



Cowbell – June 5, 2017

Present: Bob B., Alex C., Melissa C-K., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Paul K., Robert K., Julie M., Mary M., Lou M., Tina M., Bruce N., Sheri S., Ian S., Bob T., Matt W., Rhoda W.

Absent: Alaina A., Lisa B., Angie C., Don D., Pam D., Jeff F., Erik H., Blair H., Ed K., Greg K., Alaina L., Harold L., Cecile M., Teresa O., Bob S., Jason T., Shelley V., Brenna W.

Guest: Bill Thompson, Economic Development Officer, Regional Service Commission 8

Rotary Minute: Bruce Northrup thanked all those who served at Sussex Middle School and Sussex Elementary School this past year. He reported that he has told the schools that Rotary would participate in these programs in the fall of 2017.

Chair – Bruce Northrup

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Bob Black introduced Bill Thompson, the Economic Development Officer from Regional Service Commission 8 that serves the Greater Sussex Hampton area. Bill is a lawyer and has served in both the private and public sector.

Guest Speaker – After the closure of the mine in January 2017, Sussex and District Chamber of Commerce undertook a community engagement process lead by Blair Hyslop. Bill Thompson was hired by the Commission. Bill has an office in the Town Hall and his task is to work with the community to do business diagnostics, to develop community economic development strategies, to develop a communication plan, to lead an implementation plan, and to provide economic development services on an ongoing basis. The areas of focus are the following:

- Destination of choice (tourism, arts, culture, retail)
- Geothermal energy
- Food production and processing
- Low cost energy from insisting natural gas sources
- Warehousing/distribution
- Targeted and aligned retail development
- Targeted and aligned training/education

Thanker – Mary McNair

Fundraising Dinner – May 4, 2017 – Cindy thanked members who provided feedback.

Rotary Training & Social – June 13, 2017, Robert Kimball thanked everyone for their responses to his “Doodle” survey. The meeting will be held in the Back 40 at All Seasons. Please RSVP.

Social – There is a social this Friday night at Up-to-Par in Midland starting at 6:30 pm. The plan is to order from the menu. Children and family are welcome. Please RSVP to Tina.

Committees for 2017/18 – Lisa is working on committees. Budgets need to be submitted.

Rotary International Conferences – Next week will be the RI Conference in Atlanta. Rob Driscoll asked members to consider going to the conference next year as it is being held in Toronto from June 23-28, 2018. People who register early (this June) will pay \$335 USD but this amount will gradually increase with time to the full price of \$500 USD. Interactors will be able to register for \$10 so our New Generations Committee should look at sending a couple of Interactors

Trivia Night – Rob Driscoll is looking for three volunteers to help set up a Trivia night – one person to take the lead and two others to help. These individuals need to look after promotion as well as coming up with Trivia questions.

Rotary Business Link-ups – Volunteers are needed to build friendships with the business community.

Summer meetings – More discussion is required.

District Conference – September 22 - 24, 2017 – Rodd House Inn, Miramichi

Crosswinds Presentation – CJ from Crosswinds was presented with a team jersey for his trip to Toronto and RBC presented their \$1,000 cheque in connection with Rotary’s fundraising dinner.

Breakfast Clubs – Wed SMS – Melissa C-K.; Friday SES – Ed & Greg Keith

Happy Bucks / Sad Bucks / Fines – Melissa

Chase the Joker - Donna's ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The pot is \$296.

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Next Meeting – Monday, June 5, 2017 – Jim Kokocki, Toastmasters; and Rotary International Congress photo Terry Rogers

Adjournment
Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Wilson