



Executive GR Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2023  
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Chairman Ben Eavey, Pres Gary Anderson, VP Kyle Travis, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Treasurer Jeff Kraai, Membership Chair John Rice,

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Ben Eavey at 12:19pm.
2. Approval of Secretary's report: Moved to approve from Jeff Kraai, seconded by Kyle Travis, vote and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jeff Kraai, nothing much has changed. The financials were sent out earlier via email. We are in good shape. The Charity Fund is quiet. The final allocations will be discussed and voted on at the next full board Meeting in May. Jeff did bring up the discussion of Lifetime Membership in the club. On page 2 of our By-Laws it discusses the Lifetime Membership criteria and what it means. It is a free ride, ALL dues are covered. A member for only 20 years and no longer pay dues. This criteria needs some clarification and a by-law amendment to, align with the Lions Internationals Lifetime Membership criteria. LCI only waives their dues, not state, district or club. GR Lions by-laws adopted March 20, 2014. Life membership should be international dues, not our club dues. LCI Lifetime Membership (\$650) issue will need to be addressed and rewrite it so it makes financial sense. It could be a "status" and get club dues free but still pay for lunches. Gary will jot down new wording for the next meeting. The club would have to vote on the new wording for the by-laws. Gary moved to accept the treasurer's report, John seconded, voted & passed.

President's Report: Gary Anderson, already discussed about the GR Foundation. Currently down in Jamaica setting up the next mission trip.

Vice-Presidents Report: Kyle Travis, Bob Younger has agreed to step in to fill Drew's final term. Bob Younger will have to be voted in by the board. Gary moves to approve Bob Younger to fulfill the remaining term of Drew Wessell. Kyle seconded, voted and passed. Cheryl will have a ballot for the board to approve the two new directors and then the club votes.

Membership Report: John Rice, Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

1. Craig's Memorial was excellent, 9 GR Lions present. Gary gave a short history of Craig in the GR Lions Mei was happy.
2. Venue for luncheon meetings, Kyle and Bob Snyders was on the email chain. Waiting to hear if they found anything. Cheryl sent an email with what the U-Club did for us and it is going to be hard to beat.

3. Club Shirts: There is a blue short sleeve & long sleeve and a pullover. Both come in mens, womens and tall. Not high end cost. Going to bring to the annual dinner and order there since that is our biggest turnout. The logo will be the international log with Grand Rapids Lions underneath. Check the website. Maybe we can send some ideas of the logo to vote on.
4. Trip to Leader Dog. The bus from Mary Free Bed carries only 12 people. If it turns out to be positive, later on we can rent a bus. Otherwise, the first 12 ride the bus and the others can carpool. There are a few weekends that are open. So you get a walk through tour and walk blind folded with a dog. When we get the dates, we should promote this activity. Tim Tuthill is excited about it, Gary will work with Time and start to promote it.
5. Social Media Person. Joe Annoreno is interested and Ben directed him to start checking with the marketing people. Mike Murphy and Pat Mullen is who he should be talking with about social media.

#### New Business:

1. Bear Lake Camp needed an extra \$100 over our usual donation. This extra money is to help purchase golf carts. Gary moved to donate \$200 to Bear Lake Camp toward the golf cart purchase over our normal yearly donation
2. Cheryl, Gary and Ben are not going to be at the May 2, 2023 luncheon meeting. Cheryl will send out an email to recruit Jamie, Rob Lalley or Ed Thauer to run the meeting.
3. Awards:  
Lion of the Year: Bob Younger or Sherah Eavey & Kelly Phelps  
Rookie of the Year: Jim Schuyler
4. Foundation: Gary talked with Pat Mullen about our pledge but he doesn't want to put it into the current foundation set up. We don't want to get the current foundation committee upset but let them know what we are porposing. Jeff said that he did talk with Pat and there was a few minor concerns. Gary wants to meet with Pat Mullen, Lynn Francis, Scott Brady, Rick Walker, Jonse Young and Ed Thauer. Jeff said this could take time and Jeff will hold funds until we settle this so we have some seed money. Kyle said he was meeting with the ad-hoc committee and will have more to report next month
5. Melvin Jones Award: We have enough funds to give out a few if there is anyone that should be considered. Cheryl can send out the list. (See below) Gary can do a presidential recognition.
6. Henry Voet Award meeting needs to set up meeting. The current president cannot vote, so Ben will arrange that.

Adjourned at 1:06pm

Respectfully submitted, Lion Cheryl Anderson

## **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Recipients**

LCIF provided the initial list of past recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to PID Dr. Gary Anderson in March 2014 based on their contributions of \$1,000 or more. Some recipients have earned the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships Award multiple times for their contributions to LCIF. Also, based upon the contributions from the Grand Rapids Lions Club, the club was credited to be able to identify worthy individuals that would receive the award.

- Cheryl Anderson
- Dr. GaryAnderson
- Anne Baird \*
- Dave Delorm \*
- Dr. Pat Droste
- Ben Eavey
- Shawn Eyestone?
- Lynn Francis
- Kim Gary
- Chuck Harris
- Shelley Irwin \*
- Jamie Junod
- David Kok
- Jeff Kraai
- Rob Lalley
- Mike Luhn
- Pat Mullen
- Craig Nobbelin
- Mark Oberlin
- Brent Spoelstra \*
- Rick Stevens
- John Vanderheide \*
- Rick Walker

\* Grand Rapids Lions Club Awarded