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Dear Fellow Lions,

It is hard to believe that the summer is already over, and we are into September. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the Board of Directors has made a decision to cancel in person September meetings over concerns of our member's health and safety. We will continue to monitor the situation and recommendations of health professionals and review feasibility of in person October meetings later this month. I would like to hear back from you if you think virtual meetings would be beneficial if the dinner meetings in October are cancelled. Please feel free to call or email me with your thoughts.

As many events and fundraisers have been cancelled this year, we are still able to hold some. Centennial Park Concession Stand ran successfully over ten weeks thanks to Lions Mark Koehler and Steve Nauta and those members who took their time to volunteer. Last Monday August 24th our Club also held Golf Outing and there was a good turnout there as well. Please continue to monitor Lion Bob Hoffman's communication so you are aware of the status of events.

Over the last several weeks several of our Club's members decided not to renew their membership. I am sad that it happened and hope that the rest of the members will continue on as your help and support is needed more than ever during this difficult time for our Club and Grafton community. First VP Lion Dan Harris decided to expand a Membership Committee to find ways to attract new members. Please let him know if you would like to join the Committee. Also, we are still looking for several Committee Chairs. I ask you to please consider it.

Board or Directors will hold an in person meeting on Tuesday September 1st at 6PM at Veterans Park. As always, the meeting is open for all the members so feel free to attend or send me any items which you would like me to include to the agenda.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity and platform to share information on the situation happening in my home country Belarus, from which I came to the US 16 years ago. On August 9th, there was a presidential election, results of which were not recognized by virtually any country, including the US

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Meetings

The August Spouses/Significant Others Summer Social was cancelled

August 16th Board of Directors Meeting

At the August 16th Board of Directors Meeting a decision was made to cancel both of the September Membership meetings.

Minutes of all Grafton Lions Club Board of Directors Meetings are posted on the Grafton Lions Club website www.graftonlions.com.

Future Meetings

September Board of Directors Meeting

The September 1st Board of Directors' meeting will be held at Veterans Park starting at 6:00pm.

Both September Membership Meetings have been cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Krueger reported the following July 31, 2020 account balances:

Activity Account	\$46,396.37
Administrative Account	\$15,268.01

2020 Grafton Lions Golf Outing profit was \$10,561.98

Nine members have not paid their dues for the current year

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and European Union. There are protests for almost three weeks now, people are arrested, beaten up, thrown in jail, and some even murdered. I know that we have many problems in our own backyard, but since our club is international, I would like to bring it to your attention as well (I think there is a little media coverage too). Please keep Belarusian people in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your hard work and continuous support and hope to see you all very soon.

Lion Slava Krol.

REPORTING SERVICE HOURS

Lions Club International requires local Lions Clubs worldwide to report service hours. After all, the motto of Lions worldwide is “we serve.”

The Grafton Lions have established a process for reporting service hours to LCI. The club secretary is assigned responsibility for reporting hours to Lions Club International. The committee chair is responsible to contacting the club Secretary to report the hours of all committee members that were involved in the activity.

WHAT HOURS SHOULD BE REPORTED?

Just about every hour spent representing the Grafton Lion should be reported. Some examples:

Hours spent assisting in the planning and running of all Lions’ club fund raisers.

Hours spent assisting in the planning and running of all Lions’ club service projects.

Hours spent assisting in the planning and preparation of meetings of the Grafton Lions club as well as all regional, state and other Lion meetings, Also to be reported are the hours spent attending those meetings.

Hours spent in the community representing the Grafton Lions.

HOW SHOULD SERVICE HOURS BE REPORTED?

Club members should prepare a list containing a description of the activity and the number of hours spent on each activity. The member reporting the hours should contact the club secretary by email, phone or mail to report hours for each activity.

Some examples are:

Attended the June 2nd Grafton Lions Meeting. 1½ hours.

Purchased and delivered to Centennial Park a supply of food for the club concession stand. 4 hours.

Set up the tables at Veterans Park for the club chicken roast. 5 hours.

Worked the concession stand at GALA during four concerts in August. 16 hours.

WHEN SHOULD SERVICE HOURS BE REPORTED?

Service hours should be reported as they are incurred. For recurring projects, for example, weekly GALA refreshment stand, hours can be accumulated and reported in the last few days of each month.

Annual Golf Outing Recap

The Grafton Lions 22nd Annual Fundraiser Golf Outing was held on August 24th at Edgewater Golf Club. With the many challenges 2020 put in our way, no Chicken roast, limited Centennial income, the Annual Grafton Lions Club golf outing was a needed way to raise funds for the club.

Seemed to be a perfect year to change venue not only because of what is going on in the world, the weather of the day said 9 holes well actually 10 was just perfect. With the change in venue, Edgewater Golf Club assisted in making this one of the most successful Golf Outing fundraisers in Grafton Lions History.

In all, we had a total of 81 golfers for the event and we were able to raise an astounding \$10,500. One of the goals in changing venue was to increase diversity, make sure people have fun, and take part in the Spirit of Lionism. I think all three goals hit down the fairway, especially with the record number of female participants. It was also great we were able to support the Grafton Fire Department and having the "Crew" show off their ladder skills.

A majority of the funds came from our 'hole sponsors' that contributed in the way of cash donations! We owe a big 'THANK YOU' to all of the 'hole, patio, and cart sponsors' that contributed so generously to this event and its success. In addition, we had a tremendous outpouring of sponsors that contributed raffle prizes and silent auction items that raised additional funds for the event. Lion Steve Witowski secured the recognition sponsor to pay for the gifts provided.

This year we changed to a long time Lions Club supporter business, Edgewater Golf Club, we owe thanks to the EGC family for its donation of a 2021 Edgewater Golf Club Membership and the efforts of its Family and staff in hosting this event!

The Event would not have been a success without the dedication of the committee members and those who volunteered the day of the event. The volunteer help was organized and led by Lion Dan Delorit and included Lions' Pat Murray, Bob Mercer, Ann Murray, Dorothy Reindl, Lisa Delorit, Nan Antoine, Debbie Krueger, Dave Burkhart and my apologies for not having the other very appreciated member's names in front of me. In addition, a number of local financial institutions - Cornerstone Bank provided staff support at the registration table and at a sponsored hole adding fun and needed staffing to the event. All the help was again much appreciated. Thank you volunteers and thank you to all of the Lion golfers that participated this year!

I want to make special thanks to golf Committee Chair Emeritus Lions Tom Krueger, Lion Dave Antoine, and the entire Golf Committee for keeping me on point being this my first year as Chairman for the Lions Golf Committee. And express thank you to my wife, Terra for her understating taking time away from our young family to dedicate making the event a success. Lastly, a very special thank you for the assignment of Chairman and openness in moving the event to Edgewater Golf Club, even though I do not work in the business fulltime my family is appreciative of hosting our event.

Lion Dan Hubacek

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AHEAD

- September 1 Membership meeting **CANCELLED**
- September 1 Board of Directors meeting 6:00pm at Veterans Park
On the agenda Board members will discuss whether to cancel any of the following events because of Covid 19:
 Grafton Lions Beer Tasting
 Red Kettle collection with the Grafton Leos
 Spouses and Significant Others Christmas Party
 Interfaith Care Packages Delivery with the Grafton Leos
- September 15 Membership meeting **CANCELLED**
- October 3 Grafton Lions Breakfast Buffet at the **Fall into Grafton** celebration
8:00 to 11:00 at Atlas BBQ **CANCELLED**
- October 6 Membership meeting preceded by board meeting
Program: To be announced
- October 20 Membership meeting
Program: To be announced
- November 1 – 11 Eye tissue transport
- November 5 Membership meeting preceded by board meeting
Program:
- November 7 Grafton Lions Beer, Wine, and Spirits Tasting
7:00 at Circle B Recreation
- November 15 Red Kettle collection with Grafton Leos starts
(Schedule to be announced)
- December 3 Membership Meeting preceded by board meeting
Program:
- December 17 Christmas Party SPOUSES AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS INVITED
6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner.
- December 20 Deliver Interfaith Care packages with Grafton Leos

If you have questions or would like to add to the calendar, contact Bob Hoffma