



May 6, 2024, General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Mike Barker, Brian Havard, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Sylvia Brock, Tom Alderson, Howard Wetmore, Mars Hayward, Ellen Gallacher, Christiane Zoidl, Don Gardiner, Mary Singer, June Foot, Ron Head, Bernard Fernandes, John Liska, Suzanne Kishonti, Larry Sikorski and Jeanette du Plessis

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

2. Singing of National Anthem:

3. Introduction of Guests: Grade 11 student Maiwand Gawharzad and his mother

4. Guest Speaker:

- presentation of winning Senior English Effective Speaking Speech by Maiwand Gawharzad
- presentation of Effective Speaking certificate by Youth Opportunities Co-Chair Lion Sylvia Brock

5. Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 2024, meeting:

Motion: Lion John Liska - "That the minutes of the April 22, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Suzanne Kishonti

Motion: *Carried*

6. Correspondence:

-None

7. Treasurer's Report: Lion President Mike Barker

-there is a problem with the Meridian bank, report to be issued later this week

8. Environmental Clean up Day: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- Thursday, May 9th 11:00 a.m. ish, George Richardson Park
- bring gloves and a grabber
- wear Lions shirt/hat
- in case of rain, notice will be sent out re-scheduling

9. Southlake Toys and Toiletries: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- former Lion Olga Partenan purchased and delivered toys and toiletries on behalf of the Newmarket Lions Club
- she added labels to the items indicating they were from the Newmarket Lions Club
- photos were sent with the agenda

10. End of Year Celebration: Lion President Mike Barker

- no response
- think about it for next meeting

11. Governor's Picnic: Lion President Mike Barker

- previously suggested that the Club donate water, not practical
- send donation instead
- Lion Secretary Megan Bennett to send out cheque request to the Treasurer (Done)

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club donate \$250 to the picnic as no Club members will be attending."

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

12. Updates from the Executive:

A) **Salvation Army:** Lion Kirby Brock

- for over 12 years the Club has dealt with Ray Varkay, he has now moved on from the Salvation Army
- Angela is a temporary replacement and has no definite answers as to how they will be involved in the Club's Santa Fund
- all toys etc that they had, have been sent to the Salvation Army HQ an they will now have to apply for items
- they will be cutting back significantly on toy distribution
- they need to find a facility in Newmarket to set up for servicing Newmarket clients requesting assistance
- they are still interested in the Club's support in assisting Newmarket families
- they expect approximately 250 Newmarket families will need support
- another meeting will be scheduled for September

B) **Maple Leaf:** Lion Kirby Brock

- their music teacher was arrested recently
- they have hired a replacement
- Wonderland trip is still on
- music programs continue

C) **Camp Kirk/Friends of the Learning Disabled:** Lion Sylvia Brock

- a request for support for 1 Newmarket Camper, 15-year-old, Christian, who has been diagnosed with autism, ADD and learning disabilities.
- the family can afford \$800, the Executive recommends that the Club provide the rest, \$1,370

Motion: Lion John Liska - "That the Club support the request for \$1,370 to send Christian to camp."

Second: Lion Sylvia Brock

Motion: *Carried*

D) **YRDSB request for financial assistance for an autistic student:** Lion Sylvia Brock

- the family could not afford to pay for the camp up front
- any government assistance is retro active; thus, it is now too late to enrol Samantha as all the camps are booked
- if a spot becomes available the Executive recommends that the Club support the request for financial assistance of approximately \$300 for a week

E) Ontario Blind Golf: Lion Sylvia Brock

- an Eblast was circulated- Ontario Blind Golf is requesting participants or a donation
- the Executive approved a donation of \$500-Lion Sylvia has requested the cheque

F) Hearing Aid for Grade 8 Student, Update: Lion Sylvia Brock

- Hearing Life is providing the hearing aid for this grade 8 student at an excellent price of \$1,800
- a letter from the parents was required before continuing, it has now been received
- Valerie Kitazaki, the YDSB Coordinator of Blind Low Vision & Deaf Blind Services is looking for the necessary support to assist the student at school once he has the hearing aids
- the school is trying to ensure the student is prepared for high school

13. Committee Reports:

A) Blind/Low Vision scholarship: Lion Megan Bennett

- notification of scholarship application deadline has been sent to -Valerie Kitazaki, the YDSB Coordinator of Blind Low Vision & Deaf Blind Services
- flyer posted on the Club's Instagram and Facebook page
- deadline for applications is June 1st

Motion: Lion Megan Bennett - "That the Club approve \$1,500 for the scholarship."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

B) Catch the Ace: Lion Don Gardiner

- the advertised jackpot- \$151,000 for tomorrow's draw
- problem with the website, some tickets are being duplicated, Rosewood is working on a fix
- if problem can't be fixed by Tuesday at noon, draw will be postponed until Wednesday

C) School Requests: Lion Kirby Brock

1) Sir William Mulock High School

- a request was received asking for \$1,500 for their breakfast program, they have no funds left
- over 350 students/day need to be fed
- students volunteer to help sort out breakfast and snack foods
- as the Club is still within it's budget the request was approved by the Executive
- the Club has now spent \$11,500 of it's \$15,000 budget

2) Pickering College Award

- the Club has been honoured with the "Agents of Change" award by Pickering College
- the award is given to an individual or group that takes action to make the world a better place
- the Club is considered to be a positive role model for the students
- the presentation ceremony is to take place on May 15th, a reception is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3) Sacred Heart High School

- a request was received asking for the Club to provide lunch for 2000 students participating in the Relay for Life event on May 31
- Sacred Heart high school has raised the most money for the Canadian Cancer society over they years
- the Club cannot support all 4 Newmarket high schools and have already refused one request over lack of preparation time
- this is not a “need”
- we would be donating to another charity basically
- there are more important school programs to support

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - “That the Club donate \$500 towards the Relay for Life lunch at Sacred Heart high school.”

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Defeated*

D) **May Giving Committee:** Lions Sylvia and Kirby Brock

- 27 families identified; each will receive a \$200 voucher to No Frills
- Paster Nathan Pickard of Church of Christ has carefully chosen the neediest families and has worked with the elementary schools.
- Lions Sylvia Brock, June Foot, and Megan Bennett, have attempted to contact everyone on the list
- families from the Santa Fund list who received over \$175 at Christmas, were added to the list
- vouchers are ready for distribution, phone #'s are on the vouchers, please call recipients to inform them that you are delivering the vouchers
- vouchers distributed to the volunteers

14. **Good of Lionism:**

- ask the Treasurer for a list of all donations made by the Club this year to help with budgeting for following years
- perhaps a white board in the display case to showcase who the Club has helped?
- Club photo for Pickering College

15) **Adjournment:** 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting Monday May 20, 2024
Victoria Day

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

