed to a storage building. Lion Dale will talk with plumber Pete Post. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

*Program Committee:* The next dinner meeting is 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at Lions Park. It is the annual steak fry.

*Membership Committee:* Several names were suggested as potential members: Former member Bob Brusky, Kurt Swenson, Kip Anderson, Terry Martin, Eric Petersen and Larry Houghtby.

## **Good and Welfare**

It was noted that Lion Wayne and Hazel Stryker will celebrate birthday's this month. Mrs. Stryker's birthday was September 3 and Lions Wayne's will be September 21. They reside at Heritage Woods, Apt. 134, 2626 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb, IL 60115.

## **Adjournment**

Lion Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Lion Warren seconded the motion. Lion Shawn announced the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Craig Rice, Secretary