

Minutes from the Mad River Valley Rotary meeting on April 24.
Wini out due to illness. Audrey took notes.

Meeting opened in the usual manner. Karl Klein led singing of the National Anthem.
visitor-Don Mayer

1.announcements-Jim Leyton B-day Apr. 25
no anniversaries or club anniversaries

2.Al B--Person of the Yr. dinner May 8th--make reservations by May 1st-give to Al b, Jim L office or David Babic's office.

3. Gary P discussed raffle prizes for the Golf tourney-those already obtained and ideas for more. He also announced the committee for the Duck Race, Al B.,Dave K.,Karl K., Bruce B., Wayne, Gary, and Doug.

4. Monk asked for volunteers for boat wrestling on Mothers Day, May 12th for the triatholon--show up around 9: am.

5. Interact Act will have a fundraiser May 8th for the Wiser Program by helping out with needed projects around town and for individuals. No hourly wage, but donations appreciated.

6. BOD meeting after.

Mega Bucks: \$205

Henri received the same \$5 bill before and after he picked the Jack of Hearts.

Happy Bucks:

Monk-trip to the Canyons hiking with Jane

Stan--Chairs still running on the Mtn.

Betty-signing up for all these committees.

Dave E-up coming trip to visit Daughter and In-laws

Bob H.-Glad Moretown Dump still open.

Jim Leyton introduced Don Mayer, entrepreneur and owner of Small dog Electronics.

Don related the origin of the name of the company--after his small dogs.The company now has 79 employees, 4 locations and 40 Million in sales, after starting with one location and 4 employees here in Waitsfield. The company works with Apple but has diversified into accessories for Apple products. ie, cases for I pads and I phones working with a company he helped start in China.

Don works together with his son Happy who will become CEO and Don will concentrate on diversification. Small Dog is one of 40 companies authorized by Apple to sell to the US Government. Wholesale division and sales are a large part of the Company--Trend now toward mobile devices rather than PC's.

Small Dog expanding it's retail presence in New England.

After giving the club an excellent talk about Small Dog, Don then spoke to us about his passion for Health Care and Health care Reform. He sits on a committee appointed by the Governor. Employer funded health care was started after WW II, and he feels that it is essentially a tax that has disadvantages in the business

world. Vermont is a leader in Health care reform-however the crux of the problem is how to fund the program of universal health care.

A large amount of information and discussion on universal health care ensued.

Bob Holden led the club in the 4-way test and the meeting was adjourned.

Audrey.