



Laingsburg Lions Newsletter

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Publicity Director

Eric Schuman, PDG,
Immediate Past President

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Yes, it's time to sell, sell, sell those raffle tickets and especially now since our Springtime Festival might get either canceled or postponed. Grand prize is mower shown below



Bear Lake Director Visits

The new Exec. Director of Bear Lake Camp, Shelly O'Henley, was our program and gave a big thank you to our club for our continued support and donations to the camp over the years.

She also spoke of their Facebook page and 3 different camps that will be held this year for needy children, and a family camp this year to help families network better.



Shelly will officially assume her position in August, and announced they are working with LCIF on a grant for renovations to the camp. A good program. She also stated camps this year are on hold due to COVID-19.



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Future Events

Take note of these events and dates in order for you to participate!

Aug 8: Golf Outing at Pine Hills

Special Board Mtg

A special Board of Directors meeting was called to discuss items relevant to our club's well-being in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

It has not been determined yet if we will have to cancel or reschedule the festival. We'll let all members know when this decision has been made.

The board approved moving our white cane sales to September, and we will be selling the festival raffle tickets at Sage Market, Twilliger's Tavern, and Leonard's Hardware in town. It was also approved to place a flyer insert into the Weekly newspaper for people get their tickets at those stores as well as from any Lions member.

Lion Eric's reimbursement was approved for making 3 more PVC white canes.

March 1st Meeting

Along with our guest speaker as described above, Lion Clyde noted our festival brochures will be available real soon. Waiting on a proof for approval and he needed \$225 to apply for camping for festival workers.

President Ed brought up an idea for changing our 50/50 raffle to winning 1/2 or rolling the dice which has several different options along with allowing the purchase of more tickets. Sec. Terry will email this out soon and we will decide at a future meeting.

#2 Feb Meeting

After the usual opening items and dinner, 1st VP Deanna Schuman in the absence of our King Lion introduced DG Becky Hamilton as our speaker who told us about the upcoming District Convention and hoped we send our representation there.

DG Becky present Lion Deanna with a 2018-2019 Club Excellence Award for our increase in membership last year, and she presented Larry Sparkes with 2 membership key awards (for both 2 and 5 new members).

Then she presented long term perfect attendance awards for 10 years to Lions Bill Rosenquist, Mike Foster, Harold Walters, Jerry Carpenter, Bill Dodge, a 20 year to Mark Klotz, 25 year to Richie Hurst, Dave Purcel, Chuck Ross (who was actually there), 30 year to Mike Cassidy, and 45 year to Ed Kemp. Congratulate all these Lions the next time you see them.

Lion Clyde stated we will be voting on our Festival King & Queen at our next meeting and our pamphlets should be out soon. Lion Terry announced we are looking for crafters also.

Cindy Arthur won the 50/50 with \$10 and Bill Dodge was drawn for the member's only of \$1.75 but was not there so it was to the Admin account.

COVID-19 Cancels All

The coronavirus scare canceled events everywhere and our own Lions was affected also.

Club meetings were canceled by Pres. Ed through the end of April. Additionally, our District Convention in March, Multiple District Convention (state) in May, and our International Convention in July have also been canceled.



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March Board

A number of items were acted on at this board meeting. Research into sound suppressing panels for the Twigs "windows" separating our meeting from the bar was approved, and a request for a donation to The Weekly was presented by Lion Larry Sparkes for \$20 which was also approved.

It was also announced that anyone attending District Convention will be reimbursed \$25 of their expenses. There appeared to be 5 going. Business session on Saturday at 10am, Awards Luncheon following and Saturday evening banquet with our own President emceeding the event.

It was stated that we will be voting on our Festival King & Queen at our next meeting so bring your nominations, and it has been requested by Lions Mike Putnam that we go to Twigs to sell raffle tickets all day on St. Patrick's Day. The board also approved 2 new memberships.

It was brought up about our website being somewhat stagnant and that a lot of information needed to be updated. Lion Holli Idle will contact our webmaster, Lion Dave Purcel, about helping him with it and the possibility of obtaining new a new hosting company so others have access as well for updating.

\$200 was approved for signage for our chicken dinners at the Festival.

Finally it was announced that 1st Vice President Deanna Schuman will not be able to stand for President due to work conflicts so 2nd Vice President Cindy Arthur agreed to step up 2 positions and run for the position, and she presented her slate of officers for the new year.

February Board

At the February Board meeting, in addition to the approval of the minutes and Treasurer's report, the upcoming spaghetti dinner was discussed and all is set for it. It was also mentioned that we served 141 meals at the last one.

The Board approved a \$1,000 donation to the Robotics Team at the high school, and also announced that our recent Texas Hold Em poker event brought in \$2,679 profit.

There was also a change to the By-Laws which all members will receive via email. A change to No. 13 and a new No. 15 were approved at the regular meeting prior to the board.

The Board also approved \$200 for the purchase of signage to be used at the spaghetti dinner on A-frame sidewalk boards that were donated, and they approved a \$250 donation to Respite of Shiawassee County.

Finally, there was a discussion concerning members not participating in our projects (both service and fundraising) and what can be done to get others to participate.

Respite Speaks to Club

At the February 23 meeting Respite of Shiawassee County Executive Director Helen Howard was the guest speaker at our regular meeting at Twilliger's.

Helen spoke of the continuing program and how it works for being a companion to their clients.

She also thanked us for our continued financial support of the program through our yearly donations.