



Cowbell – March 27, 2017

Present: Alex C., Angela C., Melissa C-K., Cindy D., Donna G., Don I., Harold L., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Bob S., Ian S., Bob T., Matt W., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Absent: Alaina A., Bob B., Lisa B., Don D., Robert D., Jeff F., Rhonda H., Erik H., Paul K., Ed K., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Lou M., Sheri S., Jason T., Shelley V., Brenna W.

Chair: Angie Cummings

Rotary Minute: Rob highlighted the work of the Greater Fundy Ground Search and Rescue, another volunteer group that serves the community. This group meets the first Monday of each month at the Millstream Fire Department. The program not only searches for individuals who are lost in the woods but they support other functions in the community. Their elementary school program is called "Hug a Tree," and the goal is to teach children that if they got lost in the woods that they should stay in one place rather than wander around.

Committee Reports

There are a few changes in committee structure for the upcoming 2017/18 year. Please sign up for committee work to support Rotary and to make a difference in the community.

Some of the new changes for the 2017/18 year are as follows:

- Two Committees – the Ways and Means and Community Grants - will become subcommittees of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Individuals, instead of committees, will serve as liaisons for Camp Rotary and Rotary International (Polio Plus).
- Global Rewards will come under the Membership Committee.
- New Generations – will have different subcommittees to meet the growth demand.

Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017, at the Legion.

The committee is meeting on a regular basis. Members were reminded that if everyone bought two tickets, then the Club will earn \$5,000 in income. If these tickets are all purchased at the Scotia Bank, then that would mean \$10,000 was raised. Please get your ticket as soon as possible. Please follow-up on getting prizes for the auction, work on ideas for packaged gifts, and sell tickets. Please make sure that all cheques are made out to The Rotary Club of Sussex Charitable Trusts, Inc. This includes cash donations as well as dinner ticket purchases. Please share the event on Facebook and help advertise the dinner.

The committee is looking for battery operated candles, tea lights, Mason jars, bases for balloons, and baskets to hold prizes.

Budget & Finance

Copies of the quarterly financials for the Rotary Club of Sussex Inc. for the month ended February 2017 were circulated.

Community Projects

Community clean-up – Tim Horton’s clean-up is on May 20th. Rotary will join this group.

Leonard’s Gate – The Board of Sussex Rotary Club reviewed the amended proposal for Leonard’s Gate. Mary circulated architectural pictures and an outline of the payment options. A vote was taken by secret ballot with members being given a choice of voting “yes” or “no” for the project, and if “yes,” then picking a payment option. The vote was unanimous to proceed with the project.

It was moved by Mary McNair and seconded by Angie Cummings

That the Rotary Club of Sussex partner with the Town of Sussex and support the Leonard’s Gate Development and that the payment schedule be a minimum of \$10,000 for 2017, \$20,000 for 2018, \$20,000 for 2019, and \$15,000 for 2020.

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New Generations

Interact has moved its **Carnival** date to Saturday, April 29, 2017.

This committee is hoping to organize a fundraiser for the students who are involved with the **Rotary Youth Exchange**. These students will be unable to work this summer because of their participation in the program, and our Club wants to support them. Ideas for fundraising are welcome.

Membership

Please complete the Membership Satisfaction Survey as soon as possible.

Events

Trivia Night – Moncton Sunrise Club – March 27, 2017

Breakfast Clubs – This week Robert Kimball is serving at Sussex Middle School on Wednesday. There is no school on Friday.

Dale Carnegie Leadership – April 19, 2017 – This is being advertised on Rotary’s Facebook page and Paul Kearley has agreed to donate \$100 to Rotary for every person that Rotary can recruit for the training. Angie reminded members that grants are available.

The Annual General Meeting for 2015/16 will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017.

The Rotary International Convention is being held in Atlanta, GA from June 23 – 27, 2017. Bill Gates will be one of the speakers this year. Angie announced that she had made reservations earlier, but she is unable to attend. If anyone wants to take her spot, please let her know soon.

Bruce Northrup has tickets for the **NHL All-Star Hockey Game** to be held at the 8th Hussars Sunday night. The cost is \$20, and the proceeds will go toward the Matthew Palmer Scholarship Fund.

Relay for Life is being held on Saturday, June 10. Angie asked if any Rotarian would take on the role of team leader.

Melissa Cummings-Keith acted in the role of Fines Master in Shelley’s absence.

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Chase the Joker: Rhoda’s ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The pot is \$180.

Next Meeting –April 3, 2017 – Aaron Law, Law’s Belleisle. Melissa Cummings-Keith will chair the meeting.

Adjournment