

# MINUTES BOARD MEETING BEN DAVIS LIONS CLUB MAY 2009

The May 2009 Board Meeting of the Ben Davis Lions Club was called to order at 7:00 P.M., Monday, 11 May 2009 by President Lion Don Mullen. Lions present Lindsay Briggs, Dave Carter, Don Clendenen, Scott Cline, Carl Finchum, Mike Honeyman, Michael McCormack, Tim McDonough, Don Mullen, Luther Searfoss, Marilyn Smith, Keith Tharp, and Bill Uhrig.

President asked for approval of the April board meeting minutes with Bill Uhrig making the motion to accept the minutes as written with Mike McCormack seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report was handed by Lion Mike Honeyman. After careful review Mike McCormack made the motion and second by Carl that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Long Range Planning Committee** – Lindsay said that they have had 3 meetings, of which all committee chairs were to have been contacted to get a feel of what they thought their duties were. They are working on a plan and would like to implement it by fall. 3 committee chairs were not talked too. Don said they would come back to the club to let them know what ideas the committee came up with.

President Don said that what was discussed in the Long Range Planning was ways for paying for dues and meals. With meals there are 4-5 ways to pay for them, certain people go south in the winter and pays for the full year meals, if they are not here, then the cost of the meals for a guest comes out of that portion.

**Visitation** – Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> is the next visitation at Clermont at 7pm. Bill said it would be a pitch in dinner. Don M., Tim, Michael Mc, Don C, said they would like to go. Carl will look at his calendar. President said that visitation is a responsibility of all members not just the same ones that go all the time. President said that Bill had created a calendar for visitations and will utilize it next year. Going to other clubs is a way to, learn what they are doing different.

**Membership** – Michael McCormack –Vote was taken for 2 new members, Paul Fox and Nicholas Vinson it was decided that if contact was made to both and they could make it May 14<sup>th</sup>, Bill Uhrig would do the induction. Michael also talked about a 40<sup>th</sup> West Party for old US-40 yard sale, will be setting up a membership table near the Reynolds Body Shop on south side of street from 10-5pm on May 30<sup>th</sup>, will need fellow Lions to come and help obtain new members.

**Scholarship** – President Don announced that the scholarship winner was Amanda Thacker who has only been a Ben Davis student for 1 year, at age 13 lost her mother, and at age 15 her father became disabled, she will be going to nursing school at IU. She moved to Indianapolis with her boy friend to further her education. Don also said he had invited her and her boy friend to attend the steak fry on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Projects –

**We serve Youth service Award - Don** asked David Carter about the article about Nate Truitt and if it got to the newspapers, he also asked David if they had another youth for this month.

**Program** – Don asked if Phil had speakers for the next 2 meetings, and Marilyn said that he did have.

## **Fundraising -**

**Basketball Clinic** – The next clinic is June 13<sup>th</sup> it is an all star event and starts at 7:30a.m. There was a discussion about how the last event went, Tim said we needed to have only 1 or 2 people to go to make decisions as we wasted one whole case of hot dogs and 1 can of nacho cheese. Carl said since he was the chairman of the fund-raising committee he will take charge of how many would be in the concession stand and what needed to be cooked and when, he also stated that he will continue this year with the fountain cokes and not buy can ones. Because this was our first try at something like this, we could not at this time determine if we made a profit.

**Golf Outing** – Carl stated that we had 2 players, 4 teams & signs and 2 team sponsors signed up. Don asked if last year we got most applications before the deadline. Don also stated that some date before cut off we have to give consideration into canceling. To insure that we grow and are successful we have the responsibility to get players. Our cost will not go down, strong urging to promote this.

**Dine to Donate night** – Michael Mc had approached Applebee's in Pike Plaza about sponsoring the club. Applebee's at 5046 West Pike Plaza will give the club 15% of what you spend on your meal if you bring in the attached flyer on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Michael said he could have flyers by Thursday night if the club agreed. Tim made a motion to go forward with this, Don C. seconded the motion, the motion was passed. President said that next year we need to work with the committee chairs, since we by-pass people when we do not.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Donation Request** – Bill said that WBDG sent us an email that said for 1 hour the sponsorship would be \$50.00 this was a mistake, it should have been \$25.00 for one hour, so we brought 2 hours of their time, of which Bill had requested that our 2 hours not be in the wee hours of the morning.

**Bill Uhrig's walk** – Bill said to date he had collected \$1165.20 to go to LCIF for his walk. Keith told Bill that he would like to walk with him. Bill's walk was to walk the min marathon within a certain length of time and asked for donations if he walked it within a certain time, if he did not make his time, then he would not collect the donations.

**March 14 2010 Convention** – President said that in order to host the 2010 District Convention the cost would be 2 custodians for 17 hours, 1 administrator for 9 hours with a total cost of \$1152.00. He spoke to the school and learned that 67 positions would not be filled which include custodians, so the fee for their work could not be reduced. The fee for the administrator may be, but that still leaves us with approximately \$612.00. Solely on finances, President Don said he would like to back out now would rather spend \$612 somewhere else. They are not charging us facility fees. Bill agreed we do not do it at this time. Talked about Clermont, but they do not have the space. Luther asked if there were some other place we could go. Bill made a motion not to host the 2010 Convention with Don C being the second. Motion passed. President Don will contact John Scott and let him know the decision of the board.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Meeting Location change** - Michael McCormack spoke about taking the meetings to Crestwood. Carl said he did not like moving out of the Ben Davis Area, would need to get new signs made. Michael Mc stated that if the club started growing how can Microtel hold the meetings. Luther said that Microtel is close to major intersections, where Crestwood would be more difficult to find. Don Mullen said will talk to Phil to have a sit down with Joe to see if the meals are increasing for next year.

**Pride Park** – President Don stated that they needed \$10,000 for the handicap portion of the park. They have donations from Chapel Hill and Clermont Lions but need \$4,000 to get. Lions club would take part in the naming of that portion of the park.

At this time Marilyn had to leave and Ass't secretary Bill Uhrig finished the minutes.

Lion Secretary Marilyn departed at 8:35 P.M. and Assistant Secretary Lion Bill assumed recording of the balance of meeting minutes.

**Continuing with the discussion of the Pride Park Lion** President Don indicated he saw a possible three steps for us to take as a Club:

- a. Make a monetary donation.
- b. If making a monetary donation what is the ceiling? Dollar wise how much can we give?
- c. President to follow up with Pride Park authorities to ascertain what items still need to be funded. Armed with what the cost for those items would be he will report back to the Club on the findings and we might then decide the road to take.

President Don read a letter from 4H thanking us for our past support. They could use monetary support in funding some of their endeavors at Camp Woodsmoke this year in training Junior Leaders and asked for our help. After discussion it was agreed to table the matter until the June meeting. We'll then see if assistance is in order when we disperse funds garnered during the year.

Scott Cline indicated to the Club his pleasure in providing the musical entertainment at the December meeting. He stated he would be happy to undertake scheduling and appearance of a group or organization at the future December programs. He was thanked for his past help and offer to step forward for future December meetings.

He is involved with the Community Theater group. During June they will be presenting the musical "Hello Dolly". They will have six performances. Profits realized from this production go to support the Wayne Township Education Foundation. To help offset the cost of production the group is endeavoring to sell "sponsorships" of each performance. Cost of a sponsorship is \$300.00. The organization sponsoring will be recognized on the play program cover as being the presenting sponsor for that particular performance. Also they will be provided 20 tickets which are valued at \$10.00 each. They will also have an ad in the play booklet for the other 5 performances. (Note – in past years we have purchased an ad).

Scott said if the Ben Davis Lions were to be involved we could set up a membership table displaying Lions information. Also Lions could dress in their vests or appropriate Lion attire and be ushers giving a BD Lions presence at the production. He stated we were the first organization he has "pitched" this idea to.

Lion Bill made a motion to sponsor the 20 June (Saturday p.m.) performance. His motion was seconded by Lion Carl. Motion carried.

Lion Tim proposed a DVD with a continuous loop presentation be produced for display at events such as the pancake breakfasts. President Don indicated this was a matter for the Long Range Planning Committee to make a part of their agenda. Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair Lion Lindsay made a note of such.

Lion Keith stated we need to focus on the Monument Replacement at BD University High School. Believe this is to take place in August He will discuss this project with John Maples of MSD Wayne and report to the Board the plans and our involvement.

Lion President Don passed out a "Willingness to Serve Level" questionnaire. This asks Lions where their interests lie and the area they would most like to serve committee wise next year. To be completed and returned to Lion President no later than the last meeting in May which is 5-28.

There being no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

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*Ben Davis Lions Secretary*

*Bill Uhrig*  
*Ben Davis Lions Assistant Secretary*