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Cullman Lions Club

April 1, 2019

Program

Tonight, we met at the fairgrounds inside Exhibition Bldg 1, since the All Steak is now undergoing some alterations by its new owners (Stand by for an update if the All Steak is not yet ready next week for our Club's meeting). We had a great meal, catered by Freddy Day consisting of BBQ ribs & chicken breasts, BBQ beans, green beans, slaw, potato salad, and garlic bread. There was no program, but we did have some significant other business which follows on page 2.



Lions Scott Waldrep and Richard White loading up.



Secretary Lion Don Smith reading notes from last week's BOD meeting.

Other Business

Lion Lummie Speakman was able to join us tonight for the first time since his accident, several weeks ago. The Lion President was also able to award him the International Gold Centennial Pin for bringing in more than one new member in the past year.

Lion Austin Monk made another appeal for all Lions to turn-in their Fish & Ham ticket money to him, if they have not yet done so. He noted that total revenue from tickets sales now stands at \$19,034, with expenses of \$12,532 (including checks to the Lioness & Leo Clubs), leaving ~\$8,500 available to our Club for funding to local charities.

Lion Javon Daniel thanked the Lions that came out to help in unloading a truck-load of food to the food bank. Besides himself, those Lions included Charlie Powell, George Krigbaum, Howard Perry, and Steve Singleton.



Lions George Krigbaum, Charlie Powell, and Howard Perry after getting their daily work-out by putting-away several tons of food (not in their bellies, but onto the shelves of the food bank).

Secretary Lion Don Smith gave a report on last week's Board of Directors (BOD) meeting: The Fair Board President



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presented a contract between the Lions Club and The Fair Association confirming them as separate legal entities and delineating the Lions Club as a tenet activity leasing from the Fair Association. The Board will review and approve or make recommendations for change prior to the President's signature. Also, funding support was approved for Boys and Girls State, the Youth Advocacy program, the annual Safe Kids Expo, and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The BOD's main item of interest was a non-binding Club resolution, passed by the Board -- The Board resolved that the Election Committee shall place the nominations for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer acceptable as "votes of confidence" rather than seeking sham opposition candidates. This would eliminate sham election competition for these positions. As it is now, the ballot normally offers only sham alternates for the above positions (meaning that it has been understood that selected alternate candidates would receive very few or any votes by Club members). For this resolution, unless they give notice that they no longer wish to serve in these critical positions -- the previous year's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice-Presidents would automatically move up to the next higher position, and the Secretary and Treasurer would remain the same. A new 3rd Vice President and all other Club officers would continue to be truly elected from at least two competing candidates. Also, when the slate of officers for the coming year is announced at a Club meeting, Club

members would continue to be offered an opportunity to nominate other Lions as candidates for any of these positions.

President Lion Mike Ponder asked the Club for a vote to approve the Board's resolution, as described above, concerning the annual officer's election. Several Lions did not approve. Lion Clark Rainwater remarked that this resolution was not in accordance with the Club's "rules, bylaws, or constitution", and that those should be amended by Club vote, first. Lion Steve Murphree noted that he had witnessed an instance in another club that did not follow its constitution, and the issue had ended with a member suing his club and winning a Court judgement. With more discussion and all this in mind, the President decreed that this issue should be held in abeyance, pending a possible change to the Club's Constitution.

Upcoming Programs and Events

April 8: Renown authority on Auburn sports, Lion Steve Singleton will be discussing and quizzing us on Auburn basketball trivia.

April 15 & 22: TBD.

April 29: Alabama Lions Sight Director Barry Elliott.

Tale Twister Input

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