



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: January 25, 2016

Attendance: Bob B., Rob D., Angie C., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Harold L., Mary M., Ian S., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Alaina A., Lisa B., Kathy C, Don D., Cindy D., Erik H., Alaina L., Lou Mc., Tina, Bruce N., Wendy O.

Guests: Bev and Keith Lyons

Toast to the Queen

Welcome: Rob Driscoll, chair, welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Ed talked about the benefit for the Coates family on Saturday night that raised \$8,000. Several fundraisers have been undertaken in support of this family that recently lost their belongings in a fire.

Business Meeting:

Rotary Board Meeting – The Rotary Board met on Thursday, January 22, 2016.

Coats for Kids Program – This year the Rotary budget for Coats for Kids was \$5,500 but 127 certificates were requested so the actual amount spent was almost \$9,400. Each certificate is \$75. The greatest increase came from Sussex Elementary School. Doug Bobbitt, Principal, has told Rotary that early fall is a difficult time to indicate true need. Principal Bobbitt suggested that Rotary contact schools later in the season when the weather turns colder and winter clothing is a necessary. The suggestion was made to work with the bus drivers who organize Cozy Coats and certificates be handed out after that event.

It was moved by Robert Kimball and seconded by Harold Lowe that the Rotary Club of Sussex approve the increase for Coats for Kids this year to cover the extra certificates up to an amount of \$9,400.

Motion carried.

Projects

Two recommendations came from Finance Committee – Sussex Elementary School Discovery Park and Kiwanis Nursing Home.



It was moved by Rob Tremblett and seconded by Bob Black that the Rotary Club of Sussex, as a first project, support the Sussex Elementary School Discovery Park up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Mary McNair and seconded by Shelley Vail that the Rotary Club of Sussex, as a second project, support the refurbishment of a room at the Kiwanis Nursing Home. This will be done over a three-year period up to a maximum of \$12,000 ending at the latest in 2019.

Motion Carried.

Jeff Fuller stated in view of the mine closure that Rotary work on a plan and project to move Sussex ahead in the future.

Fundraising Dinner – this committee would like to market the sale of dinner tickets with a specific project in mind and has chosen Kids and Discovery Park. Work is being done on finding a speaker for the occasion.

Nominations Committee – The committee made up of Donna, Bruce, and Kathy will be preparing the nominations for next year's officers. Please forward any recommendations to that Committee. Bev Lyons, Assistant District Governor, recommended that this committee look at nominating a Sussex Rotarian to the position of District Governor.

Program Committee – Rob Driscoll stated that due to the mine closure Wendy has requested a replacement to plan upcoming programs for weekly meetings.

Annual Meeting – The date of the Rotary Club of Sussex Annual General Meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2016.

Trip Draw – Rob Driscoll encouraged members to continue selling tickets for the Trip Draw. Contact should be made with all last year's buyers by February 1 so if a special drive is required this can be completed before the Early Bird Draw.

Secretary Reports: PETS SETS will be held on April 23, 2016 at the Fredericton Inn.

Next Meeting: Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm.

Happy / Sad Bucks

Chase the Joker: Rhonda Haynes won the 50/50 ticket but not the Joker. The pot is now \$179.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!