

Cowbell – December 5, 2016

Attendance: Lisa B., Melissa C., Don D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Erik H., Ed K., Greg K., Cecile M., Tina M., Bruce N., Teresa O., Bob S., Jason T., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Alaina A., Bob B., Alex C., Angie C., Rob D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Blair H., Don I., Paul K., Robert K., Alaina L., Harold L., Mary M., Lou M., Ian S.

Chair: Tina Monahan

Rotary Minute: Lisa Brown summarized an article she read in the Rotarian entitled, “Watching our Waste.” A 10-year study has been done and results have shown that the earth is running out of landfill spots. Presently industrialized countries are shipping their waste to developing countries. One video, entitled, “The Story of Stuff” has been viewed more than 500 million times. The average person throws out 4.5 pounds of garbage per day. More focus needs to be placed on taking care of our planet.

Introduction of Speaker: Greg Keith introduced the guest speaker, Ian Smith from Parks, Tourism, Heritage, and Culture, New Brunswick. Ian is a father and grandfather who has a passion for working and playing in the outdoors.

Guest Speaker: Ian Smith shared his passion for children learning to play in the outdoors and the need to experience their environment. Statistics show that the average middle school student spends seven (7) hours in front of a screen every day. Ian expressed his desire for schools to include outdoor education and to play safe, fair, hard, and have fun. Ian encouraged everyone to visit all of the Parks in New Brunswick and find out what is unique with each one.

Thanker: Shelley Vail thanked Ian Smith and presented him with the book that was going to be given to the Sussex Public Library in honour of his presentation today.

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Breakfast Clubs : Bruce passed around the sheets for sign up. Spots are filled up until the end of December but there are vacancies in the new year. This week Robert Kimball is on at the Middle School and Bruce Northrup is on at the Elementary School.

Christmas Social – Saturday, December 17, 2016 – Giermindl's at 7 pm. There is no cover charge for Ben. Rotarians pay for meals and drinks. Tina has circulated e-mails and sent around a sign-up sheet as she needs to give numbers to Claudia as soon as possible.

Christmas Kettle – The Rotary Club has been asked to volunteer for 60 hours. By the end of the meeting there was only one two-hour shift left.

Christmas Dinner – Monday, December 19, 2016 - All Seasons will be asked if they will prepare a turkey dinner at noon for a special dinner.

Trip Draw Tickets – Keep selling.

Chase the Joker - Rhoda's ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The total is now \$791.50.

Next Meeting – December 12, 2016 – Nick Brennan – Red Rock Adventure

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson, Secretary