



August 28, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Lions: Brian Havard, Christiane Zoidl, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, Sylvia Brock, Kirby Brock, Don Gardiner and Marilyn Gray

1. **Call to Order/Welcome:** Lion Mike President Barker

2. **Minutes of the July 24, 2023 Meeting:**

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock- "That the minutes of the meeting of July 24th, 2023, be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

3. **Treasurer's Report:** None

4. **Correspondence:** None

5. **Zone meeting update:** Lion President Mike Barker

-cold dinner, sandwiches, salads, dessert, coffee, tea, and water

-Regional Chair Vaughan Moulton to notify Club the first week of September re: #'s and dietary requirements

6. **Committee Reports:**

A) CATCH THE ACE: Lion Don Gardiner

-in the black, value of Ace is increasing

-Lion Rick Metcalfe presented at Cabinet meeting-encourages other clubs in District to support the draw as it's for Lions Camp Dorset.

-advertising material almost ready to disperse to interested A16 clubs for promotion

-thinking of "Lions Day" to encourage other Lions to buy tickets? Could Eblast?

-\$15,000 ready to donate to Camp Dorset

B) COATS FOR KIDS: Lion Christiane Zoidl

-Sweatshirts and Sneakers event went well, approximately 125 people served

-leftover items-adult items went to Newmarket Residence (facility for adults)

-children's items donated to Church of Christ for their holiday program

-new home for Coats for Kids will be the basement of the Quaker Meeting House on Yonge St.

-will have to work out of bins, no place to hang items

-present stock has been packed up

-North Newmarket Club handling storage, we can assist if they request

-new season starts October 7th goes until December 30th

C) SCHOOL REQUESTS: Lion Sylvia Brock

-school has not started yet

MAPLE LEAF PUBLIC SCHOOL:

-Action Table partnership

-more of a neighbourhood activity than a school function

-the program will be receiving \$8,000.

-As the school's sponsor, the Club will be responsible for distributing the funds

-will need to have funds available immediately, upon request.

-suggestion is to put the funds in the Catch the Ace Account for quick access.

- take the added responsibility off the Treasurer

-the Vice Principal (Karen Mahoney) oversees the program

-the program should be finished by February 2024

-October 3rd is meet the teacher night, school has asked for the club to do a presentation or have a booth for parents to access

-November 16th is an Interview/Games Night, Lion Sylvia Brock to meet with school to iron out details

D) GENERAL REQUESTS: Lion Sylvia Brock

1) **Reminder of general guidelines**-Club pays vendor directly, not person making the request

-for medical requests, must have report from a doctor or health care provider and quotes from suppliers of equipment and a social worker should be involved

2) Blue Door requests a few cases of Ensure for a client

-costs approximately \$100 per case

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock- "That the club provides up to \$400 to Blue Door for the request."

Second: Lion Marilyn Gray

Motion: *Carried*

E) EFFECTIVE SPEAKING: Lion Sylvia Brock

-request that the club donate \$1,500 to District A16 Youth Opportunities for Effective Speaking Contest

-our club sends the most participates to the Multiple District contest

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock- "That the club sends \$1,500 to the District A16 Youth Opportunities for the Effective Speaking contest."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

F) VISION: Lion Sylvia Brock

1) Vision Assessment Program

-\$5,000 was designated for further vision testing for students who need the next level of assessment, 4 families made use of the funds

-Dr. Patrick Quinn has been working with the University of Waterloo to see if the assessments can be covered by insurance

-Lion Sylvia Brock met with Dr. Quinn and Valerie Kitzaki (Coordinator of Blind Low Vision & Deaf Blind Services for YDSB) to discuss the possibility that 1 of the 4 students who asked for

- support, can be financially assisted by the Club to complete the 6 months program
- to assist with further testing, the Club would require the family to make a total commitment and make some financial contribution
- Lion Sylvia Brock to receive copies of the student assessments to see what process is involved

2) Vision Screening

- to start again in November, looking at Wednesdays and Thursdays
- health department has dropped off new equipment for the volunteers and a slide show
- refresher with volunteers to be scheduled

7. Food Insecurity: Lion Kirby Brock

- 41% of Food Pantry users are children
- Lion Kirby Brock would like the approval of the Executive to visit schools in Newmarket to inquire as to what they need for a food program
- the Club provided snack funding for several schools last year
- the Club is more interested in a breakfast program, not a snack program
- Lion Kirby Brock, as a retired Principal, knows first hand how a good breakfast benefits a student
- the North Newmarket Lions Club would like to assist

8. Guest Speakers:

- Lion Sylvia Brock to contact Governor Sudha Verma to schedule a club visit
- Danielle Gibb from Community Living of York Region to speak on October 2nd.

9. Swans:

- email received asking for continued use of the Lions Hall for their meetings
- starting September 11th, the Swans will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month
- suggest asking the Swans to help when the Club needs volunteers

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock- "That the Club agrees to allow the Swans to use the Club's Lions Hall privileges for another year. With another review next year."

Second: Lion Christiane Zoidl

Motion: *Carried*

10. GOOD OF LIONISM:

- A) Walkway remodeling-The Town of Newmarket has asked the Club to finance a remodeling of a walkway that was incorrectly installed
- the Executive votes "no"

Motion: Lion Don Gardiner- "That the Executive take the vote to the Club members and suggest a "No" vote."

Second: Lion Christiane Zoidl

Motion: *Carried*

- B) Bingo Volunteer MaryLou Alessandrini-has given incredible support to the Club
- Lion Marilyn Gray to invite her to the September 5th Club meeting
 - Lion Megan Bennett to print a certificate of appreciation

ADJOURNMENT: 8:06 P.M.

***Next Executive meeting to be by Zoom on
Tuesday, September 26th ***

Newmarket Lions Club President: Mike Barker
Newmarket Lions Club Secretary: Megan Bennett