

LIONS CLUB OF GREATER MOUNT GRAVATT- MANSFIELD

President: Peter Matthews; Secretary: Lynn Evans

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD AT HOLLAND PARK HOTEL ON
WEDNESDAY, 11th January 2017.

President Peter declared the meeting open at 7:00 pm

Apologies: Jan Roberts, Kath Weller, Ron Fish

16 members were present.

The invocation was read by Gerard Beuers

The Minutes of the previous board meeting had been circulated and it was moved that these be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Iain Meers.

2nd: Peter Demartini.

Carried

Correspondence:

Inward:

Lions Operation smile update

Cheque from Windaroo Lakes Golf Club for \$288.00

Lions International half yearly dues \$703.10

Funding request from Lions Australia to help support PNG clubs again for 2017

Receipt from Australian Lion's Children's Mobility Foundation for \$1,000

Certificate of appreciation from Mackenzie State Special School

Lions medical Research Foundation Annual Report 2016

Motor Neurone Disease Qld Spring 2016 newsletter

Invitation to a Community Thank you Morning Tea hosted by Ian Walker

New member request from Grant Williams

New MD201 Directory procedures

Details of National Convention in Hobart in May

Thank you letter from Recycle for Sight Australia

Invoices from Top Taste for our October and November orders \$7,289.23 & \$2,305.77

Information regarding Lions Awareness Day in March

November Zone meeting minutes

Funding request from Sam Tanaka a social worker with a local Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Program to assist a disabled refugee

Request to keep empty Christmas cake boxes for use in the Recycle for Sight program

Query from Dalby Leagues Club asking if one of their cheques for Christmas Cakes from Dalby Lions Club had been paid into our account in error.

Email from Bunnings Store on Logan road offering us a site to sell cakes and raffle tickets

Date Claimer from PCYC for a biannual community consortium breakfast - Breakfast of Champions on 10 March

District Newsletter for December

Receipt from Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship for \$200

Qi District Convention first notice

Lions Awareness day press release

Bunnings totals:-

25 Nov \$456

4 Dec \$1,168

27 Dec \$824

Outward:

Invoice to Windaroo Lakes Veterans Golf Club for \$288.00

Second Christmas cake order

Reply to Sam Tanaka saying we will consider request in January

Reply to Dalby Leagues Club in the negative

Response to Bunnings Logan Road, Peter will set up a meeting early 2017

Request for District 201Q1 Lions Orientation and Information Booklets

Order for 5 new aprons

Moved: Lynn Evans

2nd: Howard Groffman.

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ray presented the Reports for November and December 2016 to advise members of the income and outgoings of the Club's accounts.

He stated that our income from Cake Sales amounted to \$13,430.00 with our cost being \$9690.29 which was a good result and the Club still had several boxes of cakes to sell.

Raffle income was \$1,608.00 and Donations \$914.75.

December

Balances: Administration A/c: \$16,010.26

Fundraising A/c: \$ 2,751.24

Unpresented Cheques

Nil

Ian McDonnell asked what had happened to the long term unpresented cheque payable to Ian Walker. Treasurer Ray responded that it had finally been presented.

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as a true record of the Club's finances.

Moved: Ray Fenton

2nd: Dennis Purcell

Carried.

Fund raising requests:

Carers Australia

A request was received for funds to support a person suffering Muscular Dystrophy who is permanently confined to a wheelchair. The person had previously undertaken a course of Hydrotherapy conducted by Gateway Physiotherapy at Mt. Gravatt East pool. It was stated that being able to participate in a physical activity helps to alleviate his depression. An amount of \$385.00 would allow him to attend a further seven sessions at the pool.

It was decided that the amount of \$385.00 be paid to the carer.

Moved: Barbara Purcell

2nd: Michelle Hill

Carried.

After the motion, it was suggested by President Peter, supported by Secretary Lynn, that it could be suggested to the carer that we may be able to support a similar request in the future.

PNG Lions Membership Development Committee – Annual Assistance Request

A funding request was received to help the PNG Lions achieve self-reliance with their own national identity. A donation of \$100.00 or more was requested.

It was stated that our Club had donated \$100 last year and \$200 in the previous year.

Barbara Purcell suggested that a donation of \$200.00 would be suitable.

Moved: Barbara Purcell

2nd: Bob Meadows

Carried.

Fund Raising Event at Tattersalls to promote awareness of Ovarian Cancer

Michelle Hill stated that she had been in contact with Janet Hooper, a former member, discussing an event to be held at Tattersalls Club to promote awareness of Ovarian Cancer. Janet has suffered with ovarian cancer herself, experiencing multiple surgeries, and is now

committed to raising awareness of the symptoms and helping other women in their journey with ovarian cancer. Janet is the hostess for an evening fund raising event at Tattersalls and, in response to Michelle's suggestion that Lions may be able to assist, suggested that our Club may be able to contribute to the event by donating raffle prizes. The prizes suggested were a "men's pack" in the form of a power tool and a "women's pack" which could be a crystal vase.

Dennis Purcell suggested that rather than a power tool that the winner may already have, a Bunnings Voucher would be more appropriate.

After general discussion, it was moved that a Bunnings voucher for \$100.00 and a crystal vase to the value of \$100.00 be donated to the event.

Moved: Michelle Hill

2nd: Dawn Lilly

Carried.

Solemen

Michelle Hill distributed printouts to the members detailing activities of an organisation in Bali called Solemen. It is an Indonesian registered non-profit foundation to raise awareness and provide funds to support accredited agencies to support projects for the disadvantaged in Bali. She recommended that members could learn about Solemen's activities by watching a YouTube video that is available on that site. It was suggested we consider ongoing support by making a \$200.00 donation on a regular monthly basis for 12 months.

Secretary Lynn suggested that we could look at the idea of making Solemen a project for the Club. She suggested that donating a small amount in Bali would give better value than we can achieve in Australia.

Dennis Purcell said that the website for Solemen says that it has 25 corporate sponsors and suggested that, if there is a Lions Club in Bali, we should offer some money to a Lions Club instead.

No decision was made about funding Solemen. Michell undertook to contact Lions in Bali to ask about their opinion about Solemen.

Community Centre

During the Solemen discussion, Ian McDonnell said that he would rather support the local community and asked what was known about the needs of the Community Centre, particularly as the school year was about to commence and there would be disadvantaged families who needed assistance. After wide-ranging discussion Ian McDonnell offered to meet with the Community Centre and it was agreed that he and Barbara Purcell would together meet the Community Centre and offer support. President Peter suggested that, if we meet with the Community Centre, we should have an amount in mind first. Ian McDonnell suggested \$1,000.00.

It was moved that that the Club set aside up to \$1000.00 to assist students going back to school who have a need as identified by the Mt. Gravatt Community Centre.

Moved: Peter Matthews

2nd: Howard Groffman

Carried.

Following the meeting with Southside Community Care the amount requested was raised to \$1,400 to assist 7 families. This decision was ratified by a flying minute sent to all members, a majority agreed.

Treasurer Ray left the meeting at 8:10pm.

Membership

Grant Williams contacted the Club via the website about joining the Club and will attend the next dinner meeting with his wife. They are both interested in joining.

Bunnings

President Peter presented details of the income from recent Bunnings events:

Friday 25 th November	\$487.00
Sunday 4 th December	\$1,234.00
Tuesday 27 th December	\$830.00
Saturday 7 th January	\$1,271.00

Pet City

Saturday 19 th November	\$297.00
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Requested Bunnings 2017 dates

Fridays: 27 January, 24 February, 31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June.

Saturdays: 11 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May, 10 June.

Those dates are not confirmed.

Christmas Cakes

Dennis Purcell thanked everyone for their effort in selling the cakes this year. He thanked especially Michelle Hill for her work on the rosters and David Carrington's parents who were the third best sellers amongst the business sellers. He stated that sales from the Plaza totalled \$5,543.00 an increase of 75% over the 2015 result. When the sales from the Banks and A & m Meats in the Plaza were added the total sales from the Plaza amounted to \$6,746.00. The total sales from all sources amounted to \$13,770.00 an increase of 15.5% over 2015.

He stated that the total of cakes not sold was substantially less than last year with only 16 1kg and 18 1.5kg cakes and 6 pudding unsold.

He also recommended that we need to review how we set up the stands and promotions material and signage at the Plaza and at Bunnings so that we are positioned to make better eye contact with passers-by. He considered that our current arrangement doesn't achieve enough visual contact so it is easy for people to walk past without stopping to buy.

Raffles Dates 2017

Dates to be requested:

Plaza

Easter: 3rd April to 13th April.

Mother's Day: Saturday 6th May + 8th May to 13th May.

Christmas: Saturday 9th December to 23rd December.

Ongoing Business

Lions Awareness day 4th March 2017

President Peter stated that the activity for the Club would be manning a stall at the Plaza with a banner and display showing people what we do and where our money goes as well as promoting new membership. There was also a Press release and we had been asked if we had any contacts to help publish it before the day. Gerard offered to contact the Southern Star and to try to get it to the Courier mail too.

Annual General meeting

President Peter stated that the AGM will be held when the audited accounts are available.

New Business:

Bunnings Logan Rd. – Offer of cake stall/raffle site

President Peter stated that Bunnings Logan Rd. had offered us the ability to conduct cake or raffle sales at the store, but not Sausage Sizzles, and asked for opinions on the offer. After discussion, it was decided to not accept the offer.

PCYC Breakfast of Champions - 10th March 2017

President Peter stated that the idea of the event is to get representatives of all the local Community organisations as well as the Police, Schools, Government and Businesses to look at what the risks and challenges to our community will be in the future and to then plan solutions. More information will follow.

Club Officers 2017/2018

President Peter stated that we need to finalise the Club Officers for 2017/2018 at the March Board meeting and that means the nominations for every position need to be received at the February Board meeting. He stated that the club needs new blood in the executive for the ongoing health of the Club. He said that the Club needs people who can think outside the box about how the Club raises money and spends it and he asked for everybody to think about what job they can do. Members were advised that they should ask a member to accept nomination before nominating the member.

Q1 District Convention Lismore 27-29 October 2017.

President Peter suggested that we should plan for some members to attend the District Convention. The Club hasn't been represented at a convention in the last 5 years and he urged members to consider attending in October.

Pens

Alison Smith advised the meeting that she had 35 pens that were made by her sister's neighbour who makes them as a hobby. She said that he is prepared to give them to the Club free of charge to sell to raise funds and she suggested that they could be sold at the Bunnings BBQ events. President Peter stated that Bunnings do not allow the Club to sell anything other than food and drinks however they probably could be sold at the Plaza in conjunction with the Raffles and suggested that we discuss the subject further at our next meeting. There was discussion about what price could be asked and whether they could be sold in a presentation box or cover but nothing was decided.

Meeting closed at 9:12 pm

Upcoming meetings

Dinner Meeting: Holland Park Hotel on January 25th at 6.45 for 7.00pm

Board Meeting: Holland Park Hotel on February 8th at 6:45 for 7:00pm

