

**NO LIGHTS, BUT THE MEETING
BEGINS ANYWAY!!!**



CHESTERTOWN LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING JULY 22, 2020

The Chestertown Lions Club held their first “in-person” Board of Director’s meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club (CRYCC). It was great to get together again. This was the Club’s first “in-person” meeting since the last March’s business dinner meeting. Board members are so devoted and excited to have a meeting, we went ahead and held the meeting in the dark (see Photo 1) since a massive thunder storm had just rolled through knocking out the area’s power.

KL Mary Lou Pagella formerly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with eleven members present. Previously, we had been holding monthly Board meetings by Zoom, but it was wonderful to get together again and “kick-off” another hopefully successful year of Lionism.

Even though we held the meeting without lights, members still practiced social distancing, wore masks, and used cell phones with flashing light apps to take notes. The first Board meeting each year is the time Board members get the opportunity to develop the annual budget. While this normally can be a taxing exercise, it became much more difficult this year by the presence of COVID-19.

The Administrative budget was discussed, but Board Members decided there are so many unknowns at this time that an exact income level needs more study. Annual income events – Chicken BBQ (Fall), cycling events (Spring), and shotgun raffle (Fall/Winter) were then discussed (see Photo 2). The successful Chicken BBQ will be placed on hold for now to study social distancing requirements further. Board members voted to kick-off our very successful shotgun raffle by starting ticket sales in September at selected locations around Chestertown. The winning ticket drawing will take place on January 13, 2021. Trusting the pandemic will become less of an issue by Spring, we are still planning to conduct the two rides.

We are planning to hold our first business dinner meeting of the year “in-person” at CRYCC on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. For members still feeling uncomfortable about coming out, the meeting will also be presented on Zoom.

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