

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The Regular Evening meeting of the Scandia Marine Lions Club, of Scandia, MN and Marine on St. Croix, MN. was called to order on **Thursday, March 23, 2006** by the President, Lion Jim West at 6:33 PM at the Scandia Community Center with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Attendance:	
Guests	4
Members:	40
Percentage	43%

Minutes of the Business Meeting

1. Lion President Jim West introduced guests: Laura Kennis from the Washington County Sheriff's Office,. Steve and Pam Bridger from St. Francis of Assisi Animal Rescue, and Kelly Roberts, a new member being sponsored by Lion Mike Hermes.
2. We received a Thank You note from Delores Peterson for sponsoring the Retirement Party in her behalf.
3. We received Thank You notes from the Duck Soup Players (\$300), Lions Leader Dog (\$200, Parade of Green), Christ Lutheran Church Blood Drive (refreshment costs), St. Croix Falls Nursing Home (Daffodils), and Windy Acres Nursing Home (Daffodils).
4. The Secretary's Report was approved as mailed in the Lions Newsletter.
5. Lion Dan Hames gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$2,825.47 in the Contribution Account; \$2,445.89 in the Administrative Account; \$302.84 in the Scholarship Account; and \$6,504.90 in the Taco Daze Account for a total of \$12,079.10 in all Lions accounts. There is \$1,574.62 in the Ball Park Account. The report was approved.
6. Lion Cliff Guggisberg gave the Gaming Manager's Report. The month of February was a poor month for Pull Tab sales. Two games were necessarily closed before they showed a profit. Tax Returns for 2005 have been completed. We will receive about a \$1200 refund for taxes paid on unsold tickets. Lion Howard Hawkinson made a motion that we accept the report. Lion Gordy Rydeen seconded the motion which then passed.
7. Lion Ted Wariakois made a motion that we approve expected April operational expenses of up to \$1150. Lion Jim Opp seconded the motion, which then passed.
8. Lion Bruce Swenson thanked the numerous Lions who helped at the Retirement Party for Township Clerk Delores Peterson.
9. Lion Violet French reminded us of the Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 9. Tickets and flyers are available. A signup sheet was passed. Lion Bruce Swenson asked for extra cleanup help since an event is scheduled for the Community Center for 3:00 PM that afternoon.
10. Guest Laura Kennis spoke to us regarding the Washington County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. A statewide convention of mounted patrols will be at the Washington County Fair Grounds on April 1. Lion President Jim West stated that the request would be turned over to our Contribution Review Committee.
11. Lion Gordy Rydeen has Golf Course Discount Coupons available from the American Cancer Society. The booklets cost \$35 and provide discounts at several local golf courses. See Lion Gordy if you are interested.
12. Lion Bruce Swenson informed us that expenses for the Clerk Delores Peterson Retirement Party were larger than expected, even though he was able to get local township suppliers and employees to contribute. A motion by Lion Ted Wariakois was made to give Bruce an additional \$150 for these expenses. The motion was seconded by Lion Gordy Rydeen and was passed. \$150 to Lion Bruce Swenson from the Contribution Account.
13. Lion Mike Hermes performed the induction ceremony for new Lion Kelly Roberts. Lion Kelly lives in Wyoming, MN and is the owner of Roberts-Eckert Funeral Home in Forest Lake. Welcome new Lion Kelly!

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14. Lion Larry Peterson reminds us of the Red Cross Evening in Red banquet in Stillwater on April 8.
15. Lion Terry Pittman and Lion Laurie Pittman are hosting a Youth Exchange student from Turkey this summer. The Youth Exchange is looking for host families to host a student for about six weeks this early summer. See Lion Terry or Lion Laurie for more information if you are interested. Hosts do NOT need to be Lions.
In conjunction with the Youth Exchange, the Scandia Marine Lions will again host a picnic for Youth Exchange students at the Lions Picnic Shelter on Tuesday evening, July 25. We are looking for hosts for housing a student or students for one night following the picnic supper until the following morning. See Lion Terry or Lion Laurie for more information if you are interested. Hosts do NOT need to be Lions.
16. Lion Terry Pittman announced the Taco Daze kickoff rally meeting on Thursday, April 20.
17. Lion Terry Pittman and Lion Tom Obst are researching the possibility of a fund raiser for the Marine Rescue Squad Ambulance replacement fund. They are hoping that the Lions club will be interested in sponsoring the fund raiser. They are open to ideas. They are currently considering a raffle with a large prize. Lion Terry and Lion Tom expect to be able to raise about \$10,000 to \$15,000 for this cause.

The microphone was turned over to Steve and Pam Bridger who gave us a special presentation.

Steve is a retired zookeeper from the Como Park Zoo in St. Paul. He worked there for 35 years. He showed us an entertaining video on zoo keepers and their job and told us several bizarre stories of experiences he had during his years as a zookeeper.

Pam and Steve are currently active in the St. Francis of Assisi Animal Rescue organization. They take in displaced animals that are not candidates for the standard pounds and other adoption agencies. They find foster families for these animals and later find families to adopt them. There is no paid staff in the organization, all involved are volunteers. They have placed 5000 dogs and cats locally. Pam told us of a Walk for the Animals on April 29 and a Forest Lake Floral fundraiser on May 19 through 21 to benefit the St. Francis of Assisi Animal Rescue.

It was a colorful presentation which we really enjoyed. Thanks to Lion Gordy Rydeen and his wife Judy for bringing Steve and Pam to us for this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47. We had Corned Beef and Cabbage for an excellent dinner.

Secretary Lion Ken Sogge _____