



Full GR Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2023  
Via Zoom at 8:00pm

In Attendance: Chair Ben Eavey, Pres. Gary Anderson, V-Pres Kyle Travis, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Directors: Anne Baird, Adam Carlson, Jim Schuyler and Bob Younger

Absent: Treasurer Drew Wessell, Directors: Joe Annoreno and Jason Brown ,

1. Meeting Called to Order at 8:03pm by Chairman Ben
2. Secretary's report: May minutes were sent out with agenda. No additions or corrections, Anne motioned to approve, Kyle seconded, no further discussion, voted & approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: A report was sent to everyone's email separately. Chairman Ben spoke on Drew's email to the board and how Jeff Kraai has been working and training Drew over the summer. A Financial Balance sheet with the year end figures was sent to the board. It showed that we closed out the fiscal year with no surprises. The General Fund Financial Report, with its comparison to last year, showed that liabilities lined up with last year's liabilities year end account. The Financial sheet also showed the total income for this year was \$31,000, a little higher than last year. Expenses were \$33,000, same as last year. Our deficit was a little lower at \$2,000, compared to the previous year's deficit of \$4,000. Gary commented that the social column had a \$400 difference from last year. Jim Schuyler commented that he noticed that there was a \$2500 lunch discount for COVID last year which we didn't apply to this year. That may be part of the increase. We can address these monetary difference questions to Drew and he can explain them at the next board meeting. Anne moved to accept report. Jim seconded, vote, approved.

\*\* New mailing address for Drew. 5110 28<sup>th</sup> St #1029, GR MI 49512

Please use this address for ALL Lion correspondence.

President's Report: Gary Anderson

1. First lunch meeting is Sept 6 with author Susan Tebos.
2. We will give out the Henry Voet award if the recipient is there. He was supposed to be at the annual dinner and then did not come that night.
3. Mission trip to Jamaica, Oct 20-30, team is all set. 19 people going, 12 Lions from the GR Lions Club. There are 4 doctors on the team. We will be seeing 750 kids for 4 days and 1 day of adults.
4. Like to have each director connect with their committee chairs on a zoom, along with Gary, Kyle and Cheryl. This meeting is to review what each committee is doing and their plan for the year. What they need for help, their expectations,

goals etc. Doing it early in the year, we then have a better chance to add or change something with that committee because we will have the time. The meeting will take place on zoom at night. The first directors and their committees are Bob & Jim next week with the 5 committee chairs, (Gary, Kyle, Cheryl), Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. Then Anne & Adam will meet with their committee people and the executives on Thursday, Aug 31 at 9:00pm. Gary will get together with the other two directors Joe & Jason to find a time for their zoom committee meeting. Gary will contact everyone with the zoom link. Preferably a 9:00pm zoom meeting and it won't be a long meeting. This will be used to address any revamping or changes need to an event. An example as to why this meeting is needed is Drive 4 Vision, Jason wants out as chair. He has too much going right now and he can't do it. Plus with Colleen Mulder out of GRO, we could lose our lead sponsor. The purpose of these zoom meetings is for opportunities for something new or to revamp a committee/event.

#### Vice-Presidents Report: Kyle Travis

1. Organizational Chart and are there any edits. Checking to be sure that Jason and Adam that this is their last year. The BDD committee has more people to be added. Ben needs to be deleted from the Marketing Committee. Contact Kyle with any additions or corrections.
2. Drive 4 Vision will be discussed at the subcommittee meeting.
3. GR Lions Club Foundation, runs through the GR Community Foundation: We currently have 1.25 Million dollars in the foundation. Of which the Foundation only gives back 5% annually to donate to charities. Jeff Kraai before he got off the board as treasurer wanted to establish a second foundation which would be more under the board's control. The GR Foundation is irrevocable, so when you donate to it, it is there to stay, except for the 5% annually. If something comes up that we need more money for a charity or event we would not have access to funds. Jeff is looking at a second foundation that would give us the ability to draw more money that 5% out of it. Jeff has created a guideline sheet for members as to which foundation they would like to donate their money. However, it is not ready for the board to vote on it yet. There are three major points to discuss before any vote. The three points are: 1. a name, 2. board to pay attention to how much we could withdraw from this foundation (5-25% in a 5 year period) 3. Do the by-laws need to be rewritten. Jeff will talk with Shawn Eyestone about the legalities. Hoping Jeff will be at the next board meeting to explain this better. Cheryl will send out to the board the document from Jeff. \*Update, sent out that night to the full board.

#### Membership Report: John Rice

1. He wants the pride team members to get a note out to our members about the first meeting. Be sure to ask if there is anything to report, good news/bad news.

2. We also need to induct the two new members at a meeting sometime soon. Gary thinks it would be good to do it the first meeting as a great kickoff to the year.

Director's Report:

**A. Bob Younger**

Social Committee: Rob Lalley nothing right now but working on something for the fall and the Holiday gathering.

Lunch Programs: Mark Oberlin says speaker there is a speaker for our first meeting on Sept 6. Mark is retiring and will be gone from January to March. We may need to find another person for this committee.

Holiday Raffle, nothing to report. Ryan will just go shopping as we get closer to the event but Bob will see if he can assist Ryan with some of the shopping

**B. James Schuyler**

Blind Dinner Date: Sponsor letters going out. Have 1 sponsor. Dr. Baker has been an excellent addition to the meeting. The date is Tuesday, Jan 30, 2024 at Frederick Meijer Gardens. 6-9 pm.

**C. Joe Annoreno:** Absent

Marketing no update

Community Resource: no update

Technology: Ben talked about how he is still waiting on Google for an email Address for non-profits. However, Ben did buy one email address through goDaddy for \$25/year for Drew until Google comes through with an email for Drew to use. Drew wants to keep all Lion business through this new email. It has not been set up yet. Ben has to get together with Drew to show him how this GoDaddy Email works. Continue to use Drew's personal email until something is sent out to the club about Drew's new email address.

**D. Jason Brown**

Drive 4 Vision: Up in the air. Jeff Kraai was asked but didn't seem interested. With Colleen being out of Eye Partners. The golf outing will have to be revamped.

Service Committee. No service project yet for Sept.

**E. Anne Baird**

Holiday Shopping-meeting next week with Meijer to ask for their money, Hoping to increase \$150/kid, (\$50 additional) Meijer gives us \$1,000 but Anne is going to ask for \$1500. GR Lions put in \$3,500.

40 kids @ \$125=\$5,000 Otherwise, 40 kids@\$150 = \$6,000. Anne will negotiate with Meijer and report next month as to what she was given.

GR Lions Foundation: already discussed

White Cane is all set with the letters to go out the first of October

**F. Adam Carlson**

Student Awards: nothing to report

Eye-glass Recycling nothing to report. Anne asked if they are open or not.  
Adam will check with Gail Junod about recycling opening center hours  
Eye-glass Mission Trips already discussed above about Jamaica

Old Business:

1. Charities – The Suggested Donations Chart that was discussed last month was for the 2023-24 budget. Items we discussed last month was that Sight Seer Radio be reduced \$500, take out kids food basket & add Build a Bed. Gary said the money on that form was already dispensed. We need to vote and approve the 2023-24 year's budget. We cannot vote on this right now. We will need to table it until the next meeting when Drew is present.

New Business:

1. Board meetings to be held at 8pm. Cheryl reminded everyone that the board is always the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.
2. Bob Younger asked for a listing of phone numbers, email addresses of all the board members \*Update – list went out that night.
3. Ben demonstrated on how to download the calendar to your personal calendar. Go to our website, click on the calendar, at the bottom of the page, it says "subscribe", click on it and select your calendar. Ben said the calendar would be a good point to show to the new members at their orientation.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Cheryl Anderson  
GR Lions Club Secretary