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Cowbell - March 13, 2017

Present: Bob B., Lisa B., Alex C., Angie C., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Rhonda H., Don I., Paul K., Robert K., Harold L., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Bob S., Ian S., Jason T., Robert T., Shelley V., Brenna W., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Absent: Alaina A., Melissa C-K., Don D., Jeff F., Erik H., Blair H., Ed K., Greg K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Lou M., Teresa O.

Guests: Eugene Lewis (speaker)

Julie Matthews & Sheri Shannon (prospective members)

Nora Deveau, Jeff Gaunce, Sara Hunt, Sophie Dunfield, Damen Brown, Sophia Sharpe, Cory Bean, Brianna Dunfield, Brent McKenna

Chair: Jason Thorne

Rotary Minute: Donna Gilchrist relayed her experience with exploring a link published in *The Rotarian* about the Foundation, www.rotary.org/give. Although there were several different areas of focus, Donna chose to explore the link about education and literacy. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Donna encouraged Rotarians to give to the Foundation as, donations not only support projects around the world, donations also position our Club to receive District Grants in future years. Donna explained that this past year she applied for a District grant and that our Club received \$2,000 for our Coats for Kids program.

Introduction of Guest Speakers: Paul Kearley

Speaker: Eugene Lewis is a retired UNB professor who has a concern for the environment and since his retirement he has been actively involved with humanitarian programs. Eugene's slide presentation focused on his work in Haiti before and after the earthquake. Eugene reported that 35,000 Shelter Boxes were sent to Haiti after the earthquake. His work in Haiti led him to be asked to work for Shelter Box Canada. Eugene had on display all the contents that go inside the Shelter Box, which can sustain a family at times of crisis. Our Internet Club will be fundraising to raise funds to send to Shelter Box Canada.

Thanker: Harold Lowe thanked Eugene for his presentation.

Committee Reports:

- Rotary Board Meeting, Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm
- Fundraising Auction and Dinner – tickets should be purchased from Scotia Bank.
- Dieppe Rotary – Monday, March 27 – Trivia Night at 6:30 pm. Rob Driscoll and Ian Smyth plan on attending. Others are welcomed to join them.
- Rotary Club of Sussex AGM will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017.

Breakfast Clubs: This week Bob Black is serving at the Middle School and Shelley Vail is serving at Sussex Elementary School.

Interact Group: The Interact Club will be running a Canteen at the Homeshow, April 7 – 9, 2017.

Chase the Joker: Bob Tremblett's ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The pot is \$144.

Next Meeting: Ivan Graham from the Chamber of Commerce will be speaking and Bruce Northrup will be chairing the meeting.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Wilson, Secretary