**IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION Minutes**

Mid-Winter Conference  -  Sheraton West Des Moines

**Polk Room - Friday, January 12, 2018**

The third Foundation Meeting of 2017-2018 was called to order by President Alan Olson at 9:00 AM.

Executive Secretary Gary Fry conducted roll call with the following in attendance: President Alan Olson; Vice President Trustee MC Steve Halstead; Executive Secretary Gary Fry; Treasurer Tim Wilson; Trustee EC Paul Fugate; Trustee MC Dr. Bill Shutters; Trustee NE Dr. Gene Noonan (by conference call); Trustee SE Gary Vandenberg; Trustee SW Allen Zobel; Trustee SW Pat Parker; ID Pat Vannett; PDG Kevin Vannett; PID Judy Hankom; CC Paul Hain Jr.; DG 9NC Darwin Meyer; DG MC Judy Stone; DG NE Ed Ottesen; DG EC Jim Bixler; 9NE VDG doug Boelman; VDG NE Doug Welton; 9SW VDG Tad Tadlock; 9SE VDG Dave McGregor; PCC Terry Durham; PDG Ron Hankom; PDG Deb Doty; 9SW Trustee-elect ZC Linda Duff; Iowa Lions Eye Bank Director Lion Dr. Cindy Reed; Leader Dog Representative Lion Beth Slade and Lorna Olson.

The Pledge to the flag was led by Trustee NC Christine Hackett and Trustee SE Gary Vandenberg offered the prayer.

President Olson called for additions or corrections to the agenda. A report from Leader dog was presented. 9MC Trustee Dr. Bill Shutters moved to approve the agenda as amended. 9ECTrustee Paul Fugate seconded. Agenda was adopted as amended.

Exec. Sec. Fry presented the minutes as sent out. 9EC Trustee Fugate moved to accept and 9NETrustee Dr. Gene Noonan seconded and minutes were approved and placed on file.

SA PDG Tim Wilson presented his State Office report a copy of which is on file with the other reports from this meeting.

SA/Treasurer Wilson shared the financial report. Memorial donations in memory of Trustee/PDG Robert Rhinehart were in excess of $4300. The Foundation has paid $30,000 to the iowa Lions eye Bank as a part of the MD 9 Legacy Project.

CC Paul Hain Jr. reported on plans for the 2018 Foundation Gala set for February 10, 2018 at Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids. Reservations with the hotel are filling fast so if in need of a room should contact them now. Still a need for items for the silent auction. Tickets are $70 and a report on number sold needs to be sent to CC Paul Hain by February 1, 2018.

President Olson led a discussion of consolidating club and individual funds in the Warren Coleman accounts. The Oskaloosa and Blakesburg Clubs wished to combine their balances to provide a Warren Coleman Honorary Award. Trustee SW Pat Parker moved to allow the combination with Trustee NC Hackett seconding. Motion carried. President Olson to notify both clubs of the decision.

Lion Dr. Cindy reed reported on happenings at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. She thanked the Lions of Iowa involved in transporting eye tissue, Central Iowa over 90,000 miles and Eastern Iowa over 20,000 miles per year. She voiced concern for the Lions of Wisconsin as a for profit eye bank is attempting to take over the cornea program in Wisconsin. A handout showing the new machine given as part of the Legacy Project was handed out along with comments from Dr. Griner at University Hospitals. There still is a need for a new microscope so future research could be done in house on the second floor of the current building. Project 3000 which Iowa lions were greatly involved with a few years back has reached the stage of doing human testing with sight being returned to many. Further activities with the project are awaiting approval from the FDA.

President Olson presented the material on the proposed changes to the Foundation Constitution and By Laws. 9MC Trustee Shutters moved to make the changes in the Constitution. 9EC Trustee Fugate seconded and the motion carried. 9MC Trustee Shutter moved to adopt the By Laws change with the one word correction. Trustee NC Hackett seconded and the motion passed with the change made. Upon passage the changes were sent to the Constitution and By Laws Committee of the Lions Clubs of Iowa for presentation for the vote at the 2018 State Convention.

Lion Phil Horn presented an update from the Investment Committee. Balance at the end of the year was $2,178,300 and this was after the $30,000 had been sent to be applied to the operating budget. Currently our investments are 67% in equities and 33% in stocks.

SA Wilson and Pres. Olson presented materials for future development of Memorial Brick placements at the State Office. A presentation was presented and discussed along with another proposal made at the meeting. After some discussion 9MC Trustee/ VP Steve Halstead moved to table until the March meeting. 9EC Trustee Fugate seconded and upon the vote the item under discussion was tabled.

9EC Trustee Fugate presented an fund raising idea involving a night at the Sprint Car Nationals at the Knoxville Race Track. Initial cost would be $5500 and a raffle would be conducted using fuel card. This would be on Friday night September 14, 2018. There would be a need for about 40 volunteers during the three days that we would be involved. 9NC Trustee Hackett moved to sponsor the event with the $5500 payment being made in four payments prior to August. 9SE Trustee Gary Vandenberg seconded and the motion carried.

President Olson thanked all for getting their materials in for the printing of the Mid Winter booklet and reminded Trustees of upcoming dates for articles in the Iowa Lion.

Feb           Support of the Gala  Olson, Larabee, Z Vokes

March         Education for the Blind – 9SE Vandereburg-Love

April           Cochlear Implant Center  9NE  Noonan - Congdon

May            Puppy Program  9SW - Parker - Zobel

June            Hearing Aid Bank  9NW - Hayward

CC Paul Hain Jr. commented that we still are in need of more members as we are down roughly 150 since July. We have dropped six clubs with a total of 57 members. (2 clubs are on financial suspension and may be able to be saved.) A new marketing program has been approved and will be released in the future. The campaign will target 18-44 year olds in Central Iowa and al ages throughout the rest of the state. 9SW DG Chris Anderson was elected Council Chair for 2018-2019.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Lion Beth Slade reported that there are currently 26 active guide dog teams working in Iowa with a man from Urbandale to soon be the 27th recipient. Over the years there have been more than 240 clients served in Iowa. This represents $9.6M investment over the year in Iowans. She recognized the North Liberty Lions being a “Top Dog” award recipient for donation $5000 to Leader Dog last year. This year 12 clubs have contributed to the puppy portion and there are currently 30 dogs at the Fort Dodge institution.

ID Pat Vannett thanked all for their service. She spoke of the changes shown in mind set and looking to the future.

Final comments by President Olson included a suggestion that we all look at our Facebook friend as possible new members.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM

Next Meeting March 3rd in Pleasant Hill.