



## **Cowbell - February 20, 2017**

Present: Bob B., Alex C., Angela C., Melissa C-K., Rob D., Donna G., Blair H., Ed K., Harold L., Tina M., Bruce N., Teresa O., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W.

Absent: Alaina A., Lisa B., Don D., Cindy D., Rhonda H., Erik H., Don I., Paul K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Mary M., Lou Mc., Bob S., Jason T., Brenna W.

Chair – Robert Driscoll

**Rotary Minute** – Bob Black reviewed an article from the Rotarian summarizing the work of Rotary. Bob finished by remembering some of the projects that the Sussex Rotary Club has been involved with in recent years including the PotashCorp Civic Centre, walking bridges in town, the Ampitheatre, etc.

**Introduction of Guest Speaker** – Melissa Cummings-Keith

**Guest Speaker** – Susan Martin, Group Consultant for RBC. Susan started her career in the bank in 2004 and has worked in various leadership roles and is presently involved in mobile sales by working with companies on site to ensure the best possible retirement investment plan for company employees.

**Thanker** – Alex Coffin

**Rotary Training Day, February 11, 2017** – This event had approximately 100 participants and a good representation from the Sussex Rotary Club. There was a good turnout from the youth sector - Rotaract and Interact groups.

**Salvation Army Reception, February 17, 2017** – the Sussex Rotary Club was well represented at this reception and we received a certificate thanking our Club for the involvement in the 2016 Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign.

**Sussex Rotary Club Auction and Fundraising Dinner, May 4, 2017, Legion**

- Rotarians were given contact lists and were asked to start working on getting prizes and donations for our annual fund-raising dinner.
- The goal this year is \$15,000
- Tickets will remain at \$75 with a tax receipt of \$40 - \$50
- This year's project is Crosswind's van

- Desserts are needed for the dessert auction
- Set aside battery operated lights and tea-lights
- Looking for baskets, ribbons, materials for packaging
- Brian McCullum will be the auctioneer

**Interact** – will be meeting at the Public Library today. The group has been meeting every Monday and Wednesday but that may be reduced to one meeting per week on Wednesday at Kingswood.

**Membership** – Rob Driscoll read statistics for District 7810 that showed that our area needs to work on retention. The numbers of overall Rotarians have dropped in recent years and Rob will be working with the District to promote membership and retention. It is important for new members to become involved with committee work and special projects. Rhoda will circulate a copy of the **Committee Manual** and members were asked to let Rob Driscoll know if there is a committee preference. All members should be members of a least one committee.

**Breakfast Clubs** – SMS (Rob Driscoll- Wed) and SES no school on Friday.

**Shediac Rotary Club – Chef Competition – May 27, 2017** – Tina shared information from this Club that is having a fund-raising dinner and auction. Tina plans to attend and if there is anyone else interested, please let her know. The cost of the ticket is \$135.

**Correspondence** – The Club has received information about the Youth Ambassador's Program. Rhoda highlighted the opportunity for youth as well as adults in this venture. A copy of this e-mail will be forwarded to the membership.

**Chase the Joker** – Angie's ticket was drawn but no Joker was drawn. The pot is now \$94.50.

**Next Meeting** – Business Meeting – February 27, 2017

Adjournment