

April 2, 2019
MILLIS LIONS
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING



Special guests:

DPW Director and 7 DPW employees, Gerri Sprague from the Millis Plastic Redemption Initiative (MPRI) & Zack Golden & Larry Koh from the Millis Cable Media. Former Lion and Present Melvin Jones Fellows, Doug Hindmarsh and Tom McDonough.

King Lion Shefali Desai called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Secretary's Report:

A motion made by Lion Shelbe Doliner, second by Lion Dan white to accept e-board 3/19/19 minutes – unanimous
The Club received a thank you from LCIF for the donation of \$1,000.00
Lion Carol Baker received the Silver Centennial pin. Under her Presidency the club met all Centennial goals as we also received the Centennial patch and the Diabetes Patch for our banner.

Treasurers Report:

A motion made by DG Lion Debbie Hayes, second by Lion Bill Lawson to accept the March E-board treasurer's report – unanimous

Melvin Jones Presentation

Lion Keith Gagne explained the award and Lion Lauree Ricciardelli present the award to our newest MJF, DG Lion Debbie Hayes

Committee Reports

Visitation Chair, Lion Steve Campbell spoke about the visit to Foxboro and that they are looking into having a Holiday dinner meeting with us as we both have meetings on the same evening.

Bottle and Can Chair, Lion Ron Paulo would like to remind everyone that the B&C sorting is this Saturday, 8 AM at Safety Signal. There are 30 bags to sort and the committee could use the help.

DG Lion Debbie Hayes reported that the "Taste of Millis" was a wonderful event and that the members that came to help spoke to many residents about Lion membership and passed out a few information pamphlets.

New Business

The nominations for officers were closed and Secretary, Lion Julio Fontecchio cast a single ballot for the slate. A call for acceptance of the slate was unanimous. The following are the officers elected. President (King Lion) Paul LeBel, 1st VP Lion Allison LeBel, Secretary Lion Julio Fontecchio, Asst. Secretary Lion Mike O'Shaughnessy, Treasurer Lion Carol Baker, Lion Tamer Lion Lisa Duhamel, Tail Twister Lion Keith Gagne 1 yr. board Lion Julie Ackley & Lion Lauree Ricciardelli, 2 yr. board Lion Ed Perry & Lion Steve Campbell, 3 yr. board Lion Shefali Desai & DG Lion Debbie Hayes. The 2VP position is vacant and we are looking for a volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lion Mike O'Shaughnessy or Lion Julio Fontecchio. Millis Lions will support you all the way!

Millis is the host club for the State Convention May 3rd -May 5th in Sturbridge. DG Lion Deb will be running for the State MD33 Council Secretary position. She does have an opponent and Millis should receive 6 delegates to vote on Sunday morning at the convention. The responsibilities for our club at the convention is registration. We will need 4 members at each times. Friday night May 3rd from 2-6 PM, Saturday May 4th from 8-11AM and again 2-6PM, Sunday May 5th 8-9:30AM. There is also a need for flower pinning on Saturday May 4th at 4:45 PM. Please contact Lion Claire Germano at cgerm111@gmail.com to help make Millis proud! The official delegate form will be sent to Secretary, Lion Julio Fontecchio. Lions Ron Paulo, Lisa Duhamel, Bill Lawson, Lois Lawson, Steve Campbell and Shefali Desai have requested to be delegates. Lions DG Debbie Hayes, Julio Fontecchio have requested to be alternates in the event the delegates are unavailable. This will not be official until the club receives the delegate form.

DG Lion Debbie Hayes reported that last week she spent with Lion Ron Martin from LCI to establish a Sudbury Lions Club. She asked the club if we would like to sponsor the new club which consist of purchasing a couple items for the new club. A motion by Lion Julio Fontecchio second by Lion Shelbe Doliner that the Millis Lions sponsor the new Sudbury Lions – unanimous

Lion Bill Lawson spoke about the Don Reynolds Beatification day to be held on Saturday, May 4th with registration at 8:30 AM at the Town hall. He recognized our new member, Lion Jen Donehey for all the hard work she has done. The DPW will be helping out again this year and the Millis PD will have their sign board up. A sign company that wishes to stay anonymous has graciously donated the frames for our signs. Please help out even if you don't want to rake/shovel you can supervise at a location.

Lion Shelbe Doliner would like to remind the club that the Polar Plunge will be held on April 6th at Lake Pearl in Wrentham. Last year Millis had 3 mice plungers, KL Shefali, 2VP Lion Allison and Lion Shelbe. She put the challenge out to the club and the response was great. Lions Keith Gagne, Ed Perry, Atul, Sue Wenzel and Carol Baker will join the 3 mice this year and if you would like to register to plunge or sponsor a plunger, there is still time to go on their website. www.masslionspolarplunge.org

Nine & Dine Chair, 2VP Allison LeBel reminded the club that the Nine & Dine Golf Event will be June 9th. If you would like to attend or golf that day, there will be an on-line registration soon or you can contact her. KL Shefali Desai requested a motion from the floor that we donate a portion of our proceeds from the Nine & Dine Event to the Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation to be determined by the executive board at a later date. A motion by Lion Julio Fontecchio second by Lion Steve Campbell that the club donate a portion of the proceeds of the Nine & Dine Event to the MRHF to be determined at a later date - unanimous

DG Lion Debbie Hayes reminded the club to "save the date" for upcoming Trivia night on April 26th. She will need help for set-up at the large hall at 5PM, runners for the papers from 6-9PM and cleanup at 9PM. It would be great for Millis to have a team to compete also. The flyer will be going out to the club and you can also find it on our Facebook page! Please contact her if you can help!!

Millis Cable Guest Speakers, Zack Golden and Larry Koh spoke about the Millis Cable and how we can volunteer. There are many places that the Millis residents can help and maybe even become a paid volunteer. A handout is attached to the minutes that has some contact information if you wish to help or find out more information.

Millis Plastic Redemption Initiative representative, Gerri Sprague spoke about the plastic bag issue throughout the country. Their committee is sponsoring a warrant to ban plastic bags in Millis. The plastic bags that are found at the grocery stores and retail shops cannot be recycled and have a serious environmental impact. They will be having a meeting on April 16th at room 104, 6:30 PM at the Town Hall if anyone would like to find out more information. Attach to the minutes is a flyer passed out at the meeting.

Lion Steve Campbell informed the club about the Bottle & Can redemption trailer dedication committee. The Committee is working on a dedication of the Redemption Trailer to Lion Don Ackerman. The committee notified Judy Ackerman to get her approval and she was very appreciative of the gesture. More information to follow.

2VP Allison LeBel reported that she will be running on the Dana Farber Jimmy Fund Team and if anyone would like to sponsor her at this link below;

https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR;jsessionid=00000000.app202b?px=1681344&pg=personal&fr_id=1180&NONCE_TOKEN=075A79AA80CC08D9F2D30D1F62AA4FB0

Lion Julio Fontecchio was the secret greeter and Lion Dan White won the John Pedalino Raffle.

Don't forget to respond to Lion Shelbe by the Friday BEFORE the Dinner meeting She needs to give the venue a count!

FUTURE EVENTS:

Apr 06 - Bottle & Can sorting @ Safety signal, Rte. 115 at 8 AM – **ALWAYS NEED HELP!**

Apr 06 – Polar Plunge at Lake Pearl – 11:30 AM registration, 1 PM splash time

Apr 16 – E-board meeting, AM Legion, Curve St. 7 PM

Apr 26 – Trivia night, St. Thomas Lg. Hall

May 3-5 – State Convention, Sturbridge - DG Debbie Hayes for Council Secretary

May 04- Beautification Day, Town Hall, registration at 8:30 AM

May 07 - General Meeting – officer nominations open, 7 PM, 45 Restaurant, Medway

May 21 – E-board meeting, AM Legion, Curve St. 7 pm

Motion to adjourn at 9 PM by Lion Steve Campbell, second by Lion Keith Gagne- unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Julio Fontecchio, Secretary