

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The Regular Morning meeting of the Scandia Marine Lions Club, of Scandia, MN and Marine on St. Croix, MN. was called to order on **Thursday, May 8, 2008** by the Club President Lion Dan Hames at 8:00 AM at the Scandia Community Center with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Attendance:	
Guests:	1
Members:	46
Percentage	42 %

Transcribe below the Minutes of the Business Meeting:

1. Lion President Lion Dan Hames introduced our guest speaker Rebecca Otto, Minnesota State Auditor.
2. The Secretary's Report was approved as distributed in the club newsletter.
3. Lion Jim West, Jr. gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$3,742.07 in the Administrative Account; \$2,370.40 in the Contribution Account; \$3,431.90 in the Scholarship Account; and \$4,901.22 in the Taco Daze Account. This results in a total of \$14,455.59 in all Lions accounts. Super Saver booklet sales total \$11,440.00 to date and are included in the Contribution Account. There is \$5,524.62 in the Ball Park Account. The report was approved as distributed to the tables for review.
4. Lion President Dan Hames read the birthday list for May. We sang Happy Birthday to ALL of them.
5. We received a thank you from Lion Norm Ostrand for the lawn ornament (instead of flowers) delivered during his recent hospitalization.
We received a Thank You note from the Terri Opp Memorial Golf Tournament for sponsoring a hole.
5. A Get Well card was distributed for Lion Jeff Lynn, who suffered a heart attack and is now home and recovering.
6. Lion Larry Peterson and Lion President Dan Hames traveled to the District Convention in Mahanomen, MN. Lion Larry told us that there will be a full report in the Lions Newsletter. The emphasis at the convention was a focus on Diabetes and Diabetes prevention. District Lions also want to honor returning veterans
Lion Larry is walking in the Campaign Sight First II Walk on May 17. A signup for donations was circulated.
7. As a result of the convention theme, Lion Dan Hames is issuing a challenge for Scandia Marine Lions to participate in an effort to lose weight and thereby guard against Type 2 Diabetes. He had a scale for weigh in and encouraged many Lions to sign up and attempt to lose 10%. We need to improve diabetes awareness.
8. Lion Ron Leslie reported that County Road 3 Road Cleanup is becoming less productive since the road is generally clean and needs less effort. He asked permission to send the volunteer crew down township roads that are near to the Lions Shelter, where the group meets to start the project. Permission was granted.
9. The Contribution Review Committee had no recommendations. Lion Mike Harnetty suggests that we look for a different focus for contributions. The committee is suggesting local veteran's service organizations and the Lions picnic shelter area improvements.
10. Lion Mike Hermes asked for an additional \$500 for Scholarships. Lion Larry Peterson made a motion that we authorize an additional \$500 for scholarships. Lion Jim West seconded the motion, which then passed. A total of \$4500 is allocated to Lions Scholarships.
11. Lion President Dan Hames reported that he is looking in to incorporating our club to avoid personal liabilities.

12. Lion Adam Lushanko reported that a trial adult's softball league may be started this fall.
13. We have received an offer to purchase the antique fire truck the Lions own. This is being considered. Come to the board meeting to voice your opinion.
14. Lions membership cards have been produced. Ask Lion Ken for your card if you have not already received.
15. Lion Bob Brunfelt reports that the Community Raffle is progressing well. All raffle tickets need to be purchased and the money returned to Lion Bob by June 25. The total is nearing \$6000. Costs are about \$3500. All additional sales will increase the net proceeds to our club.
16. Lion Larry Peterson called to our attention that a picture and a feature article about our donation of chairs to the Community Center were in the last District Lions Newsletter.
17. Lion Marilyn Opp has additional 'Women In Lions' pins to sell.

Minnesota Sate Auditor Rebecca Otto was introduced. She thanked us specifically for Third Grade dictionaries. Her son received one, prized it, and used it extensively. He went on to get good grades in vocabulary and reading in future years. He is now in seventh grade and is still using the dictionary we presented.

Auditor Otto told us about her job. Her department oversees the spending of about 20 BILLION dollars statewide. They attempt to avoid and report misuse of funds on a local level. Auditor Otto belongs to several agency boards that oversee pension funds, affordable housing, and housing the homeless. She is diligently working on avoiding foreclosure situations.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM

Secretary Lion Ken Sogge _____