

# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

## Cowbell

Date: Jan 23, 2012

**Attendance:** *Paul, Jeremy, Rick, Stewart, Barb, Bob T., Robert L., Donna, Bob B., Robert Jr., Harley & Rhoda*

**Regrets:** *Andrew, Lou, Wendy, Peter, Kim, Bruce, Jason, Murray & Bob Sr.*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** *Michael Quinn & Paul Harpell – Elections NB*

**Other Guest:** *Mayor Ralph Carr*

**50/50:** Robert Tremblett

**Rotary Minute:** Noted below is the schedule of who is doing the Rotary Minute during each meeting. Please be sure to mark you calendar. You can also find material on our web site [www.sussexrotary.org](http://www.sussexrotary.org) or on RI's [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or the Rotary magazine. If you are not able to attend on the meeting of your minute, please find a substitution for your slot.

\*\*\*Note; emails and contact phone #'s may be on this list for the purpose of getting information for the introduction.

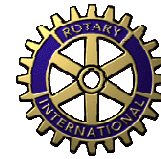
### Minute, Chair, Intro & Thanker for:

#### January & February

Date	Rotary Minute	Chair	Intro	Thanker	
16-Jan-12	Andrew Palmer	Bob Tremblett	Stewart Duncan	Robert Lockhart	
23-Jan-12	Kim Pearson	Jeremy Erickson	Rhoda Wilson	Paul MacIntosh	
30-Jan-12	Bob Tremblett	Barb Crowe			Business Meeting
6-Feb-12	Rhoda Wilson	Bob Black	Lou McNamara	Bruce Northrup	
13-Feb-12	Bob Black	Stewart Duncan	Wendy Osborne	Donna Gilchrist	
21-Feb-12	Barb Crowe	Jeremy Erickson	Stewart Duncan	Peter Haines	
27-Feb-12	Stewart Duncan	Barb Crowe			Business Meeting

Noted below is the updated list of future guest speaker.

Jan 09, 12	Tony Bell & Guests	Kings County Mechanical & Various Service Groups
Jan 16, 12	Bruce Cameron & Jason Carr	Community Living
Jan 23, 12	Michael McQuinn & Paul Harpelle	Elections New Brunswick
Jan 30, 12	Business Meeting	



# **THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!!!!**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>START PLANNING</b>
JANUARY	- Trip Draw Sales	- Rotary Dinner
		- GSE
FEBRUARY	- Adventures in Citizenship Interviews	- Membership Drive Dinner (Recruiting)

**Minute: Robert Lockhart – Robert took his Rotary Minute to discuss the relevance and importance of Classifications in Rotary. This was one of key components of Rotary back when they first met over 100 years ago and remains an important and valuable aspect of the organization.**

**Jeremy chaired the meeting and introduced our guest.**

**Our guest speaker was Michael Quinn from Elections NB and he was accompanied by Paul Harpell. The Rotary Club of Sussex was their first stop on the tour. Their responsible for the renting of the offices for the elections, hiring and training of over 3500 staff and purchase of the equipment necessary for the polls.**

**There are 101 municipalities and 4 rural communities with a total of 335 elected council members. In order to be nominated there had to be 10 signatures on the nomination by qualified individuals approved to sign. The council members don't do it for the money. The compensation is not huge. The mayor's position pays around \$11,000 and requires tremendous dedication, time and sacrifice.**

**The May election will nominate 47 council members for 7 education districts for the committees working on the district education council.**

**One of the best ways to help out your community is to join an elected board for a local council.**

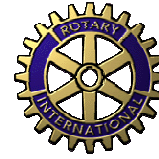
**Right now the objective of Elections NB is to get people talking. The deadline for nominations is April 13<sup>th</sup> and start on March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**There are two ways to help with the elections. You can identify and nominate good candidates and vote!**

**Robert Lockhart had a question about whether or not the positions for regional health authority will be on the ballot and the answer was yes. He also asked if they have corrected the wait times outdoors at the voting stations. Elections NB have streamlined the waiting/registration process at the polls. There are two lines now. One for the majority without any issues and a smaller separate line for the voters that need assistance. So this means less waiting outdoors in the rain.**

**We had our executive nominations and approved the new board.**

**Jason Sturgeon will be our secretary, Barb Crowe will be our past president, Bob Black our Treasurer, Robert Lockhart our Assistant Treasurer, Kim Pearson our Foundation Chair and Robert Kimball Jr. our President.**



**Dinner & Auction – Rhoda gave us an update on the upcoming dinner and auction this spring. This is a group effort and our second biggest fundraiser so she will appreciate all the help we can get to make this a success. Communication is ongoing regarding the CEO of the new potash company coming to Millstream, the performers that were there last year are okay to come back and we have changed the date from April 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 12th of April. Robert Jr. will take over the wine tree. We will also be pricing out our Rotary embossed cards for “thank you” cards to our sponsors and donors.**

**Knights of Columbus – Robert Kimball discussed the signs at Four-Corners and Sussex entrances into town. The Four Corners will not have any more room but the entrance coming in from Saint John has room for a sign and the K of C are interested in having a sign there. Robert K. Jr. moved that we allow a sign there for \$50 and their portion of future costs for upkeep, Bob Black seconded and the motion was passed. Robert Jr. will contact K of C and copy Ralph as he is on the board as well.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**\*\*\* Please note that I have included our Rotary Club Calendar with this Cowbell. \*\*\***

**Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!**