

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, October 9, 2008** by the Club President Lion Jerry Johnson 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:	44
Percentage	41 %

Transcribe below the Minutes of the Business Meeting:

1. Copies of the Secretary's Report are on President Jerry's dining room table. They will be available next meeting.
2. Lion Jim West, Jr. gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$3,782.37 in the Administrative Account; \$4,699.10 in the Contribution Account; \$431.90 in the Scholarship Account; and \$13,062.16 in the Taco Daze Account. This results in a total of \$21,975.53 in all Lions accounts. There is \$7,379.62 in the Ball Park Account. The report was approved as distributed to the tables for review.
3. Lion President Jerry Johnson introduced our guest Tara Robertson, recently returned from service in Iraq.
4. Health reports:
 - Lion Don Peterson was hospitalized for a problem with prescription drugs. He is at home and feeling better.
 - Lion Wally Magnuson broke his ankle and is recuperating at Greely Home in Stillwater.
5. We got many thank you letters and posters from Scandia Elementary students thanking us for our sponsorship of the Scandia School Wild Walk. All were on display.
6. The Contribution Review Committee had no suggestions at this time.
7. We had the monthly drawing for the Lions Community Raffle yesterday at the board meeting. Winners were as follows:
 - \$25 to Mary Jo Milbrandt of Scandia (a Lion) Lions can win
 - \$25 to Laurie Carlson of Marine
 - \$50 to Sandra Swanson of Marine
 - \$50 to Steven Erickson of Forest Lake
 - \$100 to Christina LeCloux of Stillwater
8. Lion Ron Leslie reports that he examined County Road 3 and does not think that a pick up exercise needs to be done this fall. He suggests canceling the scheduled road clean up. Lion Jim West, Jr. made a motion to that effect. Lion Bruce Swenson seconded the motion, which then passed.
9. Lion Tom Obst announced that Super Saver books for 2009 are ready. Lion Tom will pass out five books to each member and make five books available to ALL members for their selling.
10. Lion Mary Jo Milbrandt needs a few more Lions to help with the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for October 12. Flyers were in this week's Country Messenger.
11. Lion Judy Rydeen has agreed to host the Lion's Christmas Party on December 11. Lion Judy will also organize a group to administer the silent auction. The auction historically pays for the meals and the entertainment. Please consider donating items for the silent auction.
12. Lion Cliff Guggisberg and Lion Denny Seefeldt discussed the City of Scandia decision to reduce heating costs at the annex. Reducing the temperature to 40 degrees would save money, but would make it necessary for groups such as the Boy Scouts to warm the building in preparation for use and to **turn the heat back down**. Lion Cliff told us that Gambling Account monies could be contributed to the heating of the annex. We may vote on this possibility at a later date.

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13. Our club protested the \$350 fine from the State for Pull Tab receipt discrepancies. The State reduced the fine to \$250. Lion Mike Harnetty made a motion that we pay the \$250 fine. Lion Sharon Kangas seconded the motion, which then passed. \$250 to the State Gambling Control Board from the Contribution Account.

14. Lion President Jerry introduced our guest speaker, Tara Robertson.

Tara has been a Scandia resident all of her life. She joined the Army National Guard in 2001, just after graduating from High School. She attended basic training and later was activated for more intense training to serve in administrative capacities for a black hawk helicopter battalion.

Tara was stationed in Iraq from July of 2007 to July of 2008. They were positioned about forty miles north of Baghdad. Their battalion helicopters transported dignitaries and troops all over Iraq. She was glad to report there were no casualties in her battalion during the year she was in Iraq. She was classified as an intelligence analyst and spent many months studying enemy capabilities and briefing pilots for helicopter missions.

The CARE PACKAGES (sundries and school supplies) our Lions club sent were well received in Iraq. School students there were especially excited about the color books and color crayons. Tara reports that EVERYTHING IN IRAQ IS TAN OR BROWN. Even the sky is tan. She never saw blue sky or clouds. Regular sand storms were common.

Her pod (living quarters) had many close calls, even a missile that penetrated their area and, for some reason, did not detonate. She says there is significant vegetation in Iraq, there is only a portion of the country as dessert.

Tara views the "surge" to have made large strides in the ability to transfer responsibilities to Iraqi citizens. Professionals and citizens have been returning to Iraq over the last year, due to decreases in the military violence.

Tara is living at home and attending the University of Minnesota, majoring in sports medicine. She works part time for small college and high school teams treating sports related injuries. She intends to get her Masters Degree in Sports Medicine.

15. Lion Judy Rydeen made a motion that we try eating dinner first at our evening meetings, and then have our business meeting. Lion Ron Leslie seconded the motion, which then passed. At our next evening meeting we will eat at 6:30 PM and then hold our business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM **We had biscuits and gravy for breakfast.** Yum!

Secretary Lion Ken Sogge _____