

## Meeting Cowbell – May 28, 2018

### Present:

Black, Bob	Ingersoll, Don	Lowe, Harold	Tremblett, Robert
Cameron, Josh	Keith, Greg	Matthews, Julie	White, Matt
Cummings, Angela	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Monahan, Tina	Wilson, Rhoda
Gilchrist, Donna	Lockhart, Robert	Northrup, Bruce	
Haynes, Rhonda	Long, Craig	Smyth, Ian	

### Absent:

Alexander, Alaina	Freeze, Judy	Lockhart, Alaina	Short, Bob
Brown, Lisa	Fuller, Jeff	McNair, Mary	Thorne, Jason
Coffin, Alex	Homenick, Erik	McNamara, Lou	Vail, Shelley
Dow, Don	Hyslop, Blair	Moffett, Christine	Wallace, Tracey
Driscoll, Robert	Kearley, Paul	Savidant, Mark	

**Chair** – Bruce Northrup

**Guests** – Judge Andrew Palmer; Greg Zed

Brianna Dunfield, Karen Scott, Marlene Brennan, Tim Wilson

**Social Media Check-in** – Ian Smyth

**Rotary Minute** – Brianna Dunfield, a former Interactor and now a Rotaractor at Mount Allison has joined the Brew Fest Committee. Brianna gave a summary of her Rotaract volunteer work. Brianna encouraged all Rotarians to sign up, buy tickets, find sponsors, and to pick a job to assist with the Sussex Brew Fest. Angie announced that Turnbull and Kindred were the title sponsors for the Brew Fest. Sussex Distillery will also be a major sponsor.

**Introduction** – Bruce Northrup

- Andrew Palmer practiced law in Sussex and was a part of Sussex Rotary Club until 2014 at which time he was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench and became a Provincial Court judge. Andrew attended Sussex Regional High and earned a BBA and LLB.
- Greg Zed worked in Mental Health fields for 40 years. Although recently retired, his last 20 years were spent in Sussex working with addictions. Greg holds a BSc, BEd and MSW. Greg is a Paul Harris Fellow and was given this honour by the Rotary Club of Saint John.

**Speaker** – **Judge Palmer** talked about the partnership that has been formed between the Departments of Justice and Community Health. Judge Brennan started Mental Health Court because he believed that some individuals convicted of crime were more in need of mental health services than they were for incarceration. When Judge Brennan retired, the program stopped. Seeing the vacuum left, Greg Zed worked to re-establish the Mental Health Court in a more formal way and has partnered with Judge Palmer.

**Greg Zed** retired last year but his concern for individuals with mental health conditions has remained strong. His new role is to coordinate assessments for individuals who have committed crimes deemed related to the state of the individual's mental health. There are many partners in this new program and involves intervention with mental health clinicians. The program also works with organizations like Elizabeth Fry and John Howard Societies.

Very few communities have Mental Health Courts and we can be proud that this program started in Saint John.

**Thanker** – Julie Matthews

**Events:**

**Coats for Kids Prsentation** - June 1, 2018, noon - JDI Woodlands Main Office

**Relay for Life** – Sat, June 9 from 1pm to 11pm, Relay begins at 6pm – Amphitheatre. Bruce Northrup has forms for the Rotary team.

**Breakfast Clubs** – Lou McNamara is serving at Sussex Middle School on Wednesday and Josh Cameron is serving at Sussex Elementary School on Friday.

**Rotary Brew Festival** - June 16, 2018

**Sussex Summer Fest**- July 13 and 14, 2018

**Rotary District 7810 Conference** – Bathurst, October 19 – 21, 2018

**Rotary Leadership Institute** – October 27, 2018 in Truro

**Happy Bucks/Sad Bucks/Fines** - Matt White

**Chase the Joker** – Ian Smyth's ticket was drawn but still no Joker. The pot is now \$392.

**Relocation** – Harold Lowe announced that this would be his last day at Rotary as he would be relocating to Newfoundland and would be starting work there on June 7, 2018. The Rotary Club of Sussex wished Harold well in his future endeavours.

**Next Meeting** – June 4, 2018 - Business Meeting

**Chair:** Lisa Brown, **Rotary Minute:** Alaina Alexander

**Adjournment** – Close meeting with the Four-Way Test