

Rotary Cowbell – January 29, 2018

Present:

Cummings, Angela	McNair, Mary	Thorne, Jason	White, Matt
Lockhart, Robert	Moffett, Christine	Tremblett, Robert	Wilson, Rhoda
Matthews, Julie	Northrup, Bruce	Vail, Shelley	

Absent:

In	DuBois, Cindy	Kearley, Paul	Monahan, Tina
Black, Bob	Fuller, Jeff	Keith, Greg	Savidant, Mark
Brown, Lisa	Gilchrist, Donna	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Short, Bob
Cameron, Josh	Haynes, Rhonda	Lockhart, Alaina	Smyth, Ian
Coffin, Alex	Homenick, Erik	Long, Craig	Wallace, Tracey
Dow, Don	Hyslop, Blair	Lowe, Harold	
Driscoll, Robert	Ingersoll, Don	McNamara, Lou	

Chair – Angie Cummings filling in for Lisa Brown

Quorum – not enough members for a quorum so motions could not be passed.

Social Media Check-in – Mary McNair

Rotary Minute – Jason Thorne reviewed a recent article from the Rotarian entitled **Service above Selfies**. Photo contests have been an annual feature in the Rotarian for 90 years. The deadline for this year’s photo contest is February 15. Winning photos are printed in the Rotarian.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance - Mary McNair reviewed the financial statements for the month ended December 31, 2017. This will be placed on the agenda for next week for adoption.

Community Projects – Bruce Northrup stated there were still openings in February, especially for the two-week block at Sussex Corner Elementary School. The committee will be looking at some clean-up projects in the spring.

Annual Rotary Trip Draw – Bob Tremblett reported that less than half the tickets had been turned in. There will be a “call out” this evening at CJCW starting at 7 pm and members were

encouraged to come. In order to be placed in the drum for the Early Bird Draw on the 19th, the tickets need to be sold by February 12, 2018. Please get money in as soon as possible.

It was noted that the Kiwanis Club has also started its own Trip Draw Ticket fundraiser. Although a little disappointing that it may run competition with our fundraiser, there are some major differences. Their Draw is a one-draw event at a cost of \$40.

Sussex Rotary Brew Fest – Angie Cummings reported that the bus has been secured and we will be using Optimum Ride. Early bird tickets went on sale; and in two days, tickets sales will be open to everyone. More people are needed on the committee and volunteers are needed at the event. Seventy tickets have already been sold.

Summerfest Country Music Concert – Jason Thorne reported that, pending signing of an agreement, the Town of Sussex has committed \$10,000 to the initial capital for the event. The committee has yet to confirm the support of the Kiwanis Club. The best ticketing solution is being studied. There will be partnering with the distillery. Some of the names lined up for the event are a couple of SJ Country Idols (Chelsey Weston and Melissa Hunt), The Abrams, Chris Buck Band, Tristan Horncastle, and Aaron Goodvin. All these performers can be found on YouTube.

Membership Development – Rob Driscoll – no report

Nominating Committee – The 2018/19 executive nominations are:

Lisa Brown – President

Tina Monahan – President-Elect

Rob Driscoll – Immediate Past President

Jason Thorne – Treasurer

Bob Short – Assistant Treasurer

Rhoda Wilson – Secretary

Rhonda Haynes – Director

Angela Cummings - Director

Program and Reception – Rhonda Haynes chairs this Committee and Christine Moffett is in charge of arranging the speakers for the meetings. If you have ideas for speakers, please contact Christine.

Public Image & Relations – Mark Savidant submitted a written report. The number of Facebook Followers has increased from 456 in September to 1132. This tops all Rotary Clubs in the Province of New Brunswick. There have been several contests - \$25 gift certificate to All Seasons, \$25 movie package, \$150 value life jacket, and a Fingerling. Future ideas for contests include buying a Lotto Max ticket when the draw is \$50 million. If the ticket is a winner, the Facebook winner splits the prize with the Rotary Club. Mark has designed a Holiday Draw promotion graphic, and has created a Google Drive account as a central location for the sharing of Rotary pictures. An email will be sent to all members with the login details. Facebook made major changes to Facebook in 2018 and a new algorithm will mean that our Facebook page will get a decrease in exposure. It will be important for individual members to share the Rotary Facebook posts on their own page.

Social Events & Fellowship – Tina Monahan is away.

Youth Services – Alaina Alexander submitted a report. Purple Pinkie Day on Friday, December 15, 2018 was a success at Sussex Elementary School. The students visited every classroom and raised \$489. The Interactors helped with the Kettlebell and were featured in the Kings County Record. On Monday, December 18, the group attended the Rotary Christmas Dinner and planned a fun activity for the occasion. On December 20, 2018, the Interactors had their own Christmas Pizza Party. The group took a break for January because of exams and will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Youth Exchange – Angie Cummings – reported that our students Lauren Lockhart and Keagan Wallace are waiting to be matched up with international twins. There is an orientation session planned for April.

Financially Supporting Different Causes – The Rotary Club frequently gets requests for financial assistance - sometimes directly through a letter and other times by having guest speakers representing worthy causes or volunteer agencies, i.e., Sussex Middle School band, Habitat for Humanity, Junior Achievement. Sometimes the requests are a direct ask and other times there is an unwritten expectation that the Rotary Club will support the cause of the speaker. The Board has been discussing ways to respond.

The challenge is deciding whether the Rotary Club uses all of its money for big projects, or to have a combination of big and small. The Club's practice has been to support groups and not

individuals. The Board is planning a survey of members to help develop a practice that will be supported by the majority of members.

Future Fundraising Ideas – Our Club is still looking into other fundraisers to respond to the many requests that we receive.

SMS Wednesday Breakfast – Rob Driscoll, **SES Friday Breakfast** – Alex Coffin

Events

Area Training at Kingswood – Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Family Day – Monday, February 19, 2018 - No Rotary

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) – Saturday, April 7, 2018, Dieppe

Rotary Foundation Meetings – February 24 in Saint John; April 21 in Fredericton

PETS/SETS – April 21, 2018 at Fredericton Motor Inn

Saint John Gala – The Saint John Rotary Club is hosting a Gala Event on May 16, 2018 with the Friars Sisters and guest speaker, Frank McKenna. The cost of the tickets is \$150.

Rotary International – June 23-27, 2018 in Toronto

Chase the Joker – The pot went to \$252.50.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 5, 2018, with guest speaker, Grace White. **Chairperson:** Robert Kimball, **Rotary Minute:** Bob Black; **Introduction:** Donna Gilchrist; **Thanks:** Lou McNamara

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Wilson, Secretary