



Agenda  
Aug 4, 2020  
Zoom Mtg-Noon

1. Welcome & Attendance

2. Secretary minutes

3. Treasurer's report

4. President's Report

VP & Dinner

5. Membership Report

6. Director's Report

- A. Thaddeu Phelps – Social, Programs, Pride Groups
- B. Colleen Mulder – Calendar Raffle, Drive for Vision
- C. Boyd Griswold – Meijer Holiday, GR Foundation
- D. Kyle Travis – Eyeglasses, Student Awards, Holiday Raffle
- E. Jim Baird – VI Sports Day, White Cane, Community Resources
- F. Anna Clifford – Mktg Communications, Blind Dinner Date, Tech

7. New Business

- A. New Club Project: Shopping with the blind- Kathy Oberlin
- B.

8. Old Business:

- A. University Club Meetings
- B. Verify TimeLine
- C. Cherry Health Celebration Update

Adjournment



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Full Board Zoom Meeting  
Noon

Meeting started at 12:02pm by Chairman Ed Thauer with the pledge  
Attendance: Ed Thauer, Jeff Kraii, Cheryl Anderson, Kyle Travis, Jim Baird, Anna Clifford, John Rice, Ben Eavey, Colleen Mulder, Gary Anderson  
Absent: Boyd Griswold & Thaddeus Phelps

**1. Meeting Place** – University Club is open and is ready for us. They will wear masks and we will have to also until we reach the table of only 3! We would need to rsvp every Friday by noon prior to our Tuesday meeting. Could we possibly simulcast the meeting to those that are uncertain about coming to lunch? Michigan is right now at 3.8% and it is advisable to get under 3% of the population with the COVID, to be considered stable. Jeff Kraii suggested sending out a survey that would give us an idea of who would be actually coming. Anna, said to ask who is ready or nervous. Ben suggested a survey monkey to sent out on Monday, August 17th to see the results of the survey by Wednesday, August 19th. The executives will then decide how to proceed. John Rice could put it in the newsletter but in the summer there is only 1 a month and it already went out. John also believes an email has a better response than to his newsletter.

**2. Secretary Minutes** from last minutes were lost in translation. The Zoom meeting wasn't able to be sent out or translated. No minutes

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Jeff Kraii reported that the General fund is in good shape due to the lack of paying for meals and parking at the University Club. This year we have a surplus of \$4300. Bills were sent out and a few members took advantage of the \$100 discount (Luncheon Members only) due to missing from the end of March – end of May. The Charities did not have much money in the fund due to many of our fundraising events being cancelled. Sent out the allocations to our charities of the money we had. The larger charities got a lot less the small charities got about normal of what we usually give them. Jim Baird moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kyle Travis seconded. Voted and passed unanimously .  
Patrick O'Hare asked to be dropped from the club. A vote has to be taken. Jeff moved to drop Patrick, Cheryl seconded, voted – passed.  
If a member goes from program to service, no vote is needed. Jeff just moves them. The Community Fund check didn't arrive, on its way.

**4. Presidents Report:** Ben Eavey. Ben has still not found someone for V-Pres. Gary Anderson may be interested. Ben will ask when Gary gets on the Zoom mtg, he was delayed due to patients.

The Annual Dinner is less and less of a chance of having it happen. Other options are to hold it outside but limit tables. We could Zoom the Annual Dinner that would open up options but not many members attend the Zoom meetings. Instead it was suggested to have a Virtual Happy Hour for the Annual Meeting with a host (Rob Lalley) and everyone have a beverage as we go through the business of the night-giving out awards, etc.

Blind Dinner Date, same thing of not holding it this year. The committee will need to get together to decide who is going to communicate that to the sponsors. See if the sponsors want a refund. Or donate their sponsor money.

Drive 4 Vision is still set for Sept 21, 2020. The meal will be watched closely. Everyone will be encouraged not to sit down to eat.

**5. Membership report:** Dr. Gary Anderson offered an online virtual membership orientation back in June online and there were 7 or 8 online. John Rice put together the powerpoint which covered Lions at the club, district, state and international level. It also covered the 100th Anniversary showing the video that Mike Murphy put together. The next orientation, the video will be sent ahead of time to save time and to give a brief summary of the GR Lions. The orientation will be available to ALL members. Many current members don't realize all that we do and how we as Lions are all connected around the world

**6. Director Colleen Mulder** – As mentioned the Drive 4 Vision is still a go. There are 12 foursomes signed up. All the sponsors have stayed. There will be 2 per cart, hopefully 1 in the cart and 1 walking.

Calendar Raffle – Jamie has not gotten back to Colleen. There was some trouble with the Cascade Roadhouse, may have to find another place.

**7. Director Kyle Travis** – The Eyeglass Recycling Center is hopefully open but to a new routine. Due to COVID there will be only so many people allowed in and no longer open to everyone on Tuesday nights. You will have to check in with Scott Brady ahead of time if you want to work at the center. There is a shed behind the building to drop off glasses only. Remax in California has finally sent a payment. The Mission Trips have all been postponed until 2022.

Student Awards were handled differently this year. The students through their high school counselor received a \$50 Visa card with a letter & certificate from the GR Lions. Sadly, not one student sent a thank you note.

**8. Director Jim Baird** – Holiday Shopping is still being planned for the first Saturday in December. We won't have the room in the back, nor will we be allowed to pick up or drop off. Looking into renting a bus to pick up/drop off the

kids. Jeff Kraii said the money to rent the bus shouldn't be a problem, we have money in the budget. Hoping to have the GVSU student club to put together goody bags for the kids. They will be subsidized for the items.

White Cane is the weekend of Oct 9 & 10 at Walmart. Jim Baird is building something to keep the social distance from the Lions & shoppers. There will be at least 100 letters to hand out with the theme of Hellen Keller, the deaf & blind.

**9. Director Anna Clifford** – Blind Dinner Date report already given.

Technology is Ben and nothing to report

Marketing, has not connected with them but would like to have the mktg comm work with each of the other committees and their events.

**10. Directors Griswold & Phelps** were absent and no report was submitted.

### **New Business:**

1. Oberin's letter was read regarding the blind man that needed help with shopping for food. Discussion: Schipt won't work, the patron has to use his credit card or food stamps. Anna suggested to contact ABVI and see what others are doing. Jim said that he was an orientation mobility educator. All visually impaired people are taught how to shop and get to the stores. Jim believes this man, along with others must not have been trained in mobility. FYI – every store, when you call ahead, provides a shopper for you as a store courtesy. Jim will contact Kathy & Mark, then report an update next month.

### **Old Business:**

1. University Club meetings- already discussed. Survey going out Aug 17
2. Time line – questionable whether the events will take place with the COVID
3. Cherry Health Foundation, Anna reported that the 2020 donations have impacted Cherry Health. The report will go out in the summer newsletter with a section showing what the Grand Rapids Lions has donated and their support. The need is still donations. The vision center is now open and the lab will be opening soon. The celebration will be virtual on Nov 19. The focus has pivoted to highlight the partnerships including GR Lions, but not just the GR Lions. Ben was asked to sit on that committee for the virtual Cherry Health celebration
4. Cheryl is working on the Organizational Chart to get it updated to go up on the web. Once we have elections, it is official and can be put on the web.

\*Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 25th EXECUTIVE Committee

\*Sept 28th, FULL BOARD

Meeting adjourned at 1:15

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Cheryl Anderson  
GR Lions Club Secretary