



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: February 15, 2016

Attendance: Bob B., Lisa B., Kathy C, Angie C., Rob D., Cindy D., Jeff F., Donna G., Erik, Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Harold L., Lou Mc., Tina M., Bruce N., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Alaina A., Don D., Rhonda H., Don I., Alaina L., Cecile M., Mary M., Wendy O.

Guests: Bev L., Keith L., and Ben Whalen

Toast to the Queen

Welcome: Ed Keith, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Harold Lowe highlighted an article from a recent Rotarian that spoke of a volunteer college graduate volunteering in Nairobi, Kenya. As appropriately-sized footwear in the community was in short supply, Kenton Lee worked on the idea of a shoe that grows with the students. A shoe made of sturdy rubber and leather that fits five foot sizes was developed. Over 8,000 pairs of the shoes have since been distributed in parts of Africa.

Introduction of Speaker: Lou McNamara introduced Ben Whalen from the Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee. Ben not only works for this Committee but is also a Counselor and Deputy Mayor of Sussex Corner.

Speaker: Ben Whalen explained that there are three aspects of his non-profit organization – restoration; science and monitoring; and education and outreach. The goal of the Committee is to restore the natural habitat of the area. Some of the Committee's accomplishments include:

- More than 400 in stream habitat structures have been added
- More than 230,000 trees have been planted by volunteers
- More than 52 km of fencing has been installed along streams
- More than 3500 of eroding bank has been stabilized
- More than 80 fording sites have been added

Thanker: Bob Tremblett thanked Ben for the presentation and the work of his Committee and volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Trip Draw Tickets – Rob Driscoll thanked members for all their hard work at selling Trip Draw Tickets and it is believed that all tickets have been sold – a big thank you to Angela who had some amazing last week sales. Rob reminded members to return money and stubs as soon as possible so that everyone can be included in the Early Bird Draw on February 22.



Dinner – April 7, 2016 – The price of the dinner tickets has been set at \$75 which will include a \$35 tax-deductible receipt. The committee is still following leads on a speaker. Cindy circulated last year's list of who picked up prizes to be checked by the members.

Future Generations – The committee will be interviewing candidates for the Ottawa trip, Adventures in Citizenship, this week at Sussex Regional High School. The Committee has also agreed to proceed with a project called "Imagination Library." This program was originally started by Dolly Parton and promotes literacy. Books are given to at-risk children at a cost of \$3.60 per month per child. The ceiling cap for the program will be 50 children.

Nominations Committee – The Committee has met and has sent e-mails to members about volunteering for some of the Executive positions. Members were reminded that the jobs were educational and rewarding.

Secretary Reports:

Terry MacDonald – Rhoda reported that she had been in contact with Terry MacDonald and Terry is in hospital as a result of congestive heart failure.

Member Category- Rhoda reported that "Senior Active" is no longer a category for membership in Rotary. There are only two categories "Active" and "Honourary;" however, under the Active category is a subcategory called "Active – Excused Attendance." To be eligible for Active Excused Attendance a member must have an age service index of 85, i.e., the total age and the number of years of service must add up to 85.

Easter Seal Kick-Off is happening at Government House on Monday, February 29th. Alaina has expressed an interest in attending but others are welcome.

World Community Project – Six Rotary clubs (Moncton West, Riverview, Dieppe, Moncton Sunrise, Moncton, Shediac, and Sackville) are hosting a Rotary World Community Project along with Cameras for Healing. The funds raised will support "Bringing Education and Emotional Support to Physically Disabled Children" in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The event is being held on Saturday, February 22, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at Royal Oaks Golf Course. The tickets are \$30 each.

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: Kathy Carver had her ticket drawn but there was still no joker. The pot is now \$221.50.

Next Meeting: Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016 at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!