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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 24, 2014

Attendance: Bob T, Bruce, Wendy, Robert L, Robert D, Robert K, Rhoda, Donna, Andrew, Scott, Kathy C., Sandra

Regrets: Robert K, Lou, Matt, Bob B., Terri, Harley.

Guests: Shelly Vail, Paul Kearley, Paul Gaudet, Hopewell Rocks.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Robert Kimball welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: N/A

Guest Speaker: Paul Gaudet, Hopewell Rocks.

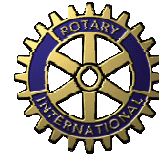
Sandra Moon introduces our guest speaker Mr. Paul Gaudet, Manager for Interpretive Services for Hopewell Rocks.

Mr. Paul Gaudet places a special emphasis on education at the Hopewell Rocks. At the Interpretive centre they have self-directed multi-media exhibit is an informative and essential enhancement to any visit.

Through life-sized sculptures, colourful displays, videos and dioramas, you will learn about the Bay of Fundy geology, tides and wildlife, as well as other fascinating facts about the Fundy coastal area. Interpretive panels on each of the viewing decks throughout the park help our visitors to better understand the unique Fundy ecosystems and the cultural history of Albert County.

The park had 185,000 visitors in 2013. The upper site of 100 hectares was opened in 1998 and the park and centre has never lost any money since 1998. The Park runs a multi dimensional experience with each contributing substantially to the overall operation of the Park. The following is a summery of a number of the operations annually:

- \$2M annual operation.
- Expanding Gift Shop in 2014 contributing approximately \$0.75M annually.
- Restaurant and Café contributing \$0.50M annually.
- General Admission approximately \$0.70M annually.
- Shuttle service approximately \$0.090M annually.
- Lands were purchased by the Province from private interests in 1958.



Upcoming large expenditures planned will be the replacement of the access stairways to the Bay floor.

Paul explains the gravitational phenomenon the moon and its effects on tides as the moon tracks in either an apogee or perigee. Paul's explanation of the gravitational forces contributing to the large tidal fluctuations in the Bay of Fundy with many recorded in excess of 45 feet of tide.

Paul reviews some of the interesting photographs and videos experienced at Hopewell Rocks. Time animated tide sequence, sandpipers in August, as well as the Peregrine Falcons photographed at the Rocks.

Together with Cape Rage, Fundy National Park and the Fundy Trail Parkway they have been jointly marketing in partnership to assist in helping keep people in the area longer experiencing some of the best New Brunswick has to offer.

Wendy thanks Paul Gaudet on his interesting discussion on Hopewell Rocks.

Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club had received one piece correspondence this week.
- ❖ **Spring Dinner:** Rhoda, Wendy and Sandra updated the members on the planning and schedule.
- ❖ **Adventures in Citizenship:** Rhoda indicated Shelby Clark, a local student has been selected to attend the Ottawa Conference has declined the opportunity. The school is presently reviewing five applications for this opportunity.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Bruce N.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!