

## Recreational Services

*“The International Association of Lions Clubs cognizant of its humanitarian role in society and the relationship between nature and culture and human life, asserts that man can come to an authentic and full humanity only through the cultivation of those natural qualities and values that will enhance the integral development of the human person, the good of the community and society in general.”*

### The Recreational Services Committee

- Studies needs of the community and what is being done to meet those needs.
- Proposes one or more service activities to the club board of directors.
- Assumes responsibility, as directed by the board, for performance of the activities adopted.
- Cooperates with other committees whose work might be closely related.

### Organizational Meeting

- 1) Chairman checks first with the president about goals for the year and budget considerations and with the vice president, under whose responsibility the committee operates, about duties. An invitation to both officers is extended.
- 2) Chairman sets date, time and place for meeting and notifies committee members at least one week in advance.
- 3) The first meeting is very important. Here achievements or any unfinished plans of the previous year's committee are discussed, ideas and goals for the year are revealed, and the ways of promoting and ensuring the success of these goals are discussed.
- 4) Chairman reads a list of suggested activities from this source and leads discussion of community needs, emphasizing the club's role.
- 5) Goes over those activities in which committee members have shown interest.
  - a) Type of activity.
  - b) What will be the reaction of the community to this activity?
  - c) What will be the reaction of club member?
  - d) How greatly will the community or the individual benefit?
  - e) How long will it take to complete this activity?
  - f) How much will it cost, and how will it be financed?
- 6) After thorough discussion committee narrow choice to two or three activities, long-range or short-range as seem best for club plans.
- 7) With assistance of committee members, chairman prepares a written report for the board of directors. It should include project recommendations and project estimates.

### Suggested Activities

#### Sports

- 1) Sponsor local athletic teams, leagues, tournaments and competitions.
- 2) Provide uniforms, equipment and transportation for local schools, teams and youth organizations.
- 3) Sponsor field trips to athletic events.

### **Parks and Playgrounds**

- 1) Contribute equipment to parks, public recreation areas and community centers.
- 2) Build and operated a swimming pool in your community or in an area where needed. Sponsor a swimming instruction program.
- 3) Build and operate a skating rink, tennis court or other appropriate facility to meet the recreational needs of your community.
- 4) Construct a physical fitness trail with exercise stations in a local park or wooded area.
- 5) Provide assistance in staffing park and playground programs.

### **Community Recreation**

- 1) Promote and coordinate picnics, community outings, carnivals, homecoming celebrations, observance of special holidays and parades.
- 2) Arrange transportation fro underprivileged children, the aged or community groups to recreation areas.

The above suggested activities can be adapted for handicapped groups.