



March 4, 2024, General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Bernard Fernandes, Mike Barker, Brian Havard, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Sylvia Brock, John Liska, Rick Metcalfe, Howard Wetmore, Mars Hayward, Ellen Gallacher, Christiane Zoidl, Marilyn Grey, Diana Graham, June Foot, Brigitte Brennan, Mary Singer, and Jeanette du Plessis

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

2. **Singing of National Anthem:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:** Lily Le and Andiea Edwards.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the February 05, 2024, meeting:**

Motion: Lion John Liska - "That the minutes of the February 5, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Ron Head

Motion: *Carried*

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

- A) Thank you letter from Trinity United Church for providing funds for their industrial dish washer.
- B) Certificate of Appreciation from MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy
- C) Port Perry Lions 50/50 convention tickets

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club purchase the Port Perry Lions Convention 50/50 tickets."

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

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

- Bank statements are not available yet, Lion Treasurer Sue Williams will prepare and send the report when ready.
- Lion President Mike Barker has agreed to assist any Lion that cannot photograph or scan receipts when requesting a reimbursement cheque.
- completing a cheque requisition form is no longer necessary
- an email with receipts attached will suffice
- one email per activity when requesting reimbursement

7. **Executive Updates:**

A) Camp Joseph: Lion Sylvia Brock

- recommend a \$1,000 donation for the new busses
- MDA has requested Lions Clubs financial support for Camp Joseph busses

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock- "That the Club donate \$1,000 to support Camp Joseph's request for financial aid to purchase new busses.

Second: Lion Rick Metcalfe

Motion: *Carried*

B) Maple Leaf PS request: Lion Kirby Brock

-the school is requesting \$699 + tax, in financial assistance to purchase a bass clarinet

Motion: Lion June Foot- "That the Club purchase a bass clarinet for Maple Leaf public school in the amount of \$699 + tax."

Second: Lion Howard Wetmore

Motion: *Carried*

8. Accessible Playground Update: Lion Diana Graham

-Lion Diana Graham attended a Zoom meeting with the mayor, parks & recreation representatives and a parent whose child needs an accessible playground.

-without divulging the amount, Lion Diana indicated that the Newmarket Lions would be willing to financially support an accessible playground in Newmarket

-for some unknown reason, the All Kids Accessible Park had the accessible portions removed a few years ago."

-the mayor assured Lion Diana that an accessible park would be installed by 2025

-if the Town would like financial support from the Newmarket Lions Club, members must be involved in the process.

9. MDA Lions Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Christiane Zoidl

-nature photos

-if you have photos you would like to enter into the contest, please see Lion Christiane

10. Committee Reports:

A) Bingo: Lion Marilyn Grey

- For the 4 sessions in January, the Club received approximately \$1,400 per session

-the Club was penalized in February because a volunteer was absent for a scheduled shift

-Bingo Co-ordinator, Lion Marilyn Grey is working on next year's schedule

-we are only being given shifts for 3 months at a time

B) Finance Committee: Lion Ron Head

-the Committee met Sunday night for the first time to discuss the use of excess funds to provide income

-Lions Mike Barker and Ron Head are investigating with investment firm Gillespie Adams on how best to invest funds

-a HISA (high interest savings account) could yield 4.55% interest

- covered by CDIC

-interest is paid into the account monthly, funds are accessible

-funds are still available in the Charitable Trust and Bingo accounts for requests

-Bingo account must be drawn down to almost zero by Club's year end

-when the Maple Leaf Grant expires, the Meridian bank account will be closed

Motion: Lion Ron Head- "That the Club invest \$60,000"

Second: Lion Brigitte Brennan

Motion: *Carried*

C) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalfe

- going well, this will be week 36, advertised jackpot is \$90,000
- this past Saturday, Lion John Liska, his son and grandson sold 210 tickets at Canadian Tire
- if Ace of Spades goes tomorrow, the Club has \$126,000 for Camp Dorset
- expenses so far \$16,965.00
- sales are ahead of last year although stagnant at the moment
- still trying to get ads on Facebook, problems getting by META

D) School Requests:

Glen Cedar PS fridge: Lion Diana Graham

- the Club allocated \$500 to purchase a fridge for Glen Cedar; a fridge was purchased for \$400
- was delivered to the school by Lions Diana Graham, Mars Hayward and his 2 sons
- Lion Kirby Brock emailed the staff asking how the new fridge was received, a very positive response was extracted.

Maple Leaf PS Grant: Lion Sylvia Brock

- the Club agreed to sponsor Maple Leaf PS for the \$8,000 grant
- the grant was used to engage the school community through activities, guest speakers, workshops for families, etc
- the grant must be used by February 29, 2024
- programs and events were well received by the families
- due to timing error, the school overspent by \$588.61

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock- "That the Club cover the cost of the overspending in the amount of \$588.61"

Second: Lion Rick Metcalfe

Motion: *Carried*

E) Southlake Walk/Run: Lion Kirby Brock

- due to little cooperation from event organizers, and risks to the Club and the public, the Club has withdrawn their involvement.
- logistics nightmare
- the event would have cost the Club over \$10,000

F) Effective Speaking Wrap Up: Lion Kirby Brock

- Lion Kirby thanked all the Lions who helped to make the event another great success
- a Maple Leaf PS parent even thanked the Club for all the support offered to the school
- kudos were also given to Lions Sylvia and Kirby Brock for their many months of behind the scenes organization
- reminder of the District A16 contest to be held at Trinity United Church on March 23
- 1st and 2nd place winners from the district contest will advance to the Multiple District contest in St. Catherines in May
- volunteer list circulated
- judges can't be Lions, almost have all the judges in place for the A16 event

11. Good of Lionism:

A) **CNIB and Lions:** Lion Rick Metcalfe

- contrary to commercials you may have seen on TV, CNIB does not train guide dogs
- Lions Clubs train guide dogs for the blind as well as many other issues (e.g autism, anxiety)
- the facility in Oakville needs to expand to meet the increasing need for service dogs
- a \$500 donation to Guide Dogs was approved at the March 26,2023 meeting

B) **Spring Giving:** Lion Kirby Brock

- Lion Kirby Brock has asked Pastor Nathan Pickard of Church of Christ to assist in identifying the neediest families
- supply 25 of the neediest families with a \$100 food voucher

Motion: Lion John Liska- "That the Club allocate up to \$10,000 for the Spring giving of food vouchers to families in need."

Second: Lion Jeanette du Plessis

Motion: *Carried*

C) **April Meeting dates:**

- As the next meeting falls on Easter Monday, the meetings for April are moved down April 8,22 and 29 for Executive

D) **April 8th meeting:**

- guest speaker, Maple Leaf PS music teacher

11) **Adjournment:** 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting Monday March 18, 2024

Newmarket Lions Club President: Mike Barker

Newmarket Lions Club Secretary: Megan Bennett

