

## **Tail Twister:**

*The tail twister shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no ruling from his/her decision in imposing a fine provided however, that no fine shall exceed 50 cents, and no member shall be fined more than twice at any one meeting. The tail twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the tail twister shall be immediately turned over to the treasurer and a receipt be given therefore.*

Duties of the tail twister are promoting harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at club meetings by appropriate stunts and games and a judicious imposition of fines on club members.

New Lion members might be inhibited and shy. A tail twister can eloquently introduce them and make them feel needed and a part of the club.

Fining members is a key element of a successful tail twister. But fining only for funds and not for fun is about the worst mistake in tail twisting. Where possible, a good tail twister should fine every member at least once at every second meeting. I might be considered bad taste to have a member continually overlooked in the fining because the member then comes to feel as if he or she is no longer a part of the club. By fining, the tail twister involves everyone happily in the meeting, helps publicize new and happy events, entertains and assists the president in general management of the meeting.

One of the primary tasks of the tail twister is to extract humor and laughter out of Lions with jokes, puns, witticisms, mimicry, acting, singing or dramatizations. Laughter transcends all creeds, religions, sects and color; it's universal.

### **General Advice on Fining**

The tail twister may not be fined; except by unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the tail twister should be turned over immediately to the treasurer and a receipt for same given to the tail twister.

Here is some advice about fining...

- Move about the meeting room

- Make all eyes follow you. Motion is variety. It is lively. Standing still and talking is monotonous.

- Mention visitors, but fine only Lions.

As observant tail twister can usually find enough reasons for assessing fines without resorting to fining for imaginary offensives. That is why it is important for the tail twister to search to find out, for example, who has recently become engaged, married, bought a new car, become a father, promoted at work, etc.

## **Ideas for Fining**

1. All present members might pay a fine if one of them has cause to celebrate. The one celebrating would not have to pay a fine.
2. Have a joke-telling contest on a special night and give a prize for the best joke. Or, at any meeting, call on one or more Lions to give a spontaneous joke on-the-spot. Fine him or her on the joke according to the response from the audience.
3. Much fun can be had by the tail twister who knows the middle names or nick names of the members. Very few, of course, respond readily and those who are slow to respond can be duly fined by the tail twister.
4. The tail twister gives a slip of paper to the president. On it is written a common word. The first Lion to use this word in addressing the meeting or in the tail twister's hearing at the meeting is either fined or receives a prize.
5. During meetings a Lion might be called upon to stand and formally introduce another Lion names by the tail twister. Any mistake in the introduction means a fine.
6. Fine members for not wearing a lapel or dinner badge.
7. Finally, be different, excite your members with the unusual.

## **Some Advice on Stunts**

To be most effective, the tail twister must have a different stunt or gimmick at every meeting; otherwise, members might lose their enthusiasm. Stunts are important at every club meeting. Some of the most meaningful things Lions have ever done have been done in the spirit of play.

## **Some Suggestions for Stunts**

### **1. Thread on the coat.**

When you have a door prize, members can either pay regular fines or have the opportunity to pay double the fine and thereby take a chance on the door prize.

A fun way to raise money for a worthwhile cause and yet learn about each other at the same time is: when a member who introduces himself or herself when the tail twister comes around must keep talking until the tail twister tells him or her to stop. The member may talk about his or her personal life, business or anything else, but he or she must keep talking. If he or she runs out of words, the tail twister fines. If a member does an exceptional job, the tail twister might pay the fine or present the Lion with a mock prize as the best talker in the club.