

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: April 27, 2015.

Attendance: Tina M., Alaina L., Donna G., Mary McN, Rob D., Bruce, Jeff F., Lou McN,, Robert K., Ian S, Rhoda, Don D., Wendy O., Bob T., Scott, Lisa B., Sandra M., Alaina A.,

Regrets: Don I., Lorinda P., Shelley V., Kathy C., Rhonda H, Erik H., Bob B., Robert L., Cindy D.

Guests: N/A.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Bob T welcomes all members to today's meeting.

Bob received regrets received from; Lorinda P., Shelley V., Kathy C., Bob B., Robert L.

- ❖ **Rotary Minute:** Donna Gilchrist spoke on the Rotary Foundation and her training in Fredericton on Saturday April 25th, 2015. Donna reported the application process is current being revised and the training on Saturday is to explain the foundation's purpose and how it is administered and the avenues to receive back the contributions in the district. Donna requested Wendy assign her a speaker topic in the June 2015 meetings to pass along the information to the Club members.

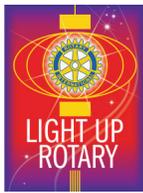
There is a great article in the February 2015 Rotarian magazine that explains the Foundation process. Copy of the February issue is attached for information.

- ❖ **Correspondence:** Scott indicated the club has not received any correspondence this week.

❖ **Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements, Unaudited as of March 24th, 2015:**

President Bob T reported that Treasurer Kathy C. was absent on vacation and the board requested the financial statements be reviewed with the treasurer at a later date. Copies of the unaudited statements are attached to these minutes for information of the membership.

- ❖ **Highway Cleanup:** Bruce reported that the 2015 effort is looking at different option in light of the safety concerns expressed by the Gateway Operations Group and their liability concerns while the club is working within the right of way during the cleanup. Bruce indicated discussions with the District Highway Engineer with the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure have yielded little results. Bruce requested



permission to draft a letter to the Gateway Operations Group requesting the Rotary Adopt a Highway signage be removed from the Route 1 section cleaned semi-annually each year.

Moved by Robe D. and Seconded by Wendy O. that the club draft a letter to be sent to:

Gateway Operations
39 Phaeton Drive
PO Box 1036
Hampton, NB, Canada
E5N 8H1

Requesting the Rotary signage be removed.

Motion Carried

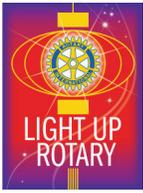
- ❖ **Summer Meeting Schedule:** Brief discussion on the summer meeting schedule. It was the consensus of the membership that the club will undertake two business meetings over the summer break. One meeting in July and one meeting in August. In addition the club will entertain a couple of social events to be planned in the near future.
- ❖ **PETS / SETS, Rotary Learning Institute Training:** Five members of the Club attended the training in Fredericton on April 25th, 2015.
 - Robert D. updated the membership on his experience in the PETS.
 - Scott H. updated the membership on his experience in the SETS.
 - Wendy O. updated the membership on her experience in the Rotary Learning Institute Level 2.
 - Bob T. updated the membership on his experience in the Rotary Learning Institute Level 1.
 - Donna Gilchrist updated the membership on her experience in the Rotary Foundation training.
- ❖ **Camp Rotary:** Alaina A. indicated clean-up day has been announced and is scheduled for May 30th, 2015. The camp is looking for help on that day and if any member had a spare day to assist it would be appreciated.
- ❖ **Youth Awards:** Lisa B. and Rhoda spoke on the current status of the 2015 awards. Four (4) students have been provided with applications.

Preliminary discussions are underway with the school principal on setting up a Rotaract club in the Sussex Area.

- ❖ **Annual Dinner and Auction:** Sandra spoke on the events success on April 23rd, 2015.

The committee will complete a final meeting to summarize the event activities and to learn from the 2015 success.

The brief discussion on the Dinner and Auction and the initial projections of success thus far point to around a \$7,000 fund rising profit to the Charitable Trust Account. Sandra reported



the auction n items placed up for bids were approximately \$4,000 of lesser value than in previous years. It is too early to present the final numbers to the membership, but likely soon.

The event showcased the ideals of Rotary by honoring Alfie Smith. Sandra thanked all Rotarians for their help in hosting this event.

- ❖ **Club “Bling”**: Wendy O. provided the Club with sample shirts Wendy will follow up via email for Club members interested. Wendy indicated that the preliminary pricing thus far indicates a per unit cost around \$20.00.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Donna G.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!