

ABILENE CACTUS LIONS CLUB POLICIES

1 July 2009

Cactus Lions Board Review: August 3, 2009

Cactus Lions Member Review: August 5, 2009

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DUES MONTHLY	\$35.00
MEMBER AT LARGE DUES MONTHLY	\$10.00
BRANCH CLUB DUES	\$10.00

DUES WILL COVER PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING: Semi-Annual Dues to Lions International, State, District and Texas Lions Camp, Payment for Meals of Active Club Members, club Administrative cost including postage, plaque for Lion of the Year, plaque and Life Membership to Texas Lions Camp for the outgoing club President.

Our club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Amanda's Restaurant . The first meeting of the month is a Business Meeting and should include: reading of minutes of previous Board meeting, reports of officers and committees, announcements and communications, old or unfinished business and new business. Exceptions to the weekly Wednesday meetings are for the Christmas/New Years holiday weeks where no meetings are held, and when the meetings are replaced by the Christmas Party and the Installation Banquet. The last two events are partially funded by club dues of Active Members.

A Member anticipating that they will be unable to attend meetings for period of three months may request to be placed on Member-At-Large Status. Request must be approved by Board of Directors.

Secretary to order normal Club supplies and the Treasurer to pay normal Club bills without waiting for Board Approval.

Secretary to send flowers to Members or their immediate Family when hospitalized in Abilene Hospitals.(Immediate Family defined as Spouse, Children, and Parents of Member or Spouse.)

Secretary to send Memorials to Texas Lions Camp in event of death of a Member or their immediate Family. (Immediate Family defined as Spouse, Children, Parents of Member or Spouse.)

Secretary to send Get Well Cards and/or Sympathy Cards to Members or their Immediate Family. (Immediate Family defined as Spouse, Children, Parents of Member or Spouse.)

Number of meals for Presenters of any Scheduled Program will be limited to two (2) unless prior approval has been granted by the Board of Directors.

Club Pin will be included in each New Member Kit.

Secretary will purchase gifts which will be used in the Doors Program. At the first and third meeting of the month three (3) items will be given to the Club President which he/she will place in the doors box. The President will select a member to sell tickets at fifty cents and conduct a drawing prior to the end of the meeting. Funds will be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit in the Administrative Account.

Tail Twister will select a member prior to each meeting which will be the Mystery Lion. The Mystery Lion will select a number which will be used to identify the member that shakes his/her hand. At the end of the meeting the Club President will ask the Tail Twister to identify the Mystery Lion. The Mystery Lion will then announce the members name. The member will then be given \$1.00 from the Tail Twister's funds. The remaining Tail Twister's funds will be deposited in the Administrative Account.

As members enter the meeting they will sign the register and deposit twenty-five cents in a container at the door. At the end of the meeting the President will have a bean drawing and that member will be entitled to the money in the container provided that the member was present at the previous meeting. If a member was present and had to leave before the drawing was conducted, they will be entitled to receive the money if their name was drawn and they were present at the previous meeting. Drawing will be limited to (3) three times per meeting and if there is no winner the money will be placed in the Administrative Account and identified for future purchase of Club Pins.

Any Member making a purchase without prior Board approval will be responsible for payment.

All Officers to be installed are encouraged to be present at the Installation Banquet.

The President shall report actions taken by the Board of Directors at each Club Business Meeting.

All members are encouraged to participate in club activities each doing his or her share of the work.

All Members are required to sell a minimum of twenty-five Spaghetti Supper Tickets.

All members are asked to inform the President and/or Secretary of illness within their family so that flowers or cards may be sent.

The President shall report to the membership halfway through his term as to the financial health of the club.

Members shall not request the club to support personal projects of their family members or themselves.

Members will be charged for Guest Meals, however if the Guest becomes a New Member the Sponsoring Lion will be reimbursed for up to two (2) meals.

Lion International Exchange Students that are Guests at a Members home will be considered Club Guest when attending meetings.

For special events (meals other than regular Wednesday meetings) current value of a meal of the active members dues will be applied to the cost of the meal, the remainder to be paid by the member. This applies only when an event takes the place of regularly scheduled Wednesday meeting. Members-at-large and Guest of members will pay total cost of the meal.

QUEEN CONTESTANT: Our Club shall be responsible for transportation allowance of fifty (.50) cents per mile, A maximum of two nights lodging of one room for the Queen and one chaperone while attending the District Convention. The contestant will be given maximum of \$50.00 for incidental expenses.

YOUTH OUTREACH CONTEST: Contestant will be transported to the District Contest by a Member of the Cactus Lions Club. If he/she wins at the District Contest the Club shall be responsible for transportation allowance of fifty (.50) cents per mile, a maximum of two nights lodging of one room for the contestant and one chaperone while attending the District Convention. The contestant will be given maximum of \$50.00 for incidental expenses.

**ANNUAL FUND RAISERS: Spaghetti Supper Held in early February.
Flag Service Provided year round.**

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: The net proceeds from this event will be held in account, marked for budgeting by the incoming President and his/her Board of Directors on July 1st.

FLAG SALES: Proceeds, both new sales and renewal shall begin on/or about May 1st, current year, and end on April 30th of the following year. These proceeds will be held in account, marked for budgeting by the incoming President and his/her Board of Directors on July 1st

SERVICE PROJECTS: Currently the Club supports White Cane Day, Hendrick Hospice Care Light up a Life Tree, Abilene State School Christmas Party.

TYPICAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS MONETARILY SUPPORTED BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Abilene Food Bank	Noah Project	Abilene Meal-On-Wheels	Boy Scouts of America
Reading is Fundamental	Abilene State School	Woodson Bell Choir	Challenger Little League
Boys and Girls Club	Salvation Army	Dyess We Care Team	Hope Haven
Girl Scout Troops	Medical Care Mission	Scottish Rite Hospital for Children	

LION OF THE YEAR AWARD: Current Club President each year will select the member he/she considers the most worthy of recognition for service during his/hers term of office. Presentation of the award would still be a surprise occasion for the award winner at the annual Installation Banquet.

JACK WEICH AWARD: Club Treasurer each year will select up to two (2) club members for recognition to receive the award. This award will be presented at the annual Christmas party.

Policies Review and Amendments:

These Policies will be reviewed annually in July by the new Board of Officers and approved by the members.

These Policies may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this club at which a quorum is present, by the vote of a majority of the members present in person and voting.

No amendment shall be put to vote unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment, shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each member at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the amendment will be taken.