

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday September 9, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 10

Guests: 3

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:02. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Clayton gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "God Bless America".

Guests Tanya Sparks and twins Tanaya and Tylan were introduced. This was their last year to attend Texas Lions Camp. Tylan said he loved the party at the end of camp. They have been attending TLC for the past 6 or 7 years. He liked the food, and said he got enough to eat there. He reported they no longer watch a slide show of kids as in previous years. Tanaya liked the dance party. The Talent Show is now held in the bigger cafeteria, rather than in the gym. She again liked to work the radio program produced at the Camp, which they both did last year. She said Texas Lions Camp has made her more self confident and open to others, which she appreciated. Mom Tanya liked the different set up for picking up the kids, as it was more centralized and seemed easier. Now that her kids are too old for Texas Lions Camp, she hopes to volunteer and help with the Lions Club. Club pamphlets, brochures, and an application were given. Lion Chuck explained that the kids could be involved with Leos, which is Lions for kids up to age 18. He could help them organize a Leo Club in their school if they could find 20 kids who were willing to participate. Tanaya was very excited at the possibility of working in our concession stand to help during baseball.

Lion Sandy reported that our Club sent 8 kids to Physically Challenged Camp this year. Unfortunately, one boy has made Varsity football and had a game tonight, and his sister, who also goes to Camp, is a trainer on the team and required to be there also. Another family had multiple school events tonight, as this is Open House for many schools.

Secretary's minutes were emailed, received, and noted as read. Lion Chuck motioned to accept as written, with second by Lion Clayton. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Lion Chuck. All dues and current bills have been paid except for one received tonight.

The Bob Dowden Dinner will be held Wed. Oct. 1 at 7PM in Spring. Members are encouraged to go. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bud, motioned that the Club be able to spend up to \$250 to purchase some item for the Club at the auction. Motion passed.

Lion Chuck reported that we currently have 82 riders registered for our Bike Ride, Oct. 5. We already have 20 riders signed up for the 100 mile route, with 30 needed by Sept. 17. We strongly need persons to drive SAG around the course and pick up/assist riders with problems. Lions Bud and Dorothy reported they would drive SAG again, as will Lion Sandy. Lion Stedman volunteered also, but it was explained he needs to be able to get at least 2 people and their bikes in his vehicle. Lion Chuck reported that he had contacted the local Tri-athlete store, and thinks the 100 mile riders came from that contact. Northwest Cycling Club sent an email to all riders previously registered for their two very large rides, promoting Lions Biking for Sight. As this will be our 15th Anniversary ride, Lion Chuck hopes to be able to offer commemorative water bottles to pre-registered riders. The shirt will have our Lion logo on a bike, and a cake denoting

15th anniversary. Lion Todd is working to get Scout help, as his old Troop has disbanded. Lion Chuck will see if other Lions Clubs would be willing to assist in our Bike Ride. We still need persons to place signs on the 100 mile route.

Baseball has started with a Double Header League, which plays every other Sunday, each team playing two games. Last weekend was rained out, and rescheduled for this weekend. Regular league baseball is to start Sept. 27. Unfortunately, we have 18 games scheduled at our fields on the same day as the Bike Ride.

President Paul read a Thank You note from Lucille Lindow, thanking us for the beautiful tree and plaque and dedication for PDG Al Lindow.

Lion Stedman has requested Sunday December 7 as the tentative date for the Magic Show. He is awaiting confirmation from the Berry Center. We will be using the Theater for two shows, scheduled at 2 and 4PM. Lion Chuck requested the quote be sent to him.

Lions Chuck and Stedman placed large rocks around the air conditioner unit behind the building to prevent water from washing the dirt from under the AC pad. Lion Stedman thanked Lion Bud for this suggestion. He will need to purchase downspout extenders so that the water from the gutters does not pool in that area.

Lion Chuck reported that the fence between our property field #4 and the lake has been cut and pulled back, along with another fence cut behind the lake and the parking area of the business behind the lake. It looked to be in preparation of theft, possibly of aluminum bleachers, since benches have been stolen from the dug outs, and bolts and nuts have been removed from bleachers. The camera did not record any mal activity. The Cy-Fair Sports Association has repaired our fence.

There are three dead trees on our property near Gessner which need to be removed, as they are starting to drop limbs. Lion Chuck is waiting to see if the Sports Association will have them taken down. Jones Road Tree Service was recommended if we need to contact someone.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary