



March 18, 2024, General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Mike Barker, Brian Havard, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Sylvia Brock, John Liska, Ron Head, Rick Metcalfe, Howard Wetmore, Mars Hayward, Ellen Gallacher, Christiane Zoidl, Marilyn Gray, Mary Singer, Suzanne Kishonti, Jeanette du Plessis, Tom Alderson and Brad Jones

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

2. **Singing of National Anthem:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:** Lily Le

4. **Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting:**

Motion: Lion John Liska - "That the minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Christiane Zoidl

Motion: *Carried*

5. **Correspondence:** Lion President Mike Barker

- A) Thank you letter from PDG Debbie Dawson for the Club's contribution to her campaign for International Director.
- B) Aurora Lions Club invitation to their 80th anniversary celebration on April 6h
 - Lions Rick Metcalfe and Ron Head to attend
 - Lion President Mike Barker will e-transfer the \$100 for 2 tickets
- C) Hockey for Grace
 - request to provide a BBQ for fundraising event for Emily's House Children's Hospice
 - no interest, Lion Megan Bennett to reply to email request

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Lion Ron Head

- report sent by email to members
- \$60,000 from the Lottery Trust account will be invested
- paperwork has been completed for the investment
- estimated earnings on investment, \$220/month will be re-invested
- Quick Books Trial balance was circulated
- Great West Life (scholarship) investment started out at \$31,000 in 2018 and as of March 2024 is valued at \$51,490.
- the \$10,000 donated to Lions International President Patti Hill's campaign has been recouped
- a cheque for Maple Leaf PS is needed to clear out the Community Account (Lion President Mike Barker to connect with Treasurer Lion Sue Williams re: issuing of the cheque)

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the emailed Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Brad Jones

Motion: *Carried*

7. District Governor's Potluck Picnic: Lion President Mike Barker

- picnic to be held at Lions Camp Kirk on May 25th
- same weekend as MDA Effective Speaking contest in St. Catharines
- no interest in attending by members

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club donate an at present, unspecified amount, for refreshments when attendance is known, to the District Governor's picnic."

Second: Lion Ron Head

Motion: *Carried*

8. Music Festival: -Lion Kirby Brock

- Mazo de la Roche PS is interested in holding a music festival in the future, requesting Club's financial assistance in renting the Newmarket Theatre for the event.

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club finance the rental of the Newmarket Theatre for the music festival at that time."

Second: Lion Rick Metcalfe

Motion: *Carried*

9. Sponsorship of Campers:

A) Camp Kirk Lion Sylvia Brock

- Lion Sylvia Brock contacted the new director of Camp Kirk to offer support for sponsorship of campers from Newmarket
- Camp Kirk is totally run by District A16 Lions Club, the camp is rented out to Camp Kirk Foundation, previously known as Friends of the Learning Disabled
- they have great programs
- families must contribute financially before the Club will offer financial support
- at the end of March, the director will contact the Club regarding the number of Newmarket campers
- the Executive will discuss further and return to the Club with recommendations

B) Camp Huronda Lion Sylvia Brock

- Lion Sylvia Brock contacted Camp Huronda, they are excited that the Club will help finance Newmarket Campers
- they will not provide personal information but will provide the Club with a postal code for each camper and the age
- they have a 1:3 staff to camper ratio as the staff needs to watch the camper's diet, insulin, etc
- parents pay as much as they can
- the Club sponsored Camper Mason last year
- the Executive will discuss further and return to the Club with recommendations

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe- "That the Club financially support last year camper "Mason" in the amount of \$1,950 for Camp Huronda in 2024."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Defeated*

C) Camp Dorset Lion Kirby Brock

- the Newmarket Lions will sponsor patients and their families who can't afford the fees
- costs can range from \$450 to \$1,000/family
- checking with Southlake regarding dialysis patients
- the Executive will discuss further and return to the Club with recommendations

10. May Giving: Lion Kirby Brock

- Pastor Nathan Pickard from Church of Christ is working on a list of families in need, mostly from Maple Leaf PS area
- once the list has been obtained, Club members will be asked to phone the families and deliver food vouchers

11. Meal Kits: Lion Sylvia Brock

- for the Food Pantry, the Club usually prepares kits twice a year
- are members interested in providing more kits?
- more volunteers needed, a few volunteers choose one of the meals and between them, purchase the items
- the kits are well received by the community
- a Zoom meeting will be held after Easter for those interested

12. Mugs: Lion Megan Bennett

- 50 promotional mugs have been purchased.
- intent is to give them to guest speakers to promote awareness of the Club
- available to Club members for \$5

13. Committee Reports:

A) Bingo: Lion Marilyn Grey

- there are enough volunteers for April, May and June
- receiving schedules for only 3 months at a time
- new dates will be sent out when received, asking for volunteers
- Bingo revenues average between \$3,500 to \$5,000 per month

B) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalfe

- the jackpot is \$101,000 for tomorrow's draw
- online sales approximately 2,500 per week
- presently, \$135,000 is available for Camp Dorset

C) Effective Speaking: Lion Sylvia Brock

- District A16 contest this weekend
- duty list to be emailed Tuesday
- Friday set up is at 6:30 p.m.
- still some volunteer positions open, see Lion Sylvia Brock
- 19 contestants
- the French competition has the 2 Newmarket winners plus 2 others
- A16 winners must sign up for MDA contest on May 25th in St. Catharines
- financial support for MDA hasn't been discussed
- difficulty finding judges
- next year MDA contest will be hosted by Angus Glen Lions Club

D) Requests:

Children's Aid: Lion Sylvia Brock

- historically, the Club has financially supported the Stay in School program
- monetary awards are granted to encourage students to stay in school
- children under care receive no support after 18 years of age

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock- "That the Club support the York Region Children's Aid Society's Stay in School Program, with a \$1,500 donation."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

14. Good of Lionism:

A) April Club Meetings: Lion Mike Barker

- due to Easter Monday falling on the 1st Monday of the month, all meetings have been moved down a week.
- the first meeting of April will be on the 8th
- Lion President Mike Barker to inform the Town of the changes

B) Southlake Run/Walk: Lion Kirby Brock

- Southlake understood why the Club withdrew BBQ support as too many health and logistic issues

C) Guest Speaker: Lion Kirby Brock

- guest speaker, Maple Leaf PS music teacher
- the Club is waiting for a figure regarding the cost of musical equipment repairs

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock- "That the Club set aside up to \$4,000 to cover the costs of repairs to Maple Leaf public school musical equipment."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

15) Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting Monday April 8, 2024

