

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday Oct. 13, 2015 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 12**

**Guests: 2**

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Lion Dorothy led the pledges to the flags. Lion Clayton gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "The Eyes of Texas." Guests were introduced, new members Daniel and Karen Berry, and potential members Bob Rugur and his wife Merrell. They were heartily welcomed.

Secretary's minutes were emailed to everyone, and a correction in the spelling of Diego's name was corrected. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Don, to accept the minutes as corrected passed.

Lion Chuck reviewed the Treasury report. He reviewed our revenue from the concession stand, the bike ride, and the Magic Show. Even though the Magic Show was held on a weeknight, we had twice as many persons attend as last year with both shows combined. He expects to continue receiving income from the Magic Show for a couple more months. The treasurer's report shows a slight deficit in the Charity Account due to the purchase of the Vision Screener and equipment, but we continue to bring in monies from the concession stand. The Administration Account shows all charities paid, and bills for dues and Bob Dowden Dinner meals have been passed out to all Lions present, and will be mailed to those not present.

President Paul reported that Houston Cy-Fair filled a table at the Bob Dowden Dinner. He showed the wooden lion sculpture picture which our Club successfully bid on at the Silent Auction. The donated quilt was pulled from the live auction due to decreased bidding. It was offered for \$1500 but there were no bids. Camp Director Wes Carr proposed to take the quilt to the next Texas Lions Camp Board of Directors meeting in February for auction.

Lion Chuck discussed his meeting with the Cy-Fair Sports Association Board and his concerns about the funds we thought we were giving for purchase of score boards for the fields we own. He reviewed that in Dec. 2013, the CFSA did some things against our lease, and that in speaking to officials at that time, agreed verbally that our donations to the CFSA would be earmarked for scoreboards for our fields. Then those same officials denied ever having such an agreement. In compromise, they agreed to put \$8700 of our donations towards scoreboards, and continue to work towards that goal. Lion Chuck also discussed the new policy of the umpires receiving one bottle of water per game and one hot dog per day during tournaments only. This becomes a problem with other entities work for us at the concession stand, and we are not sure which games are considered tournament games. Lion Chuck reported that the lease agreement with CFSA is up at the end of the year, and we need to consider including how games are allotted to our fields in that agreement.

President Paul passed out a flyer from the promoter of the Magic Show, as an alternative or addition to the Magic Show.

Lion Stedman requested that we make one person responsible for scheduling the rental of our facility, as he, President Paul, and Lion Bud are all receiving inquires. Lion Sandy suggested we contact our webmaster and have Lion Stedman's contact information there for the building rental.

Lion Sandy reported that tomorrow will be our first Vision Screening at a local day care. She requested help on Tuesdays and Thursdays scheduled, as Lion Chuck works on Tues. and Thurs. She will send out an email to interested parties to choose days that they can help with the screenings.

Lion Stedman again talked about the District Photo Contest, which can be about animals, weather, environment, or erosion. Details are on the District website. Each 8x10 inch photo needs to be submitted prior to the District competition in mid December. There is no restriction of the date the photo was taken to enter this contest. He urged each of us to enter a photo.

Lion Chuck discussed the ongoing requests from the public that we accept credit cards at the concession stand and the bike ride the morning of the ride. Since we do not have wi-fi or a phone line at the concession stand, and not everyone has Smart Phones, he looked into two different versions of a small portable device for credit card use. He passed out detailed costs of both plans, and discussed the pros and cons of each. Merrell pointed out that we still will need someone to balance out the charges, and keep up with the charge backs, etc. Lion Terry, seconded by Lion Bud, motioned that we use the much less expensive Vozer credit card machine company. Motion passed. Lion Chuck will procure all the necessary items. Lion Stedman suggested we make a minimum purchase of \$5 for a credit card. Due to the fees we will have to incur with this machine, we may need to consider increasing our concession stand prices but not until prior to the spring baseball season.

With no further business, Lion Don released us with a rather weak Lions Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary