



October 2, 2023 General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Brian Havard, Christiane Zoidl, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, Sylvia Brock, Marilyn Gray, Ellen Gallacher, Jeanette du Plessis, Ron Head, Suzanne Kishonti, Don Gardiner, Rick Metcalfe, Mary Singer, Diana Graham

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

2. **Singing of O Canada**

3. **Introduction of Guest:** Lion President Mike Barker

Guest: Lion Tom Alderson

Motion: Lion President Mike Barker - "That the Club extend voting rights to Lion Tom Alderson for today's meeting."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

4. **Approval of Minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting:**

Motion: Lion Mary Singer - "That the minutes of the September 18th meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Ellen Gallacher

Motion: *Carried*

5. **Correspondence:**

-None

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

-Major expenses coming up e.g., Santa Fund, school breakfast programs

-Club has approximately \$150,000 until year end plus monthly Bingo funds (June 30th)

-with the cost of living and inflation expect people to donate less to the Santa Fund

-Expect a lot more requests for Santa Fund assistance

-no funds needed for Mulock Farm Park development; they have all the sponsors they need

7. **Committee Reports:**

A) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalfe

-after this series lottery tickets will only be available online and at a few sponsors

- its too much work for only 6 members, have to give up every weekend in the summer to sell tickets

-may not make as much money with new procedure

B) Coats for Kids-Lion Christiane Zoidl

- 2023 Volunteer Schedule circulated
- Opens Saturday at 10
- moving to new location on Friday
- donation bins are out

C) School/Community Requests:

1) Food Insecurity in Schools: - Lion Kirby Brock

- Lion Kirby Brock is working with North Newmarket Lion Glenn Conduit on providing nutrition to schools
- Lion Kirby Brock has been trying to contact Superintendent of Schools for YDSB, no luck so far
- the Club is providing daily support to 180 school children
- Lion Kirby Brock would like to contact other service organizations (e.g. Optimist Club) to help with providing funds for breakfast programs

2) Maple Leaf PS BBQ- Lion Sylvia Brock

- 14 volunteers for Tuesday's BBQ and information event
- 2 people will man (people)? the information booth
- the Health Inspector will be checking up on our procedures
- expect to serve 500 hot dogs, includes 54 veggie dogs
- families will have chips or coupons to exchange for the meal
- Lions hats must be worn, see Lion Sylvia if you require one

D) Santa Fund: Lion Kirby Brock

- Lion Kirby Brock has been meeting with Pastor Nathan of Church of Christ, he has volunteered his location if required, for distribution of food vouchers

E) Vision Screening: Lion Sylvia Brock

- great response to Keaton Hamilton's Peace Essay contest win, many more people know that the Peace Essay is open to students with impaired vision
- Peace Essay competitors must be sponsored by a Lion's Club
- there is a new person at the YDSB, waiting for approval to start vision screening
- apparently an equity issue, some schools/parent's councils complain to media if their schools aren't included in the screening program and want to deny all other children access
- schools need at least 3 weeks to send permission letters home and get them returned
- scheduling will be Wednesdays and Thursdays this year

F) Community Meal: Lion Kirby Brock

- hams have been purchased, usual meal to be prepared
- 5 members needed
- preparation of meal only, no serving required
- Friday November 10th

G) Effective Speaking: Lion Kirby Brock

- 33 folders to be distributed to schools, see Lion Kirby Brock

8) **Executive Recommendation:** Lion President Mike Barker

- recommend support International Director candidate, Lion Debbie Dawson's campaign with a \$500 donation
- Lion President Mike Barker gives a brief CV for Lion Debbie Dawson, she is 100% Lion
- will cost about \$40,000 to run the campaign
- she came to the Zone meeting the Club hosted last week
- the Club has supported 2 candidates in the past, so we have experience in running a campaign
- Campaign will incur numerous expenses and many Clubs haven't recovered from COVID and don't have the funds to support the campaign

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club donate \$1,000 to Lion Debbie Dawsons campaign for International Director."

Second: Lion Tom Alderson

Motion: *Carried*

9) **Good of Lionism:**

A) Convention: Lion President Mike Barker

- can't book rooms at the moment
- Club members need to vote for Lion Debbie Dawson at Convention
- Clubs are allowed 1 vote per 10 members

B) Fully accessible park: Lion Diana Graham

- Lion Diana Graham has spoken with Town personnel
- The Club would help with financing
- it would be the Town's responsibility

Motion: Lion Diana Graham - "That the Club investigate the opportunity to help the Town develop an all-inclusive park."

Second: Lion Rick Metcalfe

Motion: *Carried*

C) Barkers: Lion Ron Head

- the Club Catch the Ace Barkers, Lions Rick Metcalfe, Kirby Brock, Don Gardiner and John Liska sold over 432 tickets over the last two weekends

D) Certificate of Appreciation: Lion Marilyn Gray

- a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Bingo helper Marylou Allesandrini

E) Afghan Family Commitment: Lion Rick Metcalfe

- minutes of September 18th indicate the Club has reduced its support to \$300 from \$600?
- the family is still struggling with little support; Government assistance is different for refugees than for immigrants
- the children are doing well at school, but the family is struggling with trauma
- looking into Salvation Army counselling

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club continue supporting the Afghan family with \$600 per month as originally agreed, until the end of December."

Second: Lion Don Gardiner

Motion: *Carried*

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting Monday October 16, 2023
Munch and Mingle

Guest Speaker: District Governor Sudha Verma

Newmarket Lions Club President: Mike Barker

Newmarket Lions Club Secretary: Megan Bennett