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Rotary Cowbell – February 12, 2018

Present:

Alexander, Alaina	Gilchrist, Donna	Long, Craig	Short, Bob
Black, Bob	Haynes, Rhonda	Lowe, Harold	Thorne, Jason
Brown, Lisa	Kearley, Paul	Matthews, Julie	Tremblett, Robert
Cameron, Josh	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Moffett, Christine	Vail, Shelley
Driscoll, Robert	Lockhart, Robert	Northrup, Bruce	Wilson, Rhoda

Absent:

Cummings, Angela	Hyslop, Blair	McNair, Mary	Smyth, Ian
Dow, Don	Ingersoll, Don	McNamara, Lou	Wallace, Tracey
Fuller, Jeff	Keith, Greg	Monahan, Tina	White, Matt
Homenick, Erik	Lockhart, Alaina	Savidant, Mark	

Guest – Ed Keith

Social Media Check-In – Lisa Brown

Chair – Rob Driscoll

Rotary Minute – Bob Black gave a history of Rotary and its connection to the band program in Sussex. Our Club started in 1977 but Bob was not a member at that time so he was a little unsure when the Rotary Band started but it was connected with the high school. It is known that the high school band was called the Rotary Band. Throughout the years our Club has assisted with the band program – buying instruments, maintaining instruments, sending the band to competitions, and one year gave \$7,500 to pay the salary for an individual to help direct the band. In December, Jeanette Fisher, the present band director, made a presentation about the program. Although little mention was made at the time, the materials that Jeanette left behind included a request for funds. Bob made a special plea to not forget the Band that we once started.

Speaker – Julie Matthews, Classification Talk. Julie grew up in Sussex, graduated from Sussex Regional High School, attended Atlantic Baptist College (now Crandall University), and then toured several years with the Covenant Players. Covenant Players is a drama and singing ministry and works closely with churches. Julie started as a singer but then moved into more leadership roles. Her role with this organization took her to several countries in Europe and later to South Africa where she met her husband, Robert Matthews. She returned to Canada in 2009 with her family and her husband took a teaching position in Kimmirut, Nunavut. At that time Julie worked as a Chef at the local hotel. Julie and Rob have two girls – one born in South Africa and one born in

New Brunswick. Julie presently is filling in for Cecile Matheson's maternity leave at the Transition House until March 2018.

Women who come to the Transition House can only stay for 30 days. This is the start for these women but this is not enough time to allow the women to get their life back together. The Transition House is planning to expand its services to provide secondary housing. When asked what needs the Transition House has at present, Julie mentioned sheets and towels are always welcomed.

Thanker – Rhoda Wilson

Trip Draw Tickets – Please give money to Rob Driscoll or Bob Tremblett. Tuesday, February 12, is the last day in order to be eligible for the Early Bird Draw. Josh Cameron agreed to help with preparing tickets for the drum.

Financial Report – There was no quorum at the last business meeting.

It was moved by Julie Matthews and seconded by Jason Thorne

That the December 31, 2017 Financial Statements for the Club Account and the Trip Draw Account be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

Nominations Committee – There was no quorum at the last business meeting.

It was moved by Shelley Vail and seconded by Bob Tremblett

that the 2018/2019 following executive nominations be accepted as officers of the Rotary Club of Sussex.

Lisa Brown – President

Tina Monahan – President-Elect

Rob Driscoll – Immediate Past President

Jason Thorne – Treasurer

Bob Short – Assistant Treasurer

Rhoda Wilson – Secretary

Rhonda Haynes – Director

Angela Cummings – Director

MOTION CARRIED

Events

Breakfast Clubs – Harold Lowe will be serving at the Middle School on Wednesday and Julie Matthews will be serving at Sussex Elementary School on Friday.

All spots for Sussex Corner Elementary have now been filled as follows:

Feb 19 Holiday	Feb 20 Christine Moffett Bob Short	Feb 21 Rhonda Haynes Greg Keith	Feb 22 Rhoda Wilson Don Ingersoll	Feb 23 Rob Driscoll Julie Matthews
Feb 26 Rhonda Haynes Julie Matthews	Feb 27 Christine Moffett Rhoda Wilson	Feb 28 Bob Short Bruce Northrup	Mar 1 Alex Coffin Rhoda Wilson	Mar 2 Alex Coffin Rhoda Wilson

Family Day – Monday, February 19, 2018 - No Rotary

Rotary Board Meeting – Thursday, February 22, 2018

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) – Saturday, April 7, 2018, Dieppe 9 to 4 for a full day.

Rotary Foundation Meetings – February 24 in Saint John; April 21 in Fredericton

PETS/SETS – April 21, 2018 at Fredericton Motor Inn

Saint John Gala – The Saint John Rotary Club is hosting a Gala Event on May 16, 2018 with the Friars Sisters and guest speaker, Frank McKenna. The cost of the tickets is \$150.

Beer Tasting Event – Saturday, June 16, 2018

Rotary International – June 23-27, 2018 in Toronto

Volunteer Hours Sheets – Bob Short left a sheet in the Rotary briefcase for Rotarians to fill out so Volunteer Hours can be tracked.

Jamie Middleton Benefit – Ed Keith announced that there would be a benefit for Jamie Middleton, a Sussex Regional High School teacher, on Saturday, February 17, 2018. This fundraiser is being held at the Sussex Legion between 2-5 pm. Jamie was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. Donations are welcomed for the cake and silent auctions as well as the GoFundMe site.

Happy Bucks/Sad Bucks/Fines – Shelley Vail

Chase the Joker – Julie Matthew's ticket was drawn but not the Joker. The pot is now \$269.50.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2018 – Business Meeting

Chair – Lisa Brown, **Rotary Minute** – Rhonda Haynes

Adjournment – Four-Way Test

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Wilson, Secretary