RUSHMORE LIONS CLUB OF RAPID CITY

Post Office Box 3131 Rapid City, South Dakota 57709 Our Motto: We Serve

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Rapid City Common Council 300 South Sixth Street Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Re: Rushmore Lions Club of Rapid City Raffle Request

Greetings:

I write on behalf of the Rushmore Lions Club of Rapid City (a 501(c)(3) organization) requesting your approval of the Rushmore Lions Club conducting a raffle for a buffalo hunt to take place in Harding County, South Dakota. The Harding County rancher has agreed to allow the club to raffle off a \$2,500.00 buffalo hunt to take place in either November or December of 2010. The rancher has agreed to donate back to the club the sum of \$1,000.00 making the cost of the hunt to the club \$1,500.00. Our intent is to raffle off up to 5000 tickets at \$10.00 each. The raffle will have a second and third prize in order to garner more support. Second prize will be a big game rifle and third prize will be a varmit rifle. The tickets will be sold at various times throughout the coming year at events at the civic center such as the Sport Show and Craft Fairs, through individual members and at various business locations within the city limits. The drawing will be held in November, 2010.

The money raised from the raffle will go toward the club's charitable causes, including the "Greg Rudel Fine Arts Scholarship Fund" which provides scholarships for up to three Rapid City high school seniors each year; Campaign SightFirst II, a worldwide project of Lions Clubs International; the Northern Plains Eye Foundation Gift of Sight, which provides operations to restore sight; Leader Dog, which provides trained dogs for the blind; and the Lions Nature Park, a joint endeavor with the City of Rapid City. Other funds will go to special projects of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, such as, the Haitian Earthquake project.

The Wyoming Lions Foundation conducted a buffalo raffle last year and raised \$25,000.00 for Campaign SightFirst II. We have been in touch with the coordinator for that event and have taken his suggestions for the raffle to assure success.

It is respectfully requested that the raffle request be approved to help raise money for the above referred to scholarship, sight related charities and other service projects of the club.

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Stan H. Anker

Its: President