

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 11

Guests: 3

President Paul opened the meeting. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "Oh Beautiful, Beautiful Texas." Lion Amanda introduced her guest, Stacey Rieger.

After the meal, Lion Chuck introduced our elected and appointed Texas Lions Camp Directors, Wes Carr and Scott Perry, both from the Conroe Noon Lions Club. He explained that Lion Wes was elected, and Lion Scott was appointed to fill the Directorship after the previous director who died.

Directors Wes and Scott gave a wonderful presentation about the Texas Lions Camp. The camp is opened for 50 weeks out of the year, with 18 full time staff year round. There are over 200 summer positions to be filled, from physicians, nurses, registered dietitians, medical students, and counselors. The kitchen staff of 21 persons prepares 1350 meals a day for the nine weeks the camp is in full swing. There is a fully staffed 24 hour hospital on campus, with physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, and nurses. Life Flight can be on the premises within 3 minutes. The Camp contains 40 buildings, and has 400 beds. There are over 20 activities for which the campers can choose to do, including working at the Camp radio station, KTLC, horsemanship, archery, boating, fishing, zip line, wall climbing, etc. The Texas Lions Camp is used as a training facility for Sea World staff. Besides being accredited by the State of Texas, our Texas Lions Camp is also accredited by the American Camping Association, which is a voluntary and highly recognized honor. The annual budget for the Texas Lions Camp is \$2.7 million. Thus, it costs approximately \$1800 per child for a week at Camp. But remember, the Camper families pay nothing for this wonderful week long experience for their special needs children. All 25,000 Lions Club members within the state of Texas fund the camp through \$21 per person dues, along with a \$ 10 per member to the Camp 100 % contribution. Other ways to financially support the Texas Lions Camp is through the Century Club, Texas Lions Camp license plates for your vehicle, donations, wills, and even life insurance policies with the Camp as beneficiary. The \$10 per month to become a Century Club member helps to funds one camper for the year. A Club can donate monies to sponsor a child, or offer services to repair and clean up, as the annual Spring Camp Work Days, which our Club has participated in.

Lion Sandy reported that the minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members. There were no corrections reported. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Sandy, to accept the minutes as written, passed.

Lion Chuck gave the Treasurer's report. All bills have been paid. Dues statements were handed out, and all Lions were encouraged to pay dues in a timely fashion, as International dues will need to be paid again soon.

Lion Paul read the slate of officers for 2015-2016 as directed by International.

Immediate Past President: Stedman Douglas

President: Paul Yackley

Vice President: Becca Franco

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Tail Twister: Don Robinson

Lion Tamer: Stedman Douglas

Membership Chairperson: Bud Casey

Directors: Terry Alderman and Dorothy Casey

Nominations for officers were closed, and with no opposition, all were duly elected as stated.

President Paul reminded everyone of the upcoming District Convention Saturday April 25. Registration closes April 19, and there will be NO registration at the door.

There will be a baseball tournament this weekend, hopefully without rain, which cancelled this past weekend's baseball tournament. President Paul will be calling to request concession stand workers. Please be available to work.

The Tomball Lions Club will be having a Car Show on Saturday May 17. Information is available on line.

Crosby Lions Club will be having a Night at the Races. Again, information is available on line.

The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held in July. Lion Chuck pointed out that our Club typically sponsors a hole. Motion to sponsor a hole was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bud. Motion passed. Lion Chuck will complete the paperwork and send in the check.

May 21 will be the State Golf Tournament, with the State Convention from May 21 through May 23. The Agenda and registration forms are available online at lions2s2.org.

The Katy Lions Club is holding an electronics recycling this Saturday. You can drop off anything with a cord, but no TV's please.

Lion Chuck reported that at the last Presidents and Secretary's Council meeting, we again won the Challenge Stick. The challenge was recycling. Lion Chuck explained that we recycle from our Concession stand nine months of the year.

Lion Chuck reported that the door lock to the concession stand has been replaced. The code was given out. The Ice Machine also broke, and a sensor was replaced, so it is now working again. The main water filter for the entire building was removed for cleaning, the gasket broke, and has been replaced twice, but still it is not fixed. Lion Chuck requested that someone with more mechanical expertise repair it after another gasket is purchased.

April 24, Lions Chuck and Sandy will be working a fund raiser for the Texas Lions Camp at Royal Purple Drag Race.

With no further business, meeting adjourned after a hearty Lions Roar. Tail Twister collected \$4.20 in assorted fines.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary