

ABILENE CACTUS LIONS CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 28, 2009

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M. at Dean Baird's Office, 1766 South Clack Street, Abilene Texas. Members in attendance: First Vice President Lion David Scott, 1 Year Director Lion Tena Andrews, Club President Lion Bob Nelson, 2 Year Director Lion Dean Baird, PDG/Club Treasurer Hal Griffin, Second Vice President Lion Boyd King, Lion Greeter Lion Beth Davis, Club Secretary Irene Grant. The minutes from the previous board meeting were not submitted at the board but had been posted on the Cactus Lions web site for member review. PDG Hal Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes as written and it was seconded by Lion Beth Davis. The motion carried.

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 stated that two (2) entries remained to be made to the September report and would be posted for October: A \$ 120 gas credit for flag routes and \$ 60.00 for three new member dues for the McMurry Lions Branch Club. He further stated that in exchange the McMurry Club would assist with staffing the Cactus flag routes.

Lion Irene Grant made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as written and this was seconded by Lion Boyd King. The motion carried.

PDG Hal Griffin presented an update on the status of the McMurry Branch Club. The current membership is at eighteen (18) and only two more members are required for the Club to charter under their own right. He further states that McMurry appears to be an active and energetic club that is showing interest in campus service projects and a willingness to help Cactus also with the annual spaghetti dinner. Hal Griffin informed the board that Lion Fred Famble spends a great deal of time with McMurry students as well as guidance for the Club members. The Hardin Simmons Club has no staff members to draw on who are Lions and will therefore require special attention and encouragement from Cactus. A total of ten (10) HSU members showed up for Charter Night and it took some effort to locate the various individuals and bring the program back to a viable state. PDG Griffin also stated that campus clubs present a special challenge since these are constantly subject to change and therefore 'hand-holding' is essential. Facebook appears to be a common online meeting place these days for students and it may provide a ready vehicle for reaching students interested in joining service projects and a service organization. Lion David Scott suggested that Hardin Simmons and McMurry clubs be encouraged to hold a mutual meeting on perhaps a quarterly basis.

Club President Bob Nelson presented the following letters: A thank you note from the Food Bank for the Club's donation of \$ 400; a receipt for a \$ 400 donation to Hope Haven; a certificate from Leader Dog for Club contributions; a thank you note from Noah Project for the Club's \$ 400 donation; an acknowledgement from World Services for the Blind for the Club's \$ 206 donation and a letter from Meals on Wheels informing the Club that State of Texas funding for the program has been cut by \$ 125,000 and requesting assistance from the Club.

Lion David Scott stated that Sonic currently has a program in which individuals can volunteer as 'car hops' and in exchange they are permitted to approach customers for donations to charitable and service projects. This may be something for consideration by the two campus clubs.

Flag routes and the flag program in general were discussed by the Board. Lion Boyd King stated that the Club is in dire need of people to run the flags, which may be offset somewhat by McMurry's willingness to help, and also pickup trucks for the various flag routes. Lion Beth Davis queried on the impact of abandoning the flag program altogether. PDG Hal Griffin stated that the Club's ability to provide needed dollars to the various local charities would be significantly impaired if the program were to be dissolved. Recruiting a Boy Scout troop to handle flag deliveries and retrievals would also cut deep into these dollars. The We Care team would not be a viable option since they could not guarantee volunteers for the various flag days. The next flag day is October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lion Dean Baird told the Board that she had been contacted by Pat Wallace with Hope Heaven suggesting that the Club hold a meeting there and that a light lunch would be provided by Hope Haven. PDG Hal Griffin agreed to check with Amanda's to determine if the Club will still be charged for meals if the meeting at Hope Haven takes place. The Board will discuss this alternative further once that information has been obtained.

Lion Dean stated that the Hospice Care Tree will be located at the mall between November 22, 2009 and January 3, 2010, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Dean will be contacting Hospice Care and obtain a specific date for the Club to participate, preferably a Sunday.

PDG Hal Griffin obtained a Lions logo label at the US-Canada forum for adhering to the buckets to be obtained for Noah Project. Each of these labels costs \$ 2.50. The Board discussed having logo labels made locally, but it was determined this could only take place with permission from Lions International legal department.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Birthdays for October:

Patricia Gough, 10/02  
Dennis Pascal, 10/15  
Hal Griffin, 10/20

Programs for October:

10/07 Business meeting  
10/14 Margaret Hoogstra, Texas Forts Trail  
10/21 Scott Golding, Medical Mission  
10/28 To be determined

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Club Secretary