

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday October 14, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 10

Guests: 6

President Paul called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. Lion Stedman led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "The Eyes of Texas". Guests were introduced: Austin and Nathan Smith, founders of the Langham Creek Leos Club, Barry Tuglad, Committee Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 483, Chuck Deaver, Scout Master of Troop 61, Vicky Strom, Scout Leader of Troop 1014, and Scott Larson, Scout Master of Troop 483.

Lion Chuck reported that the 15th Annual Biking for Sight was a success. There were samples of deodorant and water bottles left over from sponsors/donations which people could take. He reported that Troops 483 and 61 have been with us since the inception of Biking for Sight, and have done anything asked of them. A plaque for 15 years of continual service to our Bike Ride was presented to Mr. Scott Larson of Troop 483. This troop is in the process of merging with Troop 1014, but Vicky Strom of Troop 1014 is willing to step up and help as needed. Mr. Chuck Deaver was also presented a plaque for 15 years of service to Troop 61. All Scout leaders were also presented the payment check for their services during the Bike Ride. Chuck was pleased to announce that Troop 1014 already provided a SAG and sign placers for this year's ride.

Austin Smith, a Senior at Langham Creek High School, reported that they have 16 members to start the Leos Club there. He reported that he spent summers with his Lion Grandfather in South Carolina, and liked all that they did. He researched and decided to start the Leos Club after calling Lion Chuck for inspiration and guidance. Austin has already done most of the work to start this Club. We still need two more representatives from our Club as advisors. New Club paperwork has been ordered.

Lion Sandy asked if everyone received and read the minutes as emailed from the last meeting. With no corrections, motion to accept as written was made by Lion Sandy, and seconded by Lion Chuck. Motion passed.

Lion Chuck gave Treasurer's report. We had a very successful Biking for Sight Bike ride. As comparison, in 2013 we had a total of 197 riders, and the first day of winter cold along with strong wind and rain kept riders away. This year we had very sunny skies, beautiful temperatures, although a strong wind the day of the Ride. We had 480 paying riders, plus Ride Marshals and Police and Medic riders who ride and support the ride without paying. We had 140 riders register the day of the ride, and a great big thanks went to Lions Bud and Dorothy Casey and his sister Pat, who manned that table. The preregistered table of Lions Kamal and Sandy handled 168 riders the morning of the ride. Because of the unexpected number of riders, there were shortages of cookies and snacks, especially in Richards, which saw the riders from the 62 and 100 mile routes twice. We had a very successful 100 mile route, with over 75 riders registering for that distance and at least 58 actually riding it. Lion Chuck thanked all Lions who helped to make this ride the success it was. Without everyone pitching in, the job could not be done. We did have one bicycle accident, just prior to Iola, when a pack of 5 dogs charged a group of cyclists. One cyclist hit a dog, and was thrown to the pavement. He suffered a skinned shoulder and other minor abrasions, but no major injuries. The Grimes County

Sherriff was contacted, and the owners of the dogs were spoken to about allowing the animals to run free. Another incident which occurred was the stealing of directional signs just off Hwy 105 in Dobbin. Lion Becca, who placed the signs, noted them missing, and chased down the riders who continued west on 105. Again police were notified, but the signs and metal stakes were not recovered. Next year we will place a SAG driver at that intersection until all riders have passed to avoid this problem.

Lion Stedman reported that he and Lion Terry are working on the Magic Show, scheduled to be held at the Berry Center on Sunday December 7, with shows as 12 2 and 4 PM. Lion Chuck has reviewed the contract, and has some questions which the Berry Center needs to answer.

Cy-Fair Independent School District held a Health Fair this past Saturday at the Berry Center. Lion Chuck manned a table for our Club and the Texas Lions Camp. He possibly recruited a new camper, a potential counselor, and a potential Lions member.

Lion Bud reported that Lion Terry was working on Wreaths Across America forms. Lion Sandy is to send the dates of this event to the Scout Troops represented tonight so they may also participate.

President Paul read a letter from LCI thanking us for our gift to that organization. Our Club donated \$1 per member, which can be used to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellow Award once we have enough in that account.

President Paul read a thank you letter from Lion Melissa Weise of the Leader Dogs for the Blind thanking us for our support for an Iraq veteran who lost his sight due to a sand storm while he was serving his country there. This money was part of our District Governor 100 % Contribution.

President Paul presented to Lion Chuck a pin for membership growth during 2014-2015.

The Sam Houston Scout council is having a 100th birthday celebration with a local day of conservation. Information was given to Lion Stedman who is our District Conservation Chairperson.

President Paul discussed the upcoming LCI Leadership Development webinar for Club Presidents and Zone Chairpersons.

President Paul briefly reviewed a letter received from the parents of a child requesting our assistance in purchasing a service dog for their severely handicapped daughter. According to the letter, the puppy has been purchased, and will need training. This seems backwards, as not all dogs have the ability to become special service dogs. President Paul said he would research this further.

President Paul discussed an email from Lion Becca about a Relay for Life run, requesting help from our Club. Lion Chuck reported he has suggested that Lion Becca contact the local Lion Clubs of Hempstead and Waller to assist as this is in their area.

Lion Paul reported that Kid Sight USA is looking for people to do eye screening of young children. Lion Sandy reported that she has contacted District Governor Chris about the availability of the special eye screener through the District, which he will look into. Lion Chuck suggested we also contact Dr. Ralph Herring at the University of Houston Ophthalmology Dept about this special machine.

President Paul reviewed an email from a man requesting a scholarship towards his Master Degree. We have never offered scholarships to adults. Lion Chuck reported that he has been approached by some Prairie View A&M Lions requesting school

scholarships and has invited them to come to our Club to present their case. He says they are reluctant to leave their close knit community. Lion Stedman advised that we set certain criteria for a 1 year scholarship, and they must present to us why they meet this criteria.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary