

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, July 24, 2008** by Past Club President Lion Marilyn Opp at 6:30 PM at the Scandia Community Center with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Attendance:	
Guests:	35
Members:	45
Percentage	43 %

Minutes of the Business Meeting

1. We began our meeting with our guest speaker because our President Lion Jerry Johnson was caught up in traffic. Past President Marilyn Opp introduced Dr. Hank Schuurman, who spoke to us on the Spring Point Project and its implications for treating Diabetes. Lions are involved in Diabetes treatment mostly because of blindness caused by Diabetes. Dr. Schuurman told us of how they are testing the practicality of implanting pig Islet Cells from pig pancreas in humans. The islet transplants have proven effective in monkeys with diabetes. Humans have benefited with transplants of human islets. If pig islets could be transplanted into humans, many could continue their lives without the need for insulin, thus reversing the effects and side effects of Diabetes. The Spring Point Project is working with the University of Minnesota in pioneering this approach. They are now involved in creating a sterile environment in which to raise pig donors in New Richmond, Wisconsin. The USDA is involved with making sure that the pigs carry no disease or infection that could adversely affect the human recipients of the islets. Dr. Schuurman answered questions and made a thorough presentation of the project's goals and status. Lions Clubs around the world are supporting the Spring Point Project.
2. During the presentation, Lions President Jerry Johnson joined our midst and started our business meeting at 7:05 PM.
3. We received Thank You notes from:
 - Stillwater Senior Class for our \$200 donation to their all night party.
 - Books for Africa for our \$200 donation.
 - Health East for our \$300 donation to their Diabetes activity.
4. Lion Jim West, Jr. gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$2,220.45 in the Administrative Account; \$4,432.65 in the Contribution Account; \$431.90 in the Scholarship Account; and \$11,366.45 in the Taco Daze Account. This results in a total of \$18,651.45 in all Lions accounts. Super Saver booklet sales total \$11,500.00 to date and are included in the Contribution Account. We have collected \$2,660.00 for the Hugo Tornado Disaster Relief Fund. There is \$7,079.62 in the Ball Park Account. The report was approved as distributed to the tables for review.
5. Gambling Manager Lion Bruce Swenson reported on Lions sponsored gambling:
 - Pull Tabs

Income:	\$2,151.00
Expenses:	<u>\$1,147.67</u>
NET:	\$1,003.33

Checkbook Balance on 5/31/2008:	\$15,644.30
Checkbook Balance on 6/30/2008	\$20,469.18
 - Community Raffle

Balance on 6/30/2008:	\$6,165.00
Income:	<u>\$3,960.00</u>
Total Income:	\$10,125.00
Expenses:	\$ 333.35
Prize hold back:	<u>\$3,400.00</u>
NET:	\$6,391.65
6. Lion Denny Seefeldt made a motion that we allow up to \$1000 for state taxes on raffle proceeds. Lion Jeff Pratt seconded the motion, which then passed.

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7. Lion Kathy West made a motion that we allow up to \$1500 for August pull tab expenses. Lion Howard Hawkinson seconded the motion, which then passed.
8. Lion Bruce Swenson reported a state citation for cash shortages in Pull Tab receipts. All shortages were covered by the bars that sponsored the sales. Lion Cliff Guggisberg and Lion Bruce Swenson recommended that we appeal the \$350 fine as being excessive. Lion Marilyn Opp made a motion to that effect, Lion Jeff Pratt seconded the motion, which then passed. Lion Bruce will prepare an appeal.
9. The Secretary's Report was approved as printed in the Lions Newsletter.
10. Guests were introduced:
 - Richard and Jolene Larson were guests of Lion Gordy and Judy Rydeen
 - Mark Rossi had two gentlemen as guests
 - Larry Peterson had his daughter and her family present to hear about Diabetes research
11. Lion Cal Floerke was hospitalized on last Tuesday for chest pains. He had a stress test today and has been allowed to return home.
12. Lion Jim West is attempting to fill 4 or 5 slots to cover our commitment to Washington County Fair BINGO operations.
13. Lion Larry Peterson is looking to fill 3 slots for ticket sales at the MN State Fair Midway and Kidway. Our shifts are on Tuesday, August 26.
14. Taco Daze plans were presented (our Lions Club is the official sponsor of Taco Daze):
 - Lion Mark Rossi will administer a cheese curd stand at the old community garage (near the Community Center) for the tenth year. A signup sheet was available.
 - Lion Bill Jabas will head up the Taco Daze clean up effort on Sunday following the big day. A signup sheet was available.
 - Lion Marilyn Opp told us of a myriad of additional opportunities for Lions to serve at Taco Daze. A very large signup sheet was available. This is why we have so many members. Volunteer!
15. Lion Larry Peterson made a motion that we add \$290 to the \$2710 collected for Hugo Tornado Disaster Relief to make it an even \$3000. Lion Jim West, Jr. seconded the motion, which then passed. The award will be made at a Hugo community picnic coming up this summer. The monies will be used to buy school clothes and school supplies for youngsters affected by the disaster.
16. We would like to again sponsor a table at the Veterans Memorial Cruise out of Stillwater this year. Lion Marilyn Opp made a motion that we allocate \$201 for that cause. Lion Jim Opp seconded the motion, which then passed. Veterans returning from Iraq will be the special guests.
17. Lion Ron Leslie read a letter of commendation from Washington County. All 254 miles of county roads have volunteer clean up crews. Our stretch is County Road 3, traveling south of the Lions Shelter.
18. Service awards were given to Lion Ron Leslie for Road Cleanup and Emergency Caller chairmanship.
19. Two additional Lions Club attendance awards were presented.
20. Lion Bruce Swenson announced a Community Night Out to be held at the Scandia Community Center on next Tuesday evening, July 29.
21. A recently cleaned lift chair used by Ann Houle and Dan Beaver is available. We will move it to the annex. Two scooters are also available to persons with need.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Secretary Lion Ken Sogge _____