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Cowbell Business Meeting Agenda

November 27, 2017

Present:

Alexander, Alaina	Driscoll, Robert	Lockhart, Robert	Smyth, Ian
Black, Bob	DuBois, Cindy	McNair, Mary	Thorne, Jason
Brown, Lisa	Gilchrist, Donna	Moffett, Christine	Tremblett, Robert
Cameron, Josh	Haynes, Rhonda	Monahan, Tina	Wilson, Rhoda
Coffin, Alex	Kearley, Paul	Northrup, Bruce	
Cummings, Angela	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Short, Bob	

Absent:

Dow, Don	Ingersoll, Don	Matheson, Cecile	Vail, Shelley
Fuller, Jeff	Keith, Greg	Matthews, Julie	Wallace, Tracey
Homenick, Erik	Lockhart, Alaina	McNamara, Lou	White, Matt
Hyslop, Blair	Lowe, Harold	Savidant, Mark	

Chair – Lisa Brown

Rotary minute – Bob Short stated that he had been working in Moncton and missing the group. Bob explained some of the background for becoming a Rotarian. The words of the 4-Way Test engraved on the stone in O'Connell Park resonated with his philosophy of life – the importance of truth.

Volunteer hours – A few Rotarians have sent Bob their volunteer hours; however, Bob thought that a tally sheet kept in the Rotary box for regular meetings might be a more effective way of keeping volunteer hours updated. Everyone agreed.

Committee Reports

Community Projects – Bruce Northrup stated that two schools are covered but that he still needs volunteers for Sussex Corner Elementary School for the last two weeks in February. SCES organizes volunteers in blocks.

Annual Rotary Trip Draw – Tickets have been printed and will be given out after the meeting for all those interested. Rainbow Printed had offered a discount for printing in return for having their logo on the tickets; however, this was omitted so Rotary will be allowing Rainbow Printing advertising space on our website.

Coats for Kids – Angie Cummings stated that 77 vouchers are being given out this year. The Club budgeted for 80. Angie's opinion was that a committee of one is sufficient to organize the program.

Criminal Record Check – Rhoda is collecting completed Criminal Record Checks.

Fundraisers – Vocational moves of Rotarians have left Angie as the only member of the Auction and Fundraising Dinner Committee. This is too big of a project for one person. Angie has been investigating other fundraisers to replace the Dinner as follows:

Beer Tasting - Angie has been discussing a beer tasting event with Lloyd Chambers who organizes these types of fundraisers in return for 15% of the proceeds. He would be willing to make all the contact for vendors and even organize an online registration. Lloyd states that approximately 20 vendors are available for May 11 and 12. Regular ticket prices would be approximately \$50 with a costlier ticket for VIPs. The advantage of a VIP ticket would be an additional hour at the event. Angie asked for volunteers who would be willing to serve on a committee. Bob Short and Tina Monahan volunteered. Since the profit for this event is less than the dinner an additional fundraiser is needed.

Groceries for a year – Everyone needs groceries. **Win Groceries for a Year** would be a better price-point for the average family. A suggested rate was \$100 per week with a total cost of \$5,200. A committee is needed to organize this event.

Finance Committee

Financial Statements – Since there was not a quorum at the last business meeting, Mary circulated an online survey of acceptance. The result was the acceptance of the Financial Statements for that time period.

It was moved by Tina Monahan and seconded by Angie Cummings

That the Club ratify the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 (this was the online poll) and approve the First Quarter Financial Statement from July 1 - September 30, 2017 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

New Assistant Treasurer Required – Cindy’s upcoming move leaves a vacancy for Assistant Treasurer. Interested individuals should contact Lisa Brown.

Leonard’s Gate – The Provincial Fire Marshall’s recent recommendations have temporarily stalled the Leonard’s Gate project. The problem is related to the definition of the word “building” and whether or not a steel-sided structure is a “building.” If so, modifications need to be made to the design plan.

Jason Thorne and Paul Maquire are willing to discuss renegotiating Rotary’s commitment to Leonard’s Gate if a decision is made to support the Summer Fest Country Music Concert.

Commitment Was:

Nov 2017 - \$10,000
 Nov 2018 - \$20,000
 Nov 2019 - \$20,000
 Nov 2020 - \$15,000

Amendment:

June 2018 - \$15,000
 June 2019 - \$15,000
 June 2020 - \$17,500

June 2021 – \$17,500

It was moved by Bob Tremblett and seconded Cindy

that the Rotary Club re-negotiate the payment terms for the Leonard's Gate project
as stated in these minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Summer Fest Concert, July 13 - 14, 2018– Jason Thorne, Community Services Director for the Town of Sussex, and the Summer Fest Committee is asking the Rotary Club and other groups and service groups for loans valued at \$10,000 each. The Committee's goal is to organize an Annual Country Music event but needs funds to kick-start a long-term goal and hire artists that will draw a crowd. The Committee anticipates that the event will become profitable at which point Rotary will be repaid the money and Summer Fest will work toward arranging benefits for all donors.

It was moved by Rob Driscoll and seconded by Angie Cummings

That the Rotary Club of Sussex provide an interest-free \$10,000 loan to the Summer Fest Committee to help with start-up and promotion of an annual Country Music Event in Sussex with the expectation that all monies will be repaid in full.

MOTION CARRIED.

Rotary Foundation – November is Foundation month. All Rotarians are encouraged to give \$100 per year in US Dollars. Foundation donations go toward obtaining a Paul Harris award.

Membership development – The Membership Committee is recommending Craig Long as a member of our Rotary Club. All agreed.

Rotarians were encouraged to take care of all outstanding dues.

Nominating Committee – This Committee is made up of the past three Presidents - Robert Kimball, Bob Tremblett, and Rob Driscoll.

Program and Reception – Rhonda has agreed to take over from Cindy to become the new chair of this committee. Christine Moffett has agreed to arrange bookings for speakers. Rhonda will continue to look after restaurant meals and book donations.

Public Image & Relations – Lisa Brown hopes to increase the number of likes and shares on Facebook. Members were asked to share Rotary Club posts and to invite friends to like our page. Mark Savidant has suggested that the Club host contests for our site. Robert Kimball offered an All Seasons Restaurant gift card as a first prize. Other offers and donations are welcomed.

Please send any Rotary pictures to Robert Lockhart for the Rotary website.

Social Events & Fellowship - Please RSVP to Tina about attendance at the Christmas Social at Giermindl's on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

Salvation Army Kettle Bell – Members of the Interact Club are joining our Club in handling the Christmas Kettle. There are now three time vacancies left.

Shirts – Robert will be placing orders in December. Please try on one of the sample shirts for sizing and let Robert know.

Youth Services – Alaina Alexander reported that she has been working with the Interact Club since November 15th. Club goals include one local project and one international project. The international project is End Polio Now. The first event was a flag-raising at Town Hall. The next event will be a purple pinky activity at the elementary school – a project aimed to teach children the facts about polio and to raise funds. For a \$1 donation, children will have their little finger painted purple.

Youth Exchange Student exchange – Angie reported that two short term exchanges are happening this year. The two students who have been approved are Lauren Lockhart and Keegan Wallace.

Christmas Dinner – At noon on Monday, December 18, 2017 – RSVP – Rhonda Haynes

Happy Bucks/Sad Bucks/Fines – Paul Kearley filled in for Shelley.

Chase the Joker – The pot rose to **\$156**.

Next Meeting – December 4, 2018 Guest Speaker is Lt. Lance Gillard of the Salvation Army in Sussex.

Next Business Meeting – Monday, January 29, 2018

Adjournment – The Four-Way Test.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson