

## **Nome Rotary Club Board Meeting—December 2, 2003**

**Present:** President Dennis Weidler, President-elect Lucy Barton, Vice President Erin Lillie, Secretary Tom Busch, Directors Mike Bridges, Bob Froehle, Lew Tobin, Greg Pugh, Sherrie Yunker

**Agenda change:** The agenda was amended to allow D.J. Jackson to make a request of the club. Pugh, Bridges, unanimous.

**Motion passed:** Nome Rotary will support DJ's Steppin' Tones' tap dancing Christmas program "Tap Dance Christmas Recital 2003. Rotary will pass the hat at tomorrow's meeting to collect contributions, and requests a full page ad in the program. If contributions are less than \$300, the club will raise the gift to that level. Rotary enthusiastically supports this ambitious program, but has limited funds. Busch, Weidler, unanimous.

(Two board members offered to start the hat-passing with contributions totalling \$200.)

**Minutes:** since the secretary was out of town for the past three board meetings and none were taken, there were none to approve.

**New members:** none proposed.

**Firemen's Carnival:**

\* Ribs are a go, says Yunker, with one less case than last year due to a 2002 excess. She will send along gallon jugs of extra sauce that do not require refrigeration.

\* Duck Slide Race: Is a go, says chair Pugh.

**Christmas Party:** Will be at the Methodist Church social hall, Wednesday, December 17th, 12 noon. Busch and Rotarian Ric Schmidt will purchase pizza and drinks and deliver them. Rotarians are invited to bring a child, and a \$10-ish wrapped gift for the child. Weidler will arrange for Santa. There was a discussion of Santa and Santa suits. Busch will notify Polar Cafe that we will not meet there that week.

**Meeting Date Changes:** Nome Rotary will meet Tuesday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 30th instead of the usual Wednesdays. Lillie, Bridges, unanimous

Sister Club: The Rotary Club of Kennessaw, Georgia, has offered to be a sister club with Nome, in order to help expedite the establishment of a Rotary Club in Anadyr. There is no formal process for sister clubs.

**Motion (tabled, see below):** Nome Rotary will enter a sister club relationship with the Rotary Club of Kennessaw, Georgia. Bridges, Pugh.

There was considerable discussion. While enthusiastic about helping form an Anadyr club, it was pointed out that the resources to do so involve considerable time and effort. While funding is probably available from Kennessaw as well as District 5010, the

process would require a lot of time and a lot of legwork by Nome Rotarians, probably several trips to Anadyr a year for several years. Committing to Kennessaw would commit Nome Rotary to the project, whose arduous nature might be beyond our capabilities. It was suggested that Nome Rotary activate our International Service committee to begin looking into this.

**Motion to table:** The above motion is to be tabled. Bridges, Pugh, unanimous.

**President-elect:** no report

**Vice President:** no report

**Treasurer:** Busch will ask Schmidt, just back in town today, to provide one for e-mail to everyone.

**Secretary's report:** Busch noted that we are at 40 members; Bridges added that this is our third year of growth. 65% of our members are new in four years; 40% were admitted less than two years ago, demonstrating the need for recruitment as people move in and out of town.

**Election:** Nome Rotary's election is set for January 14, 2004. Nominations will be taken on January 7th. We will be electing a 2006-7 president, directors for 2004-5 and a new secretary, whom Busch will train. Busch said he hopes for someone who intends to live in Nome for a while. The job requires punctuality, and an average of about three or four hours a month.

**Motion passed:** Rotary will purchase two signs advertising our meeting place, day and time, for GPAA, and for a certain local airline terminal. Lillie, Bridges, unanimous.

**Junior ROTC:** Bridges noted that of the original 87 cadets, no fewer than 83 remain, a very small attrition rate, indicating a strong program. In discussion, the board acknowledged Rotarian Leo Rasmussen's role in making the program possible. "It's everything we thought it would be," said Pugh.

**Cautionary note:** Bridges advised that with the change in the weather, the ambulance crews are seeing a high incidence of cardio-pulmonary and respiratory issues, particularly among shut-ins. He asked everyone, in their own circle of friends, to check up on folks we know who are housebound. Carbon monoxide poisoning is also an issue.

**Adjournment:** 1:07 PM, Lillie Bridges, unanimous.

minutes submitted by Busch