



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: June 13, 2016

Attendance: Alaina A., Bob B., Lisa B., Angie C., Jeff F., Rhonda H., Ed K., Robert K., Cecile, Lou M., Tina M., Bruce N., Ian S., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Regrets: Don D., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Erik H., Don I., Greg K., Alaina L., Harold L., Mary M., Rob T.

Guests: Andrew Clarke – coach, Sussex Swordfish Swim Team
Melissa Cummings – RBC
Makayla Grant & Rose Dagenhardt – students at Transition House

Grace & Toast to the Queen

Welcome: Rhoda Wilson, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting

Rotary Minute: Alaina Alexander gave a report of the Rochester Rotary Camp that is 93 years old and caters to individuals who have special needs. One aspect of a recent addition is the barrier free project where a series of tree houses have been constructed so that all can view nature from a higher elevation. More of the project can be found at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/rochester-club-camps-it-kids-disabilities>.

Introduction: Ian Smyth introduced Andrew Clarke to the meeting. Andrew grew up in Alberta but married a girl from St. Martins and moved to the area a few years ago. Since arriving in Sussex he has been the head coach of the Sussex Swordfish Swim Club at PotashCorp Civic Centre.

Guest Speaker: Andrew Clarke started the Swim Club in December 2013 with 22 members. The numbers were increased to 32 in 2014, and 44 in 2015. The first year two swimmers qualified for the East Coast Championships but this year 11 qualified. Children from all ages and abilities are encouraged to join. Last year the Club started hosting tournaments. Andrew talked about the economic benefits this has to the community of Sussex as visitors come and stay in local motels and eat in local restaurants. It is estimated that each visiting family could potentially spend \$400 for a weekend tournament. This past year there were over 200 swimmers who came for the tournament. The Sussex Club received the most improved team award from the Mary Lampert Tournament. Andrew praised the Civic Centre as being a para-facility allowing easy access to the pool and other floors of the facility. Andrew spoke with appreciation for two other coaches who have joined his team - John Keeler and Ellen Watters.

Thank You: Jeff Fuller thanked Andrew for his presentation and the work that he is doing with the students in our area.

Rotary Dues: Robert Lockhart reported that invoices for the \$150 dues were sent to everyone by e-mail three weeks ago. Robert encouraged everyone to pay before the end of June to mark the end of the fiscal year and help with the processing of the bill from Rotary International.

Correspondence: A thank you card was received from Don, Janet, and Brad Ingersoll thanking Rotarians for remembering them at their time of loss.



A letter has been received from the **Rotary Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund Committee**. Our club sent \$500. The distribution of these funds will be decided among two Rotary Clubs and the municipalities in the area.

Community Events- Occasions for Wearing Rotary Shirts

Rhoda thanked everyone who attended the presentation of the \$10,000 cheque to Sussex Elementary School and participated in the Rotary Team for Relay for Life for the Cancer Society. The seven-member team of the Relay brought in \$825 in aid of cancer research.

Flower Wheel – due to the rain today it was decided to postpone the planting of the flower wheel until Friday, June 17, 2016 at 7 pm.

Jump Start Barbeque and Bake Sale at Canadian Tire – Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10:30 – 3 pm. Please contact Cindy Dubois and get a place on the schedule.

Presentation of Cheque to Kiwanis Nursing Home – The cheque presentation for the Kiwanis Nursing Home is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 1 pm.

Chase the Joker: Ed Keith's ticket was drawn but still no joker. The pot is now \$458.

Next Meeting: Next Club meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. Tim Durling will be doing a presentation on Portage.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:17 pm.

Rhoda Wilson
Secretary