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Myrtle Beach Pelicans ticket sales director Denny Watson puts the finishing touches on Bob Bellamy's Mohawk haircut. Watson himself had a Mohawk cut only a week earlier to benefit "Locks of Love."

It takes a Mohawk to cut a Mohawk (haircut)

Bellamy took a cut for charity's sake

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Myrtle Beach Chicora Rotary Club President Bob Bellamy got a Mohawk haircut last Friday. It was given to him by Myrtle Beach Pelicans ticket sales director Denny Watson, who himself was given a Mohawk haircut a week earlier.

Both of the bizarre cuts were made in the name of charity.

There was hilarity had by all who witnessed the events, as amateurish as the cutting seemed to be.

Bellamy's fate was sealed when Watson came to a Rotary gathering with his Mohawk haircut and explained

that his hair had been cut to support the "Locks of Love" charity which donates human hair to be used by people, particularly children, who lose their own hair while undergoing cancer chemotherapy treatments.

During the session, someone joked that Bellamy ought to get his hair cut that way.

He agreed to have it done if members of the club would donate \$1,000 to the club's effort to provide polio vaccine to prevent the spread of the disease.

To his surprise— maybe— it didn't take long to come up with not only the one thousand bucks, it actually totaled

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\$1,100 when the donations were made.

When it came time for the hair cutting to begin, Bellamy was seated in a chair and asked numerous times if he really was going through with it.

He never wavered, but it was clear he was somewhat concerned about what would be done to his silver, perfectly coifed hairdo.

The operation took only about five minutes and Bellamy was left with his hair sticking high in the air in the middle of the top of his head and the sides virtually shaved off — a traditional Mohawk.

How did he feel afterwards?

"I feel a little cooler now, a little aired out in the head," he said.

Then, looking into a mirror he said, "I look like a wacko ... like so many you see around town," he laughed.

It won't resemble a Mohawk within a few days.

"I'm going to shave it all off. I will wear a hat to keep the sun off it," he said.



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Myrtle Beach Chicora Rotary president Bob Bellamy is comforted by a club member as he faces having most of his hair cut off to create a "Mohawk" style.

about a quarter of an inch.

Bellamy's wife knew what to expect.

"He told me he was going to have it take off and that he may need a few band-aids maybe and some stypic powder," she said. "I told him I might keep him in the house for going on to a month or he would have to wear a cap going outside because he might get sun-burned."

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Bellamy said his wife Ann told him to go through with it because it was for a good cause. Hopefully it will mean a lot of drops of polio vaccine will go out around the world.

It's what the Rotary Foundation has been trying to do.

Bill Gates has put up millions of dollars to be matched and "that's what our polio effort is all about," Bellamy said.

"It's the first time I've shaped a Mohawk," said Watson.

He sported his cut for a few days then had his hair cut to one length all over —