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Fellow Lions, I would like to start by congratulating our Lions of the month! They were Lion Scott Newton, and Lion Ray Longoria. Great Job!!!! August started out with National Night Out, chaired by Lion Scott. We had a booth and highlighted our new Lions Against

Graffiti Team. We had pictures, articles, and cleaning materials, and gave out hotline cards. The Lions handed out free popcorn as well. Thank you, PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr.

Next we had a visitation to the La Habra Lions Corn Festival where 17 Lions went to show support and have some delicious food. We had a nice time and learned how to mass-produce corn!

Lion Margie Garcia chaired our Annual Garage Sale where we made almost \$500.00 for our Administration Account thanks to all the Lions that donated items. Great job, Lion Margie!

Our Beach Party was held at Barneys Beach House, where we took full advantage of the private beach and had a great day. There was music, food, beer, wine, sunshine, and good times had by all. Thanks to Chairman Lion Les and his team! It was a job well done! P.S. ~ Thanks to all the Lions who thought I needed to cool off and go for a swim!!

We also held our New Member Orientation, hosted by Lion Scott and Lion Ellen at the Seal Beach Fire Station. It was nice way for our new Lions to find out about our club. The evening was filled with VIP's and Lionism.

Lion Nikki Illingworth had a visitation for us to attend. We had 11 Lions go to Huntington Beach Lion's Shred-A-Thon to support their fundraiser.

I organized our club's first New Member Happy Hour, and reserved the patio at O'Malley's. This turned out to be a nice evening where some of our "more experienced Lions" could meet our new Lions and get to know each other. We had 45 Lions and 10 guests show up. Thanks for supporting the event.

September looks like it will be very active, and there will be lots of opportunity to serve. I am asking each of you to ask yourself, could I be "Lion of the Month?"

In Lionism,

Mike Haley, President

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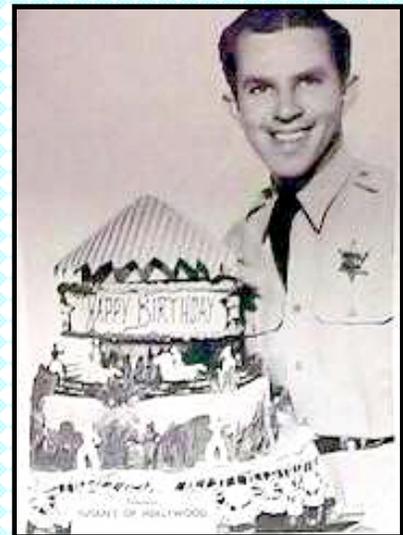
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Upcoming Calendar

Visitation: Belmont Shore Lions	9/1
Visitation: Orange Street Faire	9/2-9/4
Regular Meeting & Board Meeting	9/7
A Night for Remembering	9/11
Ronald McDonald House Dinner	9/12
Orange Region Meeting	9/14
Amazing Women Banquet	9/15
Walk for the Beach/Coastal Cleanup Day	9/17
Visitation: Vietnamese Lions Health Faire	9/18
Regular Meeting	9/21
Visitation: Harbor Mesa Spaghetti Splash	9/24
CASA Auction & Fundraiser	10/1
Governor's Fundraiser & PJ Party	10/1
Catalina Trip	10/14-10/16
Sail for the Blind	10/15
Leo Club Lasagna Dinner	10/17
McGaugh School Carnival	10/22
Wings, Wheels & Rotors	10/23
Chili Cook Off	10/29

Happy Birthdays to:

Linda Stephenson	9/1
Bill Howes	9/2
Bill Blatnik	9/3
Mary Lukington	9/7
Bryce Bannerman	9/13
Mike Haley	9/18
Gene Engel	9/23
Inger Newton	9/23
Brad Barras	9/26
Gene Craig	9/27
Marilyn Redd	9/27
Allyn Mattox	9/29





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La Habra Corn Festival Visitation

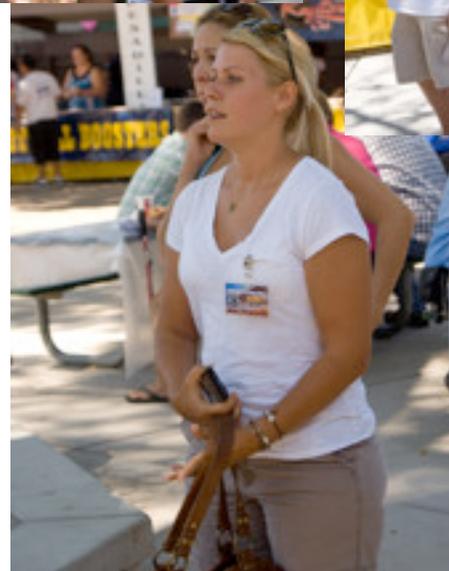


The corn seemed extra delicious as 16 Seal Beach Lions munched on ears of the buttery cobs at this year's La Habra Corn Festival.

Lion Nikki Illingworth organized an outstanding visitation that included Lion President Mike Haley and his wife Marcia, Scott Newton, Ed Zelinske, Lindsay Safe, Camille Romano, Jennifer and Lee Kocken, Les Shobe, Allyn Mattox, Mattie Kline, Christy Vivion, Gary Denni, and Alan and Lorraine Chavez.

Many car tickets were purchased to try to win the restored Camaro that the La Habra Lions were raffling, but it was not meant to be this year.

Seal Beach Lions had a great time and are still trying to get the butter stains out of their shirts.



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Lion's Beach Party By Les Shobe

Yes, I was the Delta Sierra (Military Term "D.S." ~You figure it out) that said I could get on to the base. I should have known. How long was I in the military and what is the first thing we learn? Don't volunteer for anything! Although I have to admit, after lots of planning and hard work, the beach party turned out to be a pretty good day.

Of course, usually if you have volunteered to do something, Scott has it finished by the appointed time. Lee Kocken and I messed up his schedule on August 14. The power was out in the early morning, so Lee and I picked up Jim Klisanin's van, took it to

the Navy base, unloaded it, opened up the kitchen, set up the tables and chairs, distributed TP, and set up the grills.

When Scott arrived at 9:45, he and Cathy had the pleasure of setting up the meats and condiments and then Allyn came shortly after with the salad.

Lee picked up the beer at Mr. Keg and unfortunately was given an empty Co2 bottle, so the beer pooped out about 30 beers later. **Lesson Learned: Don't Ever Deprive A Lion Of A Beer!** We were in a panic and tried to get the Co2 bottles from the garage, but they were also empty. By then, the revolt was on! Scott ran the battery on my cell phone down with his rescue requests. I didn't know I was so popular. I learned there was one way to get personality in the club and that was to deprive the members of beer! I had to give Scott a block-by-block report of my position on my return because he was facing a lynch mob!

In the end it all worked out. The food was fantastic thanks to the cooking of Lions Scott, Cathy and Glenn Jones.

Thanks to Lion Rose-Marie Baker for helping with signups. Lions Adriana Ziegenbusch, Nikki Illingworth, Lindsay Safe, Lee and Jennifer Kocken, Mark Kavanaugh, Debbie Laws, Mike and Marcia Haley and Scott and Cathy Newton did setup. Thanks to Lion Tim Kelsey for handling the games. Thanks to all the Lions who helped clean up.

There's a bunch of photos here:

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=259670330718471&set=a.259669730718531.69524.122721687746670&type=1&permPage=1>



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Huntington Beach Visitation

Eleven Seal Beach Lions made a visitation to the Huntington Beach Lions Shred-A-Thon on August 20.

Visitation Chairperson Nikki Illingworth gathered Lions Ray Longoria, Scott and Cathy Newton, Rose-Marie Baker, Dave and Gail Hubbard, Carol and Dewey Linehan, Gary Denni and President Mike Haley to make the trip to our neighboring club.

Our lions munched on hot dogs and enjoyed a day on together with our fellow Lions while we protected our identities and had some of our papers shredded.



National Night Out By Scott Newton

National Night Out is a unique Crime and prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) that takes place each year on the first Tuesday in August. This Tuesday it was held on August 2nd.

The event involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood crime watch groups, Seal Beach officials, and, of course, the Seal Beach Lions Club. The event was designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and to send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Seal Beach Lions participated with a booth that highlighted our LIONS AGAINST GRAFFITI program. We had a display with pictures, articles and cleaning materials, and we passed out Graffiti Removal Hotline cards. He passed out hot popcorn courtesy of PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr.

Seal Beach Lions participating were Scott and Cathy Newton, Ray Longoria, Ellen Liebherr, Ed Zelinske, Nikki Illingworth, Todd De Voe, President Mike Haley, Marcia Haley and Grant Newton.





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New Member Orientation By Scott Newton

A new member orientation was held on August 14th with outstanding participation. Attendees included 15 new members, seven prospective members, four Lion Sponsors, three Lion presenters and 3 District 4-L4 representatives.

PDG Lion Chef Ellen Liebherr catered the meeting.

The meeting opened with a welcome by President Mike Haley and introductions around the room.

PDG Ellen followed with a Power Point presentation about LCI, MD4 and 4-L4. PDG Ellen and Lion Scott gave another Power Point on club operations. A Q&A and brainstorming session were held.

Lots of good ideas were presented including Military Affairs, Environment, Senior Services, Blood Drives, and White Cane Days.

It was exciting to see so many new members wanting to be involved as Seal Beach Lions.

LPCCI GRADUATION TRIP PLANNED BY JACKIE MALONEY

As a Lion Member, do you know what *LPCCI* stands for? Do you know what the “doggie award” is? Do you know what an *Abdul* Award is? Do you know what a Canine Companion does?

Good for you if you are able to identify any of these terms. You will understand much more this Fall if you attend the Canine Companion Graduation on November 12.

At the graduation ceremony, dogs that have been through a strenuous training program will impress you. The canines are trained to assist people with handicaps, so they can get through life a little easier. Disabled people receive help from what becomes their buddy, their right hand, their Canine Companion for Independence.

We will travel by van (rented to hold 15 people) for a cost of \$20.00 each. Our group will attend graduation and have a guided tour of the Oceanside facility where, after the dogs receive their six months of intense training, they are ready to go to their designated person.

We will then go to dinner as a group. We will be able to eat together and enjoy one another's company.

Sign up sheet and further plans will be talked about at our October meeting.



What I did on my Summer Vacation - Giving the Gift of Sight

It was just before 6am when the phone rang at my parent's lake house in Wisconsin. Being up already, I answered the call that was from the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank. A person had died that previous evening and their eyes were harvested and needed to be immediately transported to the Lions Eye Bank in Madison.

My Dad is a Lion in Winchester, Wisconsin and had signed up for emergency transport duty for eye tissue destined for transplant at the Lions Eye Institute in Madison (350 miles away). There are 1,500 Lions in Wisconsin who are registered to transport 'eyes' and I was privileged to join my Dad on this mission to truly help give someone the gift of sight.

Within 15 minutes of receiving the call we both had on Lions shirts and our respective club badges and were on our way. Our assignment was to pick up the eye tissue from the Emergency room of a remote local hospital and transport it another Emergency room in Wausau which is about half way to Madison.

We arrived at the Emergency Room in Woodruff after a 40 minute drive and picked up a box that contained a cooler with the eye tissue. Emergency Room personnel were expecting us so the pick up was fast. We safety 'seat belted' the package and took off driving. Knowing that I would probably not get a speeding ticket, you can imagine how fast I drove. We drove south another 2 hours to a hospital in Wausau (Central Wisconsin). Because we were early, the Emergency room personnel took possession of the package and secured it for another Lion who was to transport it the remaining distance to the Lions Eye Bank in Madison.

Our job was done once the transport to Wausau was complete but we still had a 2 _ hour drive back to our lake house.

This was certainly a first for me and I felt quite privileged to be part of this ongoing service project by the Lions of Wisconsin. This was an experience that made me truly feel as if I was helping give the gift of sight.

Lionism in Wisconsin is huge. Literally, Lions dominate in every small town in the state. In our small town of 380, there are 55 Lions. That's almost one Lion for every 7 people. In Winchester, the entire town council are Lions, most of the volunteer fire fighters are Lions and the Lions have their name and Logo on nearly every public building and park in the town. It felt like Seal Beach

Lion Scott



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Seal Beach Lions Club Meeting Minutes August 3, 2011 Khoury's Restaurant

President Mike Haley calls meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Lion Ray Longoria leads the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

Lion Bruce Gormley leads the club in the Club Prayer.

Lion Lee Melody leads the club in the City of Hope prayer.

Guests are introduced.

Chris Coultrip introduces his father and Marco Carreon.

Kevin Bhatt introduces Sylvana and D.G.

Dino Syrengelas introduces his new wife Dora Syrengelas.

Aro Riley introduces Shane Tester.

President's Comments and Announcements

President Mike Haley talks about the FBI Volunteer Experience

President Mike Haley asks for a volunteer to coordinate 9/11-A Night to Remember at Grace Church. Lion Bill Blatnik volunteers. Ten Ushers and co-ordinators are needed to volunteer from 7-8 pm on Sept 11, 2011

Recognition

President Mike Haley announces Lion of the Month

June – Lion Camille Romano for Outstanding Work on the Bench Project

July – Lion Scott Newton and Lion Ray Longoria for Outstanding Work on the Lions Against Graffiti Team

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Service Awards

5 Year Service Pins were presented to Lions Gary Denni and Lee Melody.

New Business

Garage Sale on 8/13 at Lion Margie Garcia's house. Drop off items on 8/12.

Lions Picnic at Barney's at the Naval Weapons Station will be on 8/14. Lion Tim Kelsey talked about games. Lion Scott Newton talked about food.

Visitations

Seal Beach Lions will be visiting the LaHabra Corn Festival on Saturday, August 6 and will meet in front of the corn booth at 2 pm.

Seal Beach Lions were asked to sign up to visit the Belmont Shore Lions Club on 9/1 at El Dorado Park Restaurant.

New Member Orientation

Lion Ellen Liebherr announced there will be a new member orientation on 8/15. Location is to be announced.

National Night Out

Lion Scott Newton talked about our booth at National Night Out. The National Crime Prevention Night puts criminals on notice that the community is watching and preventing crime. This was the first time Seal Beach Lions participated with a Lions Against Graffiti Booth. Cost was less than \$50. Seal Beach Lions gave out popcorn.

Dinner Break was at 7:26 pm.

Meeting resumed at 7:40.

Fish Fry

President Mike Haley thanked all team leaders and all people who worked.

Lion Scott Newton said sales were up 26%. Net results of the Fish Fry were \$30, 209. 8,000 people were served. 750 Fish Fry necklaces were sold by the Leos and 56 kegs of beer were sold.

Car Drawing

Lion Lee Melody again announced top ticket sellers. 600 tickets were sold for this year's car. Net profit was \$31,663.64. The winning ticket was sold by Baytown Realty to Tamara Sverev.

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Lions Against Graffiti

Lion Ray Longoria reported that we are getting a lot of coverage in the press for this project and that the City of Seal Beach is very happy with our work on fighting graffiti. To report graffiti please go to the website graffitiremoval@lions.com

Other Business

Lion Renee Schulte reported that there will be an Orange Region meeting on 9/14 at the Garden Grove Club House at 7 pm. Lion Ellen Liebherr will be catering. Details will follow.

Lion Carol Linehan requested topics for the next year's Student Speaker competition.

Lion Bill Howes conducted the Treasure Chest drawing with great success. He was tired out from servicing Jacque, but he did make it to the meeting. Lion Jacque was nowhere to be found.

Lion Bill asked for help on the Treasure Chest and Lion Dino Syrengelas volunteered.

Lion Bill Howed made a motion to adjourn; Debbie Laws seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting August 3, 2011 Khoury's Restaurant

President Mike Haley calls meeting to order at 8:26 pm.

A quorum is called.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Allyn Mattox reports that the minutes have been recorded in the last issue of the Growl. Lion Ellen Liebherr moves to approve the minutes; Lion Bruce Gormley seconds; motion passes unopposed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Stephenson reports that there is \$17,245.10 in the Administrative Checking Account and \$68,536.41 in the Charity Checking Account.

As to the Administrative Account, Lion Scott Newton moves to approve the treasurer's report; Lion Bruce Gormley seconds; motion passes unopposed. As to the Charity Account, Lion

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Bruce Gormley moves to approve the treasurer's report; Lion Camille Romano seconds; motion passes unopposed.

Membership

Past District Governor Ellen Liebherr talks about membership as a Seal Beach Lion. Three new members are introduced. Shane Tester is sponsored by Aro Riley. He works for our tail twister Brad Barras and he owns a truck. He is a former Leo.

Christy Vivion is introduced by new member Mattie Kline. Christie is sponsored by Lion Kevin Bhatt and joined when she saw on Facebook that her friend Mattie had joined.

Marco Carreon is sponsored by Chris Coultrip. He is also a former Leo.

Lion Scott Newton makes a motion to accept all three prospective members into the club; Lion Bruce Gormley seconds; the motion passes unopposed.

All three new members and Mattie Kline practice roaring in front of the board members. Seal Beach Lions Club membership is now 156.

Other Matters

Steering Committee Chairperson Allyn Mattox makes a request for up to \$500 for the Governor's gift to be presented at the visitation on October 5, 2011. The Steering Committee will meet on August 4, 2011, to determine the amount and type of gift to be presented. Lion Ellen Liebherr makes a motion for up to \$500 for the Governor's gift; Lion Bruce Gormley seconds the motion; motion passes unopposed.

President Mike Haley informs the Board that the \$100 that was allocated to James Boner for an Eagle Scout project was no longer needed, as the project was fully funded. The money will be returned to the charity account.

Lion Scott Newton makes a motion to adjourn; Lion Renee Schulte seconds the motion; motion passes unopposed.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Secretary Allyn Mattox

Seal Beach Lions Club
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2011
Khoury's Restaurant

Meeting is called to order at 7 pm.

Lion Les Shobe leads the Flag Salute.

Lion Bruce Gormley leads the Invocation.

Lions Jackie Maloney leads the City of Hope prayer.

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Introduction of Guests:

Lion Debbie Laws introduces John Pohl
Lion Les Shobe introduces Lisa Magnolia.
Lion Rose Marie Baker introduces Jim Duncan.
Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch introduces her cousin Claudio.
Lion Ray Longoria introduces Kristen Virgin.
Lion Ashleigh Rollins introduces guest speaker Norman Yu.

Lion Dave, the secretary of the Stanton Lions Club, introduces a fellow member, Phil Evans.
Rich Nelson, of the Westminster, Colorado, Lions Club introduces himself. President Mike Haley presents both visiting clubs with a Seal Beach Lions Club pin.

President's Comments:

President Mike Haley announces that the Seal Beach Lions will be purchasing at least one table for the CASA Youth Shelter fundraiser on 10/1. Anyone who would like to attend is expected to spend as much at the silent auction at the event as their ticket cost. A sign up sheet was available for anyone who would like to attend.

A New Member Happy Hour is going to be held on 8/23 to help our club get acquainted with our new members at O'Malleys Restaurant on Main Street. Please wear your badge. Appetizers will be provided. Everyone will pay for his/her own drinks.

Announcements:

Lion Ashleigh Rollins will be working with the Long Beach Police Department's "Shop With A Cop" program on 8/20 at the Target at the 405 Freeway/Cherry offramp, starting at 6 am. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please see Ashleigh.

Lion Allyn Mattox gave out an award to Lion Margie Garcia, who was unable to attend Installation. She was awarded the Lions Sight and Hearing Ron Akashi Fellowship Award. Congratulations, Lion Margie!

New Business:

Visitations are planned for the Huntington Beach Shread-A-Thon, The Orange Street Faire, and to the Belmont Shore Lions Club. Lion Nikki Illingworth passed sign up sheets to interested Lions.

9/11- A Night for Remembering is being chaired by Lion Bill Blatnik. This event is being planned by Grace Church. Lion Bill needs approximately 15 Leos and 15 Lions to help set up chairs and usher at the event.

The Orange Region Meeting will be held on September 14 and is being organized by Lion Renee Schulte at the Garden Grove Club House. PDG Ellen Liebherr is catering. Cost is \$18 per person. Please RSVP to Secretary Allyn Mattox if you would like to attend.

Walk for the Beach Coastal Cleanup Day is being chaired by Lion Laura Ellsworth. A sign up sheet is available to interested Lions.

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Melvin Jones nominations are now being accepted. Forms were handed out to members. Please return the forms to President Mike Haley as soon as possible.

Lion Brad Barras is attempting to organize a Catalina trip possibly the weekend of 10/22. Please save the date and consider coming on the trip.

A short break was taken at 7:25 pm and the meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

Old Business

Lion Margie Garcia thanked everyone who donated and/or helped at the garage sale. \$435 was raised for the Admin account.

Lion Les Shobe thanked Rose Marie Baker, Allyn Mattox, Scott Newton, Lee Kocken, Mike and Marcia Haley, Tim Kelsey and Alan Chavez for helping with the Year End Picnic at Barney's Beach Club. Everyone had a great time. Lion Les reserved 8/18/2012 for next year's party. A window was reported broken, so Lion Brad Barras volunteered to fix the window.

PDG Ellen Liebherr reported on the new member orientation that was held at the fire station on 8/15. 15 new members showed up and Guiding Lion Scott Newton put on a presentation. Many of the new Lions had new ideas for the club. Lion Les Shobe had ideas for working with the military families and Lion Aro Riley would like to have a blood drive.

Other Business:

Lion Allyn Mattox informed club members that the Governor's visitation would be on October 5 and that we would like to have a pajama drive that night. We would like to have Seal Beach Lions donate a pair of children's pajamas to donate to PDG Elizabeth Warren's drive for pajamas for children in foster care.

PDG Ellen Liebherr reminded club members that she would be cooking for American Family Housing and would like turkey donations again this year.

Program:

Mr. Norman Yu gave a presentation on "Investing for the Stock Market Ahead"

The Treasure Chest Drawing was held.
The Mystery Lion was Lindsay Safe.
Fines and Happy Dollars were paid.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Allyn Mattox



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Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes August 16, 2011

President Mike Haley calls meeting to order at 7:11 pm at the Seal Beach Fire Station.

A Roll Call is done and the following Seal Beach Lions are present:

President Mike Haley
Scott Newton
Allyn Mattox
Bruce Gormley
Renee Schulte
Gary Denni
Geri Eckner
Lindsay Safe
Nikki Illingworth
Adriana Ziegenbusch
Camille Romano
Ashleigh Rollins

Two Guests are present:

Marcia Haley and Carol Linehan

Lion Allyn Mattox gives a Steering Committee Report. A motion to approve the Steering Committee Report is made by Lion Bruce Gormley, seconded by Lion Nikki Illingworth, is voted on and is carried unopposed.

Lion Bruce Gormley gives a Finance Committee Report. A motion to approve the Finance Committee Report is made by Lion Scott Newton, seconded by Lion Gary Denni, is voted on and is carried unopposed.

Lion Laura Ellsworth gives a report on the Environmental & Tree Planting Committee. An arborist for the City of Seal Beach has reported that it will cost \$1500 to plant trees at Zoeter Field. This will be for six to twelve 24' trees. Cost will be \$190 with Lions planting or \$225 with the City planting.

Lion Nikki Illingworth reported for Lion Cathy Newton on Eyeglasses. 900 pair of Eyeglasses has been collected so far this year by Seal Beach Lions. Lion Cathy would like suggestions for places to place boxes for eyeglass collections. She also hopes to get a photo in The Sun before Art Fest.

There was a suggestion made to try to get Costco to recycle hearing aides through our Club.

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Lion Bruce is trying to get Event Sponsorship to some of the events that our club does. He would like to see if he could get some money donated to the car at Fish Fry.

Lion Scott Newton gave an update on the Equipment Committee.

Lion Lindsay Safe gave a report on Social Media and asked the board members where we would like to go? She would like to update the Seal Beach Lion's website, have more photos of events on the website's home page.

Other business included discussing the Governor's Fundraiser on October 1, 2011. Cost is \$25 pp and it will be held at Ponderosa Pete's. A motion was made by Lion Scott Newton to designate up to \$250 to be spent towards sending 10 Lions from our club to this event and purchasing a raffle gift. Lion Bruce Gormley seconded the motion, which was voted on and was carried unopposed.

Also in Other Business, Lion Renee Schulte discussed the Region Meeting, which would be held at 6 pm on September 14, 2011, at the Garden Grove Club House. PDG Lion Chef Ellen Liebherr will cater it. Cost is \$18 pp.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.



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