

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: Dec 12, 2011

**Attendance:** Rick, Stewart, Wendy, Kim, Jason, Donna, Bob B., Robert Jr., Harley & Rhoda

**Regrets:** Bob T., Robert L., Jeremy, Barb, Bruce, Lou, Peter, Paul, Andrew, Murray & Bob Sr.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Scott Hatcher – Manager of the Town of Sussex

**Other Guest:** None

**50/50:** Rick

**Rotary Minute:** Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site [www.sussexrotary.org](http://www.sussexrotary.org) or on RI's [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or the Rotary magazine. If you are not able to attend on the meeting of your minute, please find a substitution for your slot.

\*\*\*Note; emails and contact phone #'s may be on this list for the purpose of getting information for the introduction.

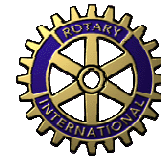
### Minute, Chair, Intro & Thanker for:

#### November & December

Date	Rotary Minute	Chair	Intro	Thanker
12-Dec-11	Lou McNamara	Wendy Osborne	Rhoda Wilson	Donna Gilchrist
19-Dec-11	Bruce Northrup	Barb Crowe		

Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

December 12 - Scott Hatcher, Town of Sussex  
Others - TBD



# **THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>START PLANNING</b>
DECEMBER	- Christmas Boxes	- Book date for the Adventures in
	- Trip Draw Sales	Citizenship Interview
JANUARY	- Trip Draw Sales	- Rotary Dinner
		- GSE

## **Minute: Bob Black – Mwand, Zambia**

**Bob & Jeannette went to Mwand Zambia in April of 2011 to help out a mission there headed by a Rotarian. Mwand needs funding in order to pay for the education of their children. Their school year starts in January and this will be the first year they will have a graduate from grade 12. The donations to Mwand Mission Partners are taxable and Bob and Jeanette would like to be able to put the donations through the club’s charitable account and have Rotary write the cheque to be sent to and handled by Paula who is the Rotarian they stayed with and heads this mission. They ran this by Robert L. and Donna Floyd and it is okay. The membership approved the use of the charitable account to deposit proceeds and cut the cheque for the Mwand Mission Partners to be put towards the cost to educate their children.**

## **Guest Speaker – Scott Hatcher, Manager of the Town of Sussex**

**Scott last visited as a guest on June 6<sup>th</sup> shortly after he first started with the town. Scott is from the Quispamsis area but loves the area of Sussex. Scott just left the town hall after a press conference with Minister of Natural Resources Bruce Northrup and Premier David Alward. The press conference was an announcement regarding the Potash development in Millstream. The winner of the proposal has indicated they will do research. The group called Potash Corp of Saint John is funded by Chinese investors and will have 2 years for exploration. The proposal will include details on the process after the exploration and may have a potential of up to 1000 permanent jobs.**

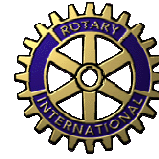
**He spoke on the Fundy Civic Centre and was happy to say it is well on its way. He said the town is very honored to be a part of the Centre. All the swimming programs that the town managed at the Kiwanis pool will be moved over to the new FCC facility.**

**The Town has finished its budget and is happy to announce that the tax base has grown by 6% in the past year (just over \$250,000).**

**The big things on the table are fracking and municipal amalgamation. They are also looking at connecting the downtown business core with the recreational hub of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars and this will be a huge undertaking too. They will need to look at things like foot paths, bridges and even potentially hydraulic control of the creek itself.**

## **Nomination & Elections for 2012-2013 – Kim Pearson Insurance**

**The club’s Nomination committee is responsible for nomination and putting together a group of directors and the executive board and the club needs to submit this to “Member Access” on the Rotary International website. Kim passed around the sheet with the current nominees to date but we are still looking for a few volunteers or nominations. Currently we have a nomination for Jason Sturgeon as Secretary, Bob Black as Treasurer, Robert Lockhart as Assistant Treasurer, Kim Pearson as Foundation Chair, Robert Kimball Jr. as President and Barb will be Past President.**



**We are looking to fill the positions of President Elect (President for 2013/14) and President Nominee (President for 2014/15).**

**Kim will send the by-laws out to all the members so they can get a chance to look over the by-laws to better understand or get a refresher on the definitions of each role. There is training available for each role especially secretary elect and president elect at the Pets & Sets training in the spring (President Elect Training Session and Secretary Elect Training Session).**

#### **Christmas Boxes – Bob Black**

**Ten or so members got together at the Crosswinds building on Tuesday night to get the Christmas Boxes put together and all went out together for supper afterwards. We were done the boxes by 5:30. Crosswinds have a big shipment coming in this week so please make an effort to pick up your boxes by soon. The boxes must be gone by the 20th. We have enough to do the project again in 2012 but Bob will be letting someone else take over.**

#### **Spring Dinner and Auction – Wendy & Rhoda**

**We are in need of a co-chair. Wendy has been pulled in another direction by one of her other organizations that need her to help with emergency fundraising in an effort to raise \$245,000 therefore she has to step down as co-chair. Rhoda is going to be looking for a co-chair and if you are available please send her an email to start working on the details of this much needed fundraiser. Robert Kimball will be the Prize Captain/Past Chair and Jason Sturgeon is going to be the Ticket Captain. This fundraiser takes in over \$12,500 with the potential for much more and it is currently one of our only and perhaps the only big event that gets us PR with the community. This has been a success for the past two years and it has been the vehicle that provides funding for the commitment we have with the Civic Centre. Please consider this rewarding role as co-chair knowing that you will have the support from the Dinner Committee and membership.**

**Next week is Christmas Turkey Dinner and the last meeting of the year.**

**All Seasons is under new management and ownership so we have agreed that we should approach the new owners to see about a revised and refreshed menu.**

#### **\*\*\* Get your Christmas Trees \*\*\***

**Bob Black will be selling Christmas Trees at his tree lot on Friday, Saturday & Sunday for the next week. Contact Bob for directions and stop in for hot chocolate and cookies while you find your tree.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**\*\*\* Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. \*\*\*  
Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!**