

COWBELL Minutes – Rotary Business Meeting Jan 30, 2017

Regrets:

Rhoda, Shelly, Rhonda & Theresa

Attendance:

Bob B., Lisa Brown, Alex Coffin, Angela Cummings, Melissa Cummings-Keith, Rob D., Cindy DuBois, Donna Gilchrist, Don Ingersoll, Paul Kearley, Robert K., Harold Lowe, Mary McNair, Lou McNamara, Bruce Northrup, Ian Smyth, Jason Thorne, Bob T. & Brenna Warner.

Rotary Minute – Lou M.

Referred to District Secretary Terry MacDonald's email to all members regarding End Polio and the announcement that 2017 may be the year that we have our last case of Polio, World Wide. Our District has committed to a Donation that will total \$250,000 (with other matching grants included) towards the End Polio initiative. Robert K. noted that once we have a year of being Polio Free Rotary International will announce that we have eradicated Polio World Wide and that announcement could very well be at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto. It was also noted that Donna G. is our Foundation Chair and to see her about details on donations from members.

Nominating Committee:

Rob D. reread the slate of nominated board members and asked for a motion to elect the 2017/2018 BOD. **** Motion** - Bob Black made the motion and Angela Cummings seconded. Motion was passed.

Trip Draw:

The membership has sold **237 tickets** as of Friday and they have been turned in and payments deposited. Several more were passed in today. **Feb 13th** is the deadline for the **Early Bird Draw**. Mary has a list of past buyers from years previous to the 2016 buyers and if you would like a list to contact for more ticket sales you can email her.

Financial Report:

Mary gave the report to the club (**copy attached**) and noted that the club will need to make a motion to amend the budget to allow for suggested start-up costs for the Interact club. **** Motion** - Bob Black made the motion to include a budget for \$1000 start-up costs to support the new Interact club financially for the first year in the 2016/18 budget. Seconded by Robert Kimball. Motion was passed. The club can decide to include another \$1000 in the 2017/18 budget if desired.

Future Club Projects:

We discussed the projects from the Town (Leonard's Gate) and the Crosswinds group (Group Van/Vehicle) as well as a few potential projects that we could consider that have not been presented yet including the Fundy Relay mentioned by Alex Coffin and the Havelock Fire Department equipment mentioned by Melissa Cummings-Keith. The club felt we need a project to sell as the main cause for our Spring Dinner and Auction Fundraiser.

**** Motion** - Bob Tremblett made a motion to support Crosswinds with a minimum of \$15,000 towards their vehicle with the stipulation that we have our logo on the vehicle and we will use this cause for our dinner and auction main cause for fundraising. Seconded by Cindy DuBois. Angela Cummings opposed, a vote was carried and the motion was passed.

We are still going to look at options for the Town's Leonard's Gate and area proposal / partnership for Major Projects in the near future with the club. We will review this again in June 2017 and the club agreed that we will need to strike a committee for a fall fundraiser.

Membership:

Jeff Fuller has asked for a Leave of Absence for 3 – 6 months as he is very busy with some things that he needs to look after but does plan on being fully active again in the future. As an active member and a great addition to the club, Rob has accepted his request for a short term leave.

Lou M. has a prospective member who is interested in joining the club and will likely be taking her to the next meeting as a guest.

New Generations Committee:

The committee met on Wednesday and Ange and Ed will have updates on the short term exchange students and the announcement about Cory and Rory. Damen Brown one of the Interact Club members has been chosen to go on the Adventures in Citizenship trip. Lisa may have a speaker to propose to the Spring Dinner and Auction Committee but they will likely come to speak to the club as a guest in March first. Ed Keith has agreed to take on the New Generations Chair position in 2017/18.

Area Training:

We have the training all set to go on the 11th and it will run from 9:00 – 3:30. Bob T. and Robert K. will have emails regarding the day's events coming in the near future. We have all 5 billets looked after and should have around 30 Rotarians in attendance if not more.

Breakfast Club:

Bruce announced that the group is doing well and the clubs really appreciate our involvement and the volunteers from the Rotary Club. He has a report (**attached**) that has all the info on the update of this project.

Next Meeting:

Blaine Higgs / Leader of the Opposition will be our Guest Speaker on Feb 6th and the meeting will be open to other guests who RSVP. Please let Bruce or an exec member know if you aren't coming.

50/50 – Chase the Joker (\$75.50):

Donna Gilchrist had the winning ticket but drew the Ace of Hearts

Respectfully submitted by: Robert E. Kimball