

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, November 13, 2008** by the Club Past President Lion Marilyn Opp at 8:02 AM at the Scandia Community Center with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Attendance:	
Guests:	1
Members:	35
Percentage	32 %

Transcribe below the Minutes of the Business Meeting:

1. The Secretary's Report was approved as published in the Lions Newsletter.
2. Lion Ken Sogge read the Treasurer's Report for Lion Jim West, Jr. There is \$3,431.20 in the Administrative Account; \$3,162.58 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 \$20,087.84 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 Bruce Swenson gave the Gambling Manager's Report. October showed a net profit of \$1503.01. Checkbook balance at the end of October was \$19,450.17. Checks were written for Third Grade Dictionaries at Scandia, Marine, and Withrow schools. Lion Carol Seefeldt made a motion that we accept the report. Lion Cliff Guggisberg seconded the motion, which then passed.
4. Lion Jim West made a motion that we allow up to \$1600 for December gambling expenses. Lion Larry Peterson seconded the motion, which then passed.
5. Drawings were made yesterday for winners of the Community Raffle for the month of November:
 - \$25 to Wayne Elsenpeter of Marine
 - \$25 to John Harnetty of Forest Lake
 - \$50 to Joanne Buse of Scandia
 - \$50 to Cliff Guggisberg of Scandia
 - \$100 to the Stillwater Lions Club
6. Lion Marilyn Opp read the Contribution Review Committee recommendations:
 - \$150 to the Girls Softball team to purchase BINGO turkeys. Lion Jim Opp made the motion, seconded by Lion Howard Hawkinson, and then passed. \$150 to Girls Softball Team from the Contribution Account.
 - \$245.68 for the Hospitality Room at the Midwinter Convention. Lion Kathy West made the motion, seconded by Lion Judy Rydeen, and then passed. \$245.68 to Convention Hotel from the Administrative Account.
 - \$300 for Christmas Packages to soldiers and children in Iraq. Jason Jamelka from Scandia is serving in Iraq. Lion Cal Floerke made the motion, seconded by Lion Lyn Kerksen, and then passed. \$300 to Iraq Christmas Packages from the Contribution Account.
 - \$300 to the Northwoods Humane Society. Lion Carol Seefeldt made the motion, seconded by Lion Violet French, and then passed. \$300 to Northwoods Humane Society from the Contribution Account.
 - \$300 to HealthEast Diabetes clinic for testing at the Marine Art Fair. Lion Bruce Swenson made the motion, seconded by Lion Larry Peterson, and then passed. \$300 to HealthEast Diabetes clinic from the Contribution Account.
 - \$300 to River Valley Riders for their therapeutic riding program. Lion John Beattie and his wife Orphy are volunteers for this program. Lion Cal Floerke made the motion, seconded by Lion Judy Rydeen, and then passed. \$300 to River Valley Riders from the Contribution Account.
7. The checks for our share of the Washington County BINGO proceeds have been received from the East Park Lions. They will be part of the Parade of Green contributions.

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8. There is a Rosemont Lions spaghetti feed dinner on November 17. Tickets cost \$7. See Lion Jerry Johnson.
9. Nine Lions from our club attended the Region meeting last week. We are admired in the zone for adding new members to our club.
10. Former Lion Doug Pratt, father of current Lion Jeff Pratt died from leukemia. The funeral is Friday, November 14 at Elim Lutheran in Scandia at 11:00 AM.
11. Lion Howard Hochule recently had surgery that determined he is free from cancer.
12. Lion Tom Obst announced the Blood Drive on December 22 at Scandia. A signup sheet was available.
13. Lion Tom Obst reports that about \$1000 has been turned in for Super Saver sales.
14. Lion Mary Jo Milbrandt announces the FREE Community Breakfast on Saturday, December 12. Sign up opportunities still exist.
15. Lion Judy Rydeen reports that the Christmas Party details are all moving along. Lion Marilyn Opp asks that all past presidents bring a bottle of wine to make a silent auction wine basket. Anyone with silent auction items should contact either Lion Denny Seefeldt or Lion Judy Rydeen.
16. The Region meeting will be held HERE in Scandia on April 1. Lion George Wanner will be the event chairperson
17. Lion Norm Ostrand reported on the status of the local food shelf. Inventories are down a little, but they were still able to share some items with Stillwater. The Lions Community Breakfast will again encourage and receive donations to the food shelf. Lion Norm requests donations of anything but soup, especially canned fruit and dry cereal.
18. Immediate Past President Dan Hames was given an award for positive club growth. Lions clubs around the world are having difficulty maintaining membership. Our club is an admirable exception to this trend.
19. Lion Marilyn and Lion Jim Opp have prepared a plaque containing the names of all Presidents of the Scandia Marine Lions Club. Lion Bruce Swenson made a motion that we reimburse them for \$155. Lion Janet Swenson seconded the motion, which then passed. \$155 to Lion Marilyn Opp from the Administrative Account.
20. The Midwinter Convention will be January 9 to January 11. Attendance is encouraged. Our club and the convention organizers offer some help paying for attendance costs, especially for members who have not attended before. See Lion Larry Peterson. Six Lions have already registered to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 AM

Guest speaker Neil Johnson from Osceola spoke to us about the St. Croix Art Barn. Neil and his wife Ellen originated the Art Barn seventeen years ago. This year is the fifteenth year that they have presented amateur plays for public consumption. They have had in excess of 10,000 visitors and greater than 1000 participants during their years of service. Neil says that we, the Lions Club, are in the same business as the Art Barn. That is to make our communities a better place to live in and to encourage local participation in community service. The Art Barn had logged ½ million volunteer hours and raised ½ million dollars for producing local art events and providing environmental scholarships to deserving young people. The Art Barn had won many state and national awards for their service efforts. The Art Barn has a web site available for information on their activities:

stcroixartbarn.com

Thank you to Neil Johnson for an informative and inspiring presentation.

Secretary Lion Ken Sogge _____