

ABILENE CACTUS LIONS CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2009

The Board Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 P.M. at Dean Baird's Office, 1766 South Clack Street, Abilene Texas. In attendance were President Bob Nelson, PDG/Treasurer Hal Griffin, Secretary Irene Grant, Lion Sandy Griffin, Lion Tena Andrews, Lion Beth Davis, Lion Dean Baird, Lion Boyd King, Lion Fannie Mae Massey, and Lion David Scott. Irene Grant read the minutes from the June 29, 2009 Board Meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Hal Griffin and seconded by Tena Andrews. The motion carried.

The Hardin Simmons University Lions Club banner had arrived and was handed over to PDG Hal Griffin by Lion Irene Grant. It is to be presented to the new HSU club on their Charter Night

Club President Bob Nelson discussed the July membership report and that Mark Kennedy was dropped from the roster at his request. Bob Nelson stated that he had been working with Club Secretary Irene Grant in setting up the necessary files in her computer and assisting her with current District and Lions International requirements.

Club Secretary Irene Grant stated that there was insufficient information at this time to file the monthly activity report. Not all members had recorded their hours connected with putting up flags on July 4th. She stated that she would try to finalize this at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, August 5th. The District Governor's Contest template was reviewed by those present with additional information to complete the report presented and recorded.

The treasurer's report for the previous month was presented by PDG/Treasurer Hal Griffin and discussed by the Board and members present. Hal Griffin explained that the \$ 400 paid to Dr. Dressen were incurred last year but were not paid until this past month out of the Club's current funds. As a result, the \$ 2,000 budgeted for eyeglasses this year were reduced by that amount. A motion was made by Bob Nelson to approve the report and this was seconded by Fannie Mae Massey. The motion carried. Hal Griffin also explained that the \$ 400 Lion Jerome Andino is now in arrears on dues in the amount of \$ 207.25 and that regular monthly statements had been sent to him each month. PDG Griffin suggested that an official letter be sent to Lion Jerome by the Club Secretary, to the effect that the past due amounts be brought up to current status and that failure to comply would, unfortunately, terminate membership. A motion was made by David Scott to proceed with this letter, which was seconded by Beth Davis. The motion carried.

Lion Sandy Griffin presented a report on eyeglasses for needy adults. The frame program and kits available through Midland are strictly for children and the adult eyeglasses approved through the club go through Lenscrafters. In turn, Lenscrafters does not accommodate eyeglasses for children. Four (4) coupons are at this time left with Lenscrafters and Lion Sandy will mail a check to their corporate office for ten (10) additional vouchers, at \$ 50.00 each. The exam itself with Lenscrafters amounts to \$25.00, bringing the total for adult eyeglasses to \$ 75.00 per pair. The exam for children's eyeglasses by Dr. Dressen will amount to \$ 25.00. Children's frames through Midland will cost between \$ 14.00 and \$ 18.00. Even with postage this approach should cost somewhat less than what the Club is paying now for children's glasses. The Board and

members present at the meeting discussed funding constraints currently connected with furnishing adult eyeglasses due to the unforeseen payment to Dr. Dressen. Lion Sandy proposed that the Club pilot the Midland program for one year and then evaluate actual savings that have been achieved. At that point the club is to determine whether or not it is advantageous to stay with the program. She further proposed that no additional adult eyeglasses be purchased until January, and then contingent on available funds. Lion Irene Grant made the motion to accept these proposals as stated. Lion Dean Baird seconded, and the motion carried. Lion Sandy also stated that the Club should consider a bake sale or similar project to enhance funding for the eyeglass program. Various members present stated that the Club is already stretched out between Spaghetti Supper and Flags and no final determination was reached.

The Board and members present reviewed current Club Policies and concurred on various updates. Lion Hal Griffin moved that the Board accept these updates, and David Scott seconded. The motion carried. Lion Tena Andrews agreed to retype the Policies document and have it ready for distribution at the Wednesday, August 5th meeting. A vote to accept the updated Club Policies is also planned to take place during this meeting.

Lion Dean Beard informed the Board that the current florist is no longer a viable choice for the club since the person is difficult to reach and only works now on a part-time basis. Lion Fannie Mae suggested that the Club look for another florist.

Lion David Scott queried if any steps had been taken towards adopting one or more Club Projects. He brought up reading to elementary school children or providing buckets/duffel bags for the Noah Project. Various approaches were discussed and the Board agreed to bring up the subject at the Wednesday, August 5th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Prepared by Irene M. Grant
Club Secretary