

Nome Rotary Club Board of Directors
May 6, 2003

President Anne Millbrooke convened the meeting at 12:11 PM. Also present: president-elect Dennis Weidler, co-treasurer Ric Schmidt, vice president Lucy Barton, 2003-4 vice president Erin Lillie, directors Mike Bridges and Lew Tobin, member Graham Storey, secretary Tom Busch.

April minutes approved: by consensus.

President's report: Millbrooke

- * thanked everyone for selling raffle tickets.
- * noted that she had nominated the club for various awards, but had been sent forms after nominations' deadlines.
- * suggested that Nome Rotary send a member to the district conference May 16-18 in Wasilla, inasmuch as neither she nor Weidler are able to attend.
- * showed the board a [certificate of thanks](#) from Kawerak's Child Advocacy Center, which lists us as a "Friend of the Center" for Rotary-related contributions of books, teddy bears and duck puppets.
- * requested a copy of the by-laws for review. (Busch will send)
- * noted that we have received a request for donations of merchandise for the Rotary Club of Miami Beach's annual auction. Anyone willing to donate can send to: 1620 Drexel Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Motion Passed: The club will send Mike Bridges to the district conference. Busch, Schmidt, unanimous.

Motion Passed: The club accepts for membership Rita Anderson, Ralph Taylor and Don Hunson for membership. Any member with

an objection must contact president Millbrooke in writing within seven days. Lillie, Bridges, unanimous.

It was suggested that the club come up with a membership application. Busch will do so when he returns from an upcoming trip.

President-Elect's Report: Weidler noted a successful President Elect Training Conference in Seattle, which put him in touch with many incoming Rotary presidents.

Treasurer's Report: According to Schmidt, we have total cash assets of \$1,379.11. A total of \$775 has been given by our club members to Polio Plus.

Raffle: There was extensive discussion. According to chair Bridges, Rotary has at least sold enough tickets to pay for the prizes and expenses, and "now we're selling tickets to pay for what we need to do." All Rotarians are encouraged to sell as aggressively as possible.

All Rotarians: please get tickets and receipts to Bridges no later than Saturday. His phone number is 3628.

Prizes will be drawn sequentially, then announced in reverse, ascending order.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: Lillie is editing video of the event, to give the district.

Easter Ham/Turkey Giveaway: was once again a success, with fifty of one or the other given to needy families.

Duck Race Tickets: Schmidt will provide Lillie a photocopy of past tickets, and Lillie will order 2003's. It was suggested that the fill-in-the-blanks stub be printed upside-down from those on the spring raffle.

Scholarship Committee: Millbrooke will present Nome-Beltz applications to chair Karen Smith.

Citizen of the Year: Charlie Lean, chair. Charlie has been out of town, and there has been no action.

North Star Swim Team Request: The swim team's Kirk Scofield asked Rotary to consider determining scholarships for disadvantaged students to pay team dues. The swim team would provide donations to cover these scholarships, and initially, they might be funded by the NSHC diabetes grant. Basically, the team wants an objective third party, free of school sports politics, to evaluate applications. There was considerable discussion, and several points were raised.

Millbrooke referred the subject to our scholarship committee, and will ask them to make a recommendation at the June board meeting.

A copy of their request is located [here](#).

Upcoming Gambling Vote: Representing the Chamber of Commerce, Storey asked Nome Rotary to join the opposition to the upcoming ballot proposal, which would eliminate all gambling, including raffles, in Nome. According to Storey, the city council is separately considering action to address pull tabs.

The board noted that Nome Rotary is clearly against pull tabs, as we ceased selling them eleven years ago, but was unwilling to take an official stand. However, the board pledged to encourage everyone to vote in the election, which has not yet been scheduled.

Road Cleanup and Park Maintenance: Saturday, May 24, 10 AM, regardless of weather. This is the first day of the City of Nome's cleanup. Chairs: Ric Schmidt, Scot Henderson. We will investigate Youth Facility and Halfway House involvement.

Rotary Barbecue: Saturday, May 24, 2 PM, regardless of weather. The event will take place at either the Busch cabin at Banner Creek, or the Rasmussen cabin at Dexter.

Polar Bear Swim: Saturday, June 21, 1 PM. The Folk Fest wants Rotary to hold our event in the morning, so it will not conflict with their 12 noon - 6 PM event, as they claim it pulls away audience. The board was firm that the swim, which has taken place since 1972, is not a morning event, and will suggest that the Folk Fest schedule their concert for 2 - 8 PM. Busch is authorized to re-register www.dunkleo.org.

Tobin suggested that it's important to keep this as a fun, social event rather than a fundraiser.

Buffalo Head Coin Raffle: Millbrooke deferred disposition of this Rich Harris-donated coin to Weidler's presidency.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM. Minutes by sec. Busch.