



LAKELAND LIONS EYE SUB STATION

AT HOWARD YOUNG MEDICAL CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2016



Meeting was called to order by President, Betty Watkins at 7:00 pm. Pledge was said.

Guests were introduced: Anne Higgins, President of Manitowish Waters Lioness Club came to see “what we were all about”. Guest Speaker Julie Brownwell and her husband Galen were also introduced. Julie is a Manitowish Waters Lioness and she lives in Winchester.

We had a very large turnout with 25 people! 22 Sub Station Group members were present from 9 of 10 Clubs. They were:

John & Joanne Ader - Boulder Junctions Lions; Karen & John Kocovsky, Sue Remly, Lynn & Skip Tosch - Hazelhurst Lions; Dennis Hirtz and Deb Folwarski - Lake Tomahawk Lions/Lioness; Betty Watkins, Debbie Skrobot and Pat Becker, Toby Hyland - Manitowish Waters Lioness; Earl Watkins, Bob Becker - Manitowish Waters Lions; Roger & Judy Weber - Sayner/Star Lake Lions; Karen Carter, Melody Kysiak, Cris Sprister - St Germain Lioness; Jim Cater - St Germain Lions; Dick Smith – Winchester Lions.

Club(s) not present/represented were: Lac du Flambeau Lions.

Guest Speaker, Julie Brownwell a Manitowish Waters Lioness brought us her perspective as being a cornea transplant recipient. Julie contracted shingles in her 20's which caused a scar on her cornea severe enough that she was recommended for a cornea transplant after a several years; her vision was like looking through a screen, she said. She is now about 2 ½ years out on her transplant which was done at the Eye Clinic in Wausau. She is doing well. Also of interest is that her donor was about 4 years younger that she was as the time; the Eye Bank recommends that the ages of recipient and donor are within certain parameters with age differential not very large. She expressed her gratitude for the transplant and that the experience at the time was bittersweet for her, knowing that her donor had lost his life and was so young; she did send the donor family a letter. The procedure itself caused her no pain. She noticed a difference within 3 months, but it actually took about 1 to 1 ½ years for her to fully recover.

1. CORRESPONDENCE - none
2. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT - Motion was made to accept Secretary's Report from September 8, 2015 meeting by Lion Roger Weber/seconded by Lioness Debbie Skrobot; motion carried. Treasurer's Report was filed for audit; balance as of March 8, 2016 was \$1,190.26 with no expenditures made since last time – September 8, 2015.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Betty said that she and Lion Earl Watkins will again attend the Annual LEBW dinner meeting although travel is getting harder for both she and Earl. She recommended that we read the Lion's Newspaper articles regarding the Eye Bank and Vision Screening programs. She said it is helpful for us to find out what other Clubs and Lions Districts are doing in these fields.

NEW BUSINESS – Lion John Ader invited everyone to a "Support for Sight" Polka Party at the Boulder Junction Community Center this coming Saturday, March 12 from 4 – 7 pm. Great polish food and fun dancing will be on offer for a great cause – Little Lelyn Schmidt from Mercer (who was born without eyes).

COMMITTEE REPORTS – President Betty asked if the Budget Committee had come up with a "Policy of Reimbursement". Lion Roger Weber from the Budget Committee (Roger Weber, Sharon Pleasant and Joe Sutter) said that they did not yet have a policy ready for submission. Lion Roger made a motion to make a display, not to exceed \$100 that the Lakeland Lions Eye Substation Group can set up at the upcoming District Convention to show all Clubs in the District who we are and what we do/seconded by Lion John Ader; motion carried. Lion Roger will contact the Convention Chair for a display space and construct the display.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Howard Young Medical Center cafeteria at 7:00 pm.**

Meeting was adjourned by President Betty at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lioness Cris Sprister
March 8, 2016