

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
MINUTES-Board of Trustees Meeting-MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

7 PM, via Zoom

Zoom Info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6337243585?pwd=xzCPurDDXc4l51MEBJthELbUlLzWp.1&omn=87241895916>

Meeting ID: 633 724 3585

Password: 336982

(The secretary will log in at 6:45PM, feel free to join early and get any technical bugs worked out.)

Welcome: Chair Jeff Thompson

Correspondence: Secretary Colleen Patterson

Additions or Corrections to Agenda: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by: Linda 2nd by: Tom O

(A consent agenda is a board meeting practice that groups routine business and reports into one agenda item. The consent agenda can be approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately. Using a consent agenda can save boards anywhere from a few minutes to a half hour. A consent agenda moves routine items along quickly so that the board has time for discussing more important issues.)

1. Confirm the following matching grants that have been approved by email:

See attachment sent with meeting materials

Date	Club	District	Family	Amount	Yearly Cumulative	Check #
07/19/24	Vergas Lions	5M9	Debord	\$ 500	\$ 500	1155
07/31/24	Carlos Lions	5M4	Froemming	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	1162
08/26/24	Owatonna Lions	5M2	Smith	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	1166

Secretary Report: Motion by: Merlin

2nd by: Greg

See attachment sent with meeting material

Treasurer Report: Approved by Finance Committee on October 21, 2024

See attachment sent with meeting materials

Roll Call of Directors present:

5M1-Deb Nisbit	N	5M4-Bob Knutson	Y	5M7-Chad Vokaty		5M10-Jessica Minske	N
5M1-Greg Larson	Y	5M4-Merlin Athmann	Y	5M7-Mark Landwehr		5M10-Tom O'Brien Treasurer	Y
5M2-Chuck Toltzman	Y	5M5-Colleen Patterson Secretary	Y	5M8-Bob Thompson	N	5M11-Jodi Sorenson	Y
5M2-Debbie Trebiatowski	Y	5M5-Gary Stevens Vice Chair	Y	5M8-Jeff Thompson Chair	Y	5M11-Katie Damm	Y
5M3-Doreen Hanson-Velde		5M6-OPEN		5M9-Cora Hohnstadt	Y	Lisa Kaufmann DG Liaison	N
5M3-Patty Peterson	N	5M6-Tracey Braaten		5M9-Linda Albrecht-Norby	Y	Eric Glenz Legal Counsel	

Reports:

1. **Finance Committee** **Chuck Toltzman, Chair**
 - Tom reviewed the treasurer's report for 3rd quarter. Ending balance of \$27,806.06
2. **Hamel Rodeo** **Gary Stevens**
 - This was our 3rd year.
 - First year brought in \$10,000. Year 2 brought in \$15,000. Year 3 brought in \$20,750.
 - Gary has been asked to serve on their committee.
 - Gary committed to volunteers for Thursday and Sunday. 25 each day. Should be able to recruit volunteers from our clubs.
 - Gary got 5 minutes to speak about what we do. Next meeting attendance up 20% on Thursday night.
 - Should be able to continue for indefinite period.
 - Only place to buy tickets is the official website. Be aware of scammers and fake sites.
 - Could we have a sponsor flag at the beginning? Gary will check.
 - Couple of kids with cancer in attendance.
 - Colleen suggested we purchase a ¼ page in the Hamel Rodeo Program for 2025.
3. **Believe Award** **Colleen Patterson**
 - We have enough to get through.
4. **University of Minnesota** **Gary Stevens**
 - Gary meet with Jen Foss and passed along the gratitude from the faculty.
 - Most dollars goes to survivorship.
 - Cure rate is 80% & of that group are unknown future issues.
 - KS95 is having a telethon at Mall of America on December 6.
 - Lions on the phone banks. 5:45 am to 7:45 am
 - Updated videos are coming.
5. **MD5M Convention** **April 24-27**
 - Chuck always gets a table with his display, and applications for grants, Believe Awards and Pins. He keeps cash until next in person meeting.
 - a. **5M-2 Convention** - we are going to do some type of collection for childhood cancer. When we need to determine exactly what, we will look at what the needs are at that time at the hospital. (Submitted by Lisa Kaufman)
 - b. **5M-2 Convention Booklet** - believe I sent you the form (if not attached below) if the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation would place an ad in our booklet. Many of the foundations do and/or have a table at the convention. The tables are \$40 for a full and \$20 for 1/2. (Submitted by Lisa Kaufman)
 - **Incomplete notes.** Something about half table, M4, 9-table \$0 ; Ad \$
 - c. **Raffle room** - Glenn and I will donate a basket and I also believe the DG team will. Will check with them. Lion Debbie is willing to help but she is not in a position to chair it. I can help create a flier with canva - just need the details. (Submitted by Lisa Kaufman)
 - **Silent Auction for MD5 could include Rodeo Package & Trek Bench**

Old Business:

1. **Camp KACE** **Reported by: Linda Albrecht-Norby**

- Great Year!
- Fishing was good! Three coolers full.
- Ice cream social went good.
- February 18-21 is Winter Weekend for teens.
 - Counselor's available, but no volunteers, need as many as possible.
 - Winter activities,
 - Mental & Physical questions & issues
 - Compare notes with others on same journey.
 - Need Quilters to twin size bed spreads. Tied blankets do not wash well and if quilter with longarm machine could help attach front & backs together they would hold up better in the wash.

2. **Camp Knutson-Crosslake**

- Fully funded by Children's Cancer Research Fund.
- We could add their link to our website
- Dr. Sadak is their chief Physician.

3. **February 18th is eat ice cream for breakfast day in honor of childhood cancer.**

- More info needed.
- Give Kids the World in Florida.
- Can kids with cancer have ice cream?
- Donation cans at Dairy Queens to donate?
- Gary will check with Jenn Foss
- Jeff's club collects pop tops and a member takes them when he goes for treatment.

New Business:

1. **Match Program**

- a. Numbers are down

2. **Believe Awards**

- We have enough to get through.

3. **Committee structure – Jeff Thompson**

- a. Updates or additions to the list from July?

Finance Committee	Public Relations	Fundraising	Awards & Recognition	Family Needs
Chuck Toltzman, Chair	Katie Damm, Facebook	Merlin Altmann	Linda Albrecht-Norby	
Cora Hohnstadt, Vice Chair	Colleen Patterson, Website	Linda Albrecht-Norby	Colleen Patterson	
Colleen Patterson, Secretary	Mark Landwehr	Jeff Thompson		
Tom O'Brien, Treasurer (non-voting member)	Tracy Braaten			
Jeff Thompson	Doreen Hanson-Velde			
Gary Stevens				

4. **September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and we did nothing.**

- we should be planning for 2025
- Golf Tournament in the Twin Cities to sponsor

District Reports:

5M1-Deb Nisbit	
5M1-Greg Larson	Region meeting. Speaking at Rochester.
5M2-Chuck Toltzman	MN Lake presentation to 6 people; DG Lisa doing a lot; Got checks for \$513; NYA on 11-19
5M2-Debbie Trebiatowski	Event on Sat, 100 tie blankets. Open to community and lots of folks showed up.
5M3-Doreen Hanson-Velde	
5M3-Patty Peterson	2 club visits; needs pins; most common cancer leukemia or brain cancer
5M4-Bob Knutson	Several clubs for Project Alert and they always promote us too.
5M4-Merlin Athmann	Donation requests going out to clubs and donations to silent auctions
5M5-Colleen Patterson Secretary	
5M5-Gary Stevens Vice President	Gilda's Club; Osseo Lions Roar; Pub Crawls' Climb Toward Cure, Letters going to encourage support.
5M6-OPEN	
5M6-Tracey Braaten	Attended the following: 8-20, All District; 8-26, St. Paul Lions; 8-28, Market Fest; 9-3, wrote paragraph for White Bear Lions Newsletter; 9-10, East Side Lions; 10-9, Vadnais Heights Lions; 10-14, Abl Lions Meeting; 10-17, Zone 4 Meeting
5M7-Chad Vokaty	
5M7-Mark Landwehr	
5M8-Bob Thompson	
5M8-Jeff Thompson President	Pretty quiet, District Newsletter, presented at 1 st VDG Training.
5M9-Cora Hohnstadt	Attended two meetings, Zone meeting, blankets for the kids, Guest at Rodeo
5M9-Linda Albrecht-Norby	Couple of visits, pretty quiet, pushing Childhood Cancer and trying to get clubs going.
5M10-Jessica Minske	
5M10-Tom O'Brien Treasurer	Sending out letters and quiet
5M11-Jodi Sorenson	
5M11-Katie Damm	Not much, sent updates, business cards and will send letters.
Lisa Kaufmann DG Liaison (non voting)	
Eric Glenz Legal Counsel (non voting)	

Parade of Green, Mention in Newsletters that checks should be made out to:

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc. (Don't forget the INC)

Meeting Dates for 2024-25

January 22, 2025	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting via Zoom
February 14-15, 2025		5M2 Convention in Mankato
February 18, 2025		Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
April 24-27, 2025		MD5 Minneapolis Airport Hilton Proceeds from Silent Auction will benefit MN Lions Childhood Cancer
May 03, 2025	9:00 AM	TENATIVE-In-Person Comfort Suites East, St. Cloud, MN

Adjourned:

Time: **8:54 PM** Motion by **Linda** 2nd by **Patty**