

Bemidji Rotary Club Board Meeting
April 20, 2006

Present: Sue, Dennis, Scott, Terry, Nancy, Warren, Gary

Secretary's Report: Dennis/Scott moved and seconded approval of report. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: None

Club Correspondence:

Wheats Wicked BBQ - Application form appeared after deadline, but postmark was before. Gary will check into the kind of vendors approved for the Dragon Boat Races. If no other vendors have BBQ, they will be considered.

General Liability Insurance form was given to Dennis to handle

Food Shelf - Caroline Heglund sent a letter requesting a grant. She will be notified that a presentation to the board is needed before consideration of the grant is done.

Committee/Misc. Reports:

Playhouse: Playhouse moved from Perkins to Lueken's North. Raffle tickets sales are ahead of last year

Rotaract: No news.

Club Service: Ted Gillett is in charge of May & June speakers. One of the speakers will be Brad Swenson, who attended a district presentation on "Recruiting and Retaining Rotary Members".

Dragon Boat Races: Gary reported that there will be about 8 food vendors at the waterfront. Soon there will be a meeting will all the committees to share the status on all aspects of the planning. Headwaters Canoe Club may be contacted and asked if some of their members would like to be trained by Great White North as steersmen for the boats. This would save on travel expenses for the steersmen provided by Great White North. Two quotes on transporting the boats are \$7800 and \$6000 round trip. Gary is checking on more quotes. With trades about 25-26 teams have signed up. Concordia Language Chinese Village has a Dragon head that can be a part of the 4th of July Parade. They would need more than the 30 students that attend the camp to fill the dragon.

Save Babe: Because of the \$68,000 grant received, the Save the Base Committee requested that the Matching Funds committed by the Nielsen Foundation could be kept and given to another cause. The Nielsen Foundation was "in awe". This has never happened before. The additional funds Save Babe has received will be used for future maintenance. When the grant funds are received in late summer, early fall the project will start.

Iceland Group: They enjoyed attending our Monday's meeting. Afterward they saw Paul & Babe they were interviewed and taped for the KAWE Monday evening news. FYI - BSU has full sized flags for almost any country that visit us in the future.

4 Way Contest: Sue asked Gayle to send a note to all the applicants about the status of the program. Noon Rotary winner is Caitlin Oestrich.

Rotary Shirts: Scott ordered 20 more shirts

Habitat for Humanity: Our May 15th meeting will have a soup meal. The fines that day and the \$7.50 per meal will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Warren/Scott moved and seconded that fines from April, May & June (except for May 15th) will go to helping support our Dragon Boat team that attends the Duluth Dragon Boat Races the last weekend in August. Carried.

Williston Convention: Bemidji will have a table at the convention to display Dragon Boat Races and Playhouse.

With any grant requests we receive, we should determine a way for the grant recipients to help us with our Dragon Boat Race. Let's Go fishing can commit use of a pontoon. Youth Baseball & Gymnastics will be contacted.

Next board meeting is Thursday, May 4th at the Lueken's North meeting room.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nancy Smith, Board Member