

## **Chamois Lions Club News**

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, August 14, 2023 at the Chamois Community Center. Thirteen Lions were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Robin Lieneke led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Steve Duncan offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of chicken and rice alfredo, peas and carrots vegetable medley, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and chocolate cake for dessert.

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Lion President Lieneke called on Lion Tail Twister Sherry Conner to share a game. Lions were given a piece of paper and asked to draw an object. The drawings were folded and returned to Lion Tail Twister Conner. Lions were then asked to select a partner. Once partners were paired up, one Lion was then required to sign or signal to their partner what the object they had drawn was and continue such efforts until the partner correctly guessed what the object was. The roles were then reversed. The first pair of Lions to correctly guess each other's object was declared the winner. A great time was enjoyed by all Lions.

Lion President Lieneke presided at the business meeting. Lion President Lieneke requested that the meeting agenda be approved and the Chamois Lions voted to approve the agenda. Copies of the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. With no objection voiced, Lion President Lieneke declared the minutes approved. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented a detailed financial report. Lion Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen was absent but did send a written financial report for the Community Center and Lion Building Co-Chairperson Dale Hackmann reported that there were no maintenance issues at the current time. In his written financial report, Lion Thoenen suggested that the Chamois Lions Club pre-buy propane for the Community Center and the Chamois Lions voted to do so.

Lion President Lieneke called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Scott Mertz, who is a member of the Fire Department, and Lion Melissa Strope, who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, were absent so there were no reports for those organizations. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is on the board of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), reported that the CIDC resolved some issues with corporate records and the organization is now in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. Lion Kormann reported that the "Back-to-School Supplies" project is under way and that generous donations have been received to purchase school supplies for students in need. Lion Kormann and Lion Susan Sundermeyer, both of whom are members of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC has

been painting at the Townley House and have a building contractor addressing some issues with floor joists in the dining room. The CHPC hopes to have the Townley House open for Chamois Day and will again sell ice cream on the grounds of the Townley House during Chamois Day and the Rost Family Singers will again entertain. Lion Mike Edwards, who is the Mayor of the City of Chamois, was present but had nothing to report other than an upcoming City Council meeting. Lion Steve Duncan, who is a member of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that the "Taste of Osage County" event has been scheduled for September 9, 2023 and Ken and MaryAnn Gelven have scheduled a "Not Your Grandpa's Farm" tour for September 5, 2023. This new tour will highlight how technology and science are advancing agriculture in Osage County and will demonstrate some alternative uses of farms. Tour cost is only \$75 per person and will include a wonderful lunch catered by Argyle Catering.

Four items of old business, special project updates, and ad hoc committee reports were addressed.

Lion President Lieneke suggested that the Chamois Lions Club review their list of community betterment projects and pare from that list all completed projects and projects that may no longer be a priority. Discussion focused on the list and the list of projects was pared down to focus on major projects and those that can be completed fairly soon. The rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand is a very high priority with repairs to the ballpark fences at the Chamois City Park and the replacement of the storage shed door at the ballpark also high priority items. Lion Randy Thoenen will schedule a workday to address the ballpark fences repairs and storage shed door.

At the June 12, 2023 meeting, the Chamois Lions Club voted to install wifi at the Community Center. Wifi capability would enhance the camera security system already in place. Lion Michael Edwards has contacted RadioWire and will follow through on scheduling an installation. Several Lions volunteered to be a contact person for RadioWire and to meet RadioWire technicians at the Community Center to grant entrance into the building in order to complete the installation.

Lions Dawna Keilholz and Becca Mehmert, who along with Lion Michael Edwards and volunteer Amanda Carter comprise the Chamois Day Committee, reported on plans for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chamois Day to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023. The theme for Chamois Day is "Country Roads Take Me Home". The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by Broken Arrow and Chloe Rhea. Activities will include hayrides, vendors, crafts, food, a Little Mr. & Miss Chamois Day, a scavenger hunt (forms will be available at the Main Stage), games for children near the St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, food trucks on the St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot, and as a new event a pulled pork competition whereby businesses and individuals prepare pulled pork to be judged by a panel of judges and also by popular vote. The games for children will include a duck pond, ring toss, bubble machine, spinner game, and plinko. Roomerz Restaurant and Bar will hold a washer tournament and a cornhole tournament and host a live band. There will be an adult raffle and a children's raffle. There continues to be a need for additional volunteers to help with Chamois Day. At present,

members of the Chamois Day Committee, Chamois Lions Club members, and volunteers are stretched to the limit in terms of setting up for Chamois Day, providing labor for the various activities, selling raffle tickets, overseeing the raffle drawing and distribution of prizes, driving tractors for the hayrides, and cleaning up at the end of the day. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was circulated at the meeting and potential volunteers are encouraged to contact a member of the Chamois Day Committee. Every volunteer is welcome and any amount of time that can be donated would be much appreciated.

In response to a question about a project to install a flagpole at the Chamois City Park, Lion Steve Duncan reported that American Legion Post 506, Chamois Masonic Lodge #185, and the Chamois Lions Club have undertaken a cooperative project to install a 40-foot flagpole somewhere on City property at the City Park so that the flagpole is visible both from inside the park and from the Missouri River. American Legion Post 506 members Dan Howard and Dave Steffen have ordered the flagpole and will attend the next meeting of the Chamois City Council to discuss an exact location for the flagpole. Volunteer assistance to pour concrete for the base of the flagpole, to set the flagpole, and to eventually light the flagpole has been arranged for.

Four items of new business were introduced and discussed.

Lion Steve Duncan reported on the recent Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet meeting that was held at the Eldon Community Center on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Lion Duncan and Lion Secretary Beth Sieg attended the meeting as representatives of the Chamois Lions Club. The Cabinet meeting is an opportunity to interact with representatives of the thirty-two Lions Clubs that comprise Lions District 26-M7 and to hear reports on local Lions Club fundraisers and projects and to receive updates on major Lions Clubs International initiatives. Lions Clubs International has six major global causes—diabetes, vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer, and youth. Many of these causes are addressed at the local, district, and state levels. In particular, vision issues are a major focus and are being addressed at the local, district and state levels. Vision project updates were provided for Saving Sight (has provided 3,351 corneas for transplant during the current Lions fiscal year and processed 14, 519 orders for Vital Tears), KidsSight (vision screenings for 42,938 children in the state with 3,682 children identified who needed a full eye examination to include 870 children who were high risk for vision loss), Show-Me Lions Eyeglasses Recycling (for the first seven months of 2023, over 29,000 pairs of eyeglasses have been distributed on various mission trips), and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Lion Steve Duncan reported that he had filed for the Chamois Lions Club the 2023 Annual Registration Report with the Missouri Secretary of State. The Chamois Lions Club is incorporated as a non-profit corporation and the Annual Registration Report is required in order to report corporation officers and directors.

Discussion focused on the Fall Chamois City-Wide Clean-Up Day, which typically is performed just prior to Chamois Day. Lions and community volunteers pick up trash, clean Main Street, and spruce up landscaped areas in town and at the City Park. This important community betterment project will take place on Sunday afternoon, September 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers will meet on the St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot and are asked to bring trash bags, shovels and other tools, weed eaters, etc..

To conclude the business meeting, Lion President Lieneke, who also serves as the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Chairperson, reminded Lions Club members of the need for a Chamois Lions Club donation to LCIF. This issue will be addressed at the September 11, 2023 meeting. Given the horrific wildfires in Canada and Hawaii, LCIF has many communities to help.

Following the business meeting, two announcements were made. Lion Steve Duncan announced that the Missouri Lions State Convention will be held on April 18-21, 2024 at Old Kinderhook. Lions District 26-M7 is the host district for this State Convention. Lion Jeff Kormann announced that the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) Annual Conference will be held at the Bradford Research Farms in Columbia, MO on October 23, 2023. The Chamois Lions Club is the sponsor for the Chamois-Morrison Area membership in MCB.

August birthday wishes were extended to Lions Lyle Best, Betty Linhardt, Mark Mehmert, and Scott Mertz. Prayer concerns were expressed for those community members who have health issues to include Lions Jeanne Best and Mark Lieneke.

To conclude the meeting, Lion President Lieneke called on Lion Steve Duncan to share a joke. Lion Duncan shared a joke entitled "Wife tech support message".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center.