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Cowbell – January 15, 2018

Present:

Black, Bob	Ingersoll, Don	McNair, Mary	Tremblett, Robert
Brown, Lisa	Kimball, Robert Jr.	McNamara, Lou	Vail, Shelley
Coffin, Alex	Lockhart, Robert	Moffett, Christine	Wilson, Rhoda
Gilchrist, Donna	Long, Craig	Savidant, Mark	
Haynes, Rhonda	Lowe, Harold	Short, Bob	

Absent:

Alexander, Alaina	DuBois, Cindy	Keith, Greg	Smyth, Ian
Cameron, Josh	Fuller, Jeff	Lockhart, Alaina	Thorne, Jason
Cummings, Angela	Homenick, Erik	Matthews, Julie	Wallace, Tracey
Dow, Don	Hyslop, Blair	Monahan, Tina	White, Matt
Driscoll, Robert	Kearley, Paul	Northrup, Bruce	

Guest – Keith Lyons, Past District Governor

Chair – Don Ingersoll

Rotary Minute – Bob Short gave a review of a futurist article in the latest Rotarian. The article entitled *Grow Tomatoes in Space*, highlighted a project about sending tomato seeds into space. The project was very costly but has huge potential for growing tomatoes in space and planets like Mars.

Intro – Alex Coffin

Speaker – Classification Talk – Christine Moffett became the Director of Nursing at the Kiwanis Nursing Home in the Spring of 2017. Keri Marr, an Honourary Member of Sussex Rotary, encouraged Christine to join the Sussex Rotary Club. Christine is a graduate of Sussex Regional High School and UNB's Bachelor of Nursing program. Christine's nursing career has involved working at the New Brunswick Heart Centre, the Emergency Room, Extramural and at the Shannocks. Presently the Kiwanis Nursing Home has 70 beds but the new expansion will increase that to 100 beds. Staff numbers, presently 50, are expected to increase to the point that the Kiwanis Nursing Homes will become one of the largest employers in the Sussex area.

Thanker – Rhoda Wilson

Public Relations – A meeting of the Public Relations Committee will be held following the regular meeting.

Induction – Craig Long was inducted as a member of the Sussex Rotary Club with the classification of Small Engine Repair.

Trip Draw Tickets – Ticket sales are going well. Please turn all money and ticket stubs into Bob Tremblett or Rob Driscoll.

Nominations Committee – The Nominations Committee is expected to have a final report by the end of January.

Program Committee – Rhoda reported that Christine has assumed the responsibility of planning speakers for weekly Rotary meetings. Rotarians were asked to let Christine know if they are planning on being away so that she can put together a workable schedule for duties. Rotarians were asked to check the roster; and if he/she is unable to fulfill the commitment, to please trade with another person. It would be appreciated that all changes be communicated to both Christine and the Club Secretary, Rhoda. Christine is open for suggestions of program speakers. Robert Kimball suggested representatives for the Beer Tasting festival and also the new distillery that was opened in Sussex.

Events

Breakfast Clubs – This week on Wednesday Robert Kimball will serve at the Middle School and on Friday Ian Smyth will serve at Sussex Elementary. Rhoda reported that a couple more signups are needed for our two-week block at Sussex Corner Elementary in February.

Board Meeting – Thursday, January 25, 2018, All Seasons 12:15 pm

Rotary Training Event in Sussex – Bob Tremblett reported that Sussex is planning on hosting another training event this year. Please put Saturday, February 3, 2018, on your schedule.

Rotary Foundation Meetings – There are a series of District training sessions being planned to explain the work of the Rotary Foundation. Any Club wishing to tap into this resource, must have an attendee present for one of these sessions.

Beer Tasting Event – Saturday, June 16, 2018

Passing of Former District Governor – Keith Lyons reported the passing of Past District Governor, Don Richards. The funeral was held on Saturday, January 12, 2018.

Chase the Joker – Mary McNair's ticket was drawn but not the joker. The pot is now \$235.50.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 24, 2018 with **Elissa Colpitts, 3-Bag Garbage System**
Chair – Robert Kimball; Minute – Introduction – Christine Moffett; Thanker – Rhonda Haynes

Adjournment