

Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: March 30, 2015.

Attendance: Erik H., Ian S, Jeff F., Rhoda, Don D., Tina M., Bob B., Bruce, Kathy C., Wendy O., Rob D., Shelley V., Bob T., Scott, Lisa B., Lorinda P., Alaina L., Sandra M., Alaina A.

Regrets: Rhonda H, Lou McN., Robert L., Donna G., Mary McN, Cindy D., Robert K.,

Guests: District Governor, Mike Walsh and Mrs. Francine Fournier-Walsh.

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Chairperson Bob Tremblett welcomes all members and our District Governor guests to today's meeting. Bob Introduces District Governor Mike Walsh, and his wife Francine.

Bob received regrets received from; Robert L., Cindy B., Lou McN., and Mary McN.

❖ **Rotary Minute:** Bruce Northrup spoke on the membership work undertaken by the Club's Membership Team under the guidance of Robert Driscoll.

District Governor Walsh brings greetings from our District and echoes Bruce's comments on the efforts of the Sussex Rotary Club in expanding its membership. DG Walsh indicated the Sussex Club is viewed by many of the surrounding clubs as a Community Club with great ideas when one looks at the Club's Facebook page, increase in membership, etc.

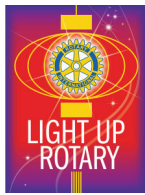
❖ **Membership Induction:**

The following new member was inducted to the Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.:

Mrs. Tina Monahan.

District Governor Mike Walsh reads the admissions statement into the Sussex Rotary Club. Tina was provided a membership package and her Rotary pin by District Governor Walsh, Membership Team Leader Rob Driscoll, and her sponsor Don Dow.

Each Rotarian welcomed each new Rotarian to the Club.



Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** Kathy C. reviewed the financial statements, unaudited to March 24th, 2015 with club members. Kathy will provide electronic copies to all members for their files, records and for their review.

In the General Fund:

- The Club is on track thus far in 2015. The statements were reviewed with the Club's Executive on March 27th, 2015. Copies will be provided by email for review and questions.
- Of note, Rotary International dues have been affected due to the drop in the Canadian dollar. Dues on Budget.
- Awaiting district Semi-annual bill.
- 50 / 50 and fines are above expectations thus far.
- Guest meals slightly up, over budget thus far by approximately \$200.00.
- \$2,300 over budget in the Club's Administration expenses. Ways and Means to review options to bring this budget item in line.

In the Charitable Trust Fund:

- Expenditures on track.
- Annual dinner and action planning underway and is the major fund raiser for this fund.

In the Trip Draw Fund:

- All ticket proceeds now collected.
- All prizes to date have been awarded.
- Expenses on track thus far.
- Minor amount of bad debt.

- ❖ **Club "Bling":** Wendy O. provided the Club with shirt and hat options and outlined the logo to be printed on the shirts / hats. Sign-up sheets provided for Club members interested. Wendy requested feedback on color options for the shirt.

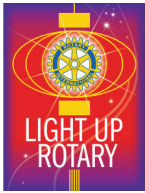
The preliminary costs are \$19.95 for the shirts and \$9.95 to \$11.95 for the hats.

- ❖ **Amphitheatre Project:** President Bob T. indicated that plans are underway for a grand opening and celebration on Canada Day July 1, 2015. Scott indicated the superstructure has arrived on site and erection of the roof structure should begin shortly.

- ❖ **Annual Dinner and Auction:** Sandra spoke on the finalizing of the planning for the April 23rd, 2015 event.

Chef's Table will be catering the event. Tickets have been printed and Planning is being finalized to recognize Alfie Smith with a Paul Harris Fellow on the event night.

- ❖ **Committee Structure:** President Elect Robert Driscoll spoke on his upcoming committee structure for this presidential year. Copy of the structure and committee descriptions attached to these minutes. Robert requested members interested in serving there has been sign-up sheets available for committees that interest each member at the back of the room.



❖ **Correspondence:** Scott indicated the club received two (2) items of correspondence:

- Correspondence from the Town of Sussex on the Town's volunteer appreciation night planning for April 16th, 2015. Any Club member wishing to nominate a deserving person in the Sussex region to be recognized for their volunteer service are encouraged to email Scott at Town Hall.
- Funding request soliciting funds for a Victims of Violence campaign being undertaken by the Canadian Centre for Missing Children. The correspondence was forwarded to the finance committee for consideration and recommendation.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Lisa B.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:15 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!