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Rotary Cowbell – January 22, 2018

Present:

Brown, Lisa	Ingersoll, Don	Moffett, Christine	White, Matt
Coffin, Alex	Kearley, Paul	Short, Bob	Wilson, Rhoda
Gilchrist, Donna	Lockhart, Robert	Tremblett, Robert	
Haynes, Rhonda	Lowe, Harold	Vail, Shelley	

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	

Guests - Elissa Colpitts & Brian Steeves

Social Media Check-In & Photographer - Lisa Brown

Chair – Bob Tremblett

Rotary Minute – Harold Lowe reviewed a Canada feature in the World Round-Up section of the *July 2017 Rotarian*. The Rotary Club of Waterford Valley (Mount Pearl), NL., has created pedestrian bridges and walkways to promote a positive environment for the habitat of the river area. Harold also suggested that all members watch Rotary's 360-degree virtual reality video "I Dream of an Empty Ward" at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDcirP_fejA

Intro – Christine Moffett

Speaker – Elissa Colpitts from Regional Service Commission 8 (RSC8) gave an informative presentation about the three-bag garbage system. Although some residents have concerns about the system being too complicated, it is expected that the amount of garbage diverted out of the landfill site will increase to 70%. The three-bag system is designed to reduce costs and also increase revenue. This is possible because there is less contamination of green garbage (organics) and the facility will be able to make and sell Grade A compost. Landfill cells cost two million dollars; and in the past, cells have lasted only two years. Cells are projected to last three years. Businesses and apartments are starting to participate in the three-bag system, and the Commission hopes to edit tipping fees to encourage more compliance. The presentation ended with a time of questions and answers.

Garbage schedules and search features for what garbage goes in what bag can be easily accessed from the RCS8 website or from its mobile App RSC8.

Thanker – Rhonda Haynes thanked Elissa for her enlightening talk.

Trip Draw Tickets – Please make contact with everyone on your list and turn money in as soon as possible. The early bird draw is only one month away. Money can be given to Rob Driscoll or Bob Tremblett.

Committee Reports & Rotary Board - Committees were asked to submit reports to the Secretary and President for the Rotary Board meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2018, scheduled for All Seasons at 12:15 pm.

Events

Breakfast Clubs – Christine Moffett will be serving at Sussex Middle School on Wednesday and Josh Cameron will be at Sussex Elementary School on Friday.

Rotary Training Event, Kingswood University, February 3, 2018 – Information has been circulated to all members.

Rotary Foundation Meetings – There are two possible sessions in our area – February 24, 2018 in Saint John and April 21, 2018 in Fredericton. Any Club wishing to access Foundation money needs to send a representative.

Beer Tasting Event – Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Chase the Joker - Paul Kearley's ticket was drawn but no Joker. The pot is \$245.50.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 29, 2018

Chair – Lisa Brown; Rotary Minute – Jason Thorne

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson, Secretary