



Business Meeting Agenda – October 16, 2017

All Seasons Inn & Restaurant

Present:

Brown, Lisa	Gilchrist, Donna	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Wilson, Rhoda
Coffin, Alex	Haynes, Rhonda	McNair, Mary	
Cummings, Angela	Kearley, Paul	Tremblett, Robert	

Absent:

Alexander, Alaina	Hyslop, Blair	Matthews, Julie	Thorne, Jason
Black, Bob	Ingersoll, Don	McNamara, Lou	Vail, Shelley
Cameron, Josh	Keith, Ed	Moffett, Christine	Wallace, Tracey
Dow, Don	Keith, Greg	Monahan, Tina	Warner, Brenna
Driscoll, Robert	Lockhart, Alaina	Northrup, Bruce	White, Matt
DuBois, Cindy	Lockhart, Robert	Savidant, Mark	
Fuller, Jeff	Lowe, Harold	Short, Bob	
Homenick, Erik	Matheson, Cecile	Smyth, Ian	

Social Media Check-In – Robert Kimball

Chair – Lisa Brown

Rotary Minute – Since becoming a Rotarian, Alex Coffin noted that he has been seeing the Rotary logo in a variety of places. Most recently it was the Admiral Beatty in Saint John. This building was once a Hotel but Rotary turned it into a senior housing complex of 112 units.

Goals for Rotary – 2017/2018 – Lisa Brown reviewed her goals for this Rotary year and these are printed below.

1. **Have Fun and be joyful in what we do!** I don't think we have any problem doing this! We want to make our town and surrounding area the best place to live in New Brunswick! We want to be known as a kind and compassionate people and set this example for the next generation in our community.
2. **Work on developing Fundraising efforts that bring in larger sums of money with less effort.**
3. **Bump up our literacy focus!** By working together with the Kings County Interact Club, I would like to see a huge spot light in this area.
4. **Preserve Planet Earth!** Climate change is a big issue for RI President Ian Riseley and it is for me too. I would like to honor his request that each one of our Rotarians plant one tree by this time next year. Also, continue with community clean up days.
5. **Increase our membership to 45!** Focusing on new members in their 20's
6. **Make more contribution to The Rotary Foundation** - This is the core of Rotary! During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. I would like to see more of our members contribute to this. Only about \$10 - \$12/month... \$150/year!
7. **Form an EarlyAct Club** (students ages 5 to 13) The hope they will become Interactors, Rotaractors and then ROTARIANS some day!
8. **Lots of Fellowship and engaging our membership!** This is a huge part of Rotary!
9. **Public Image and Relations!** 467 likes on FB as of Sept 19. 487 on October 16th. It would be awesome to reach 1000 likes this year!

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Mary McNair sent out by e-mail and circulated copies of the Rotary budget.

- Interact will be given \$1,000 to help with their administrative costs and also to sponsor 10 students to RYLA. Money has been placed in the budget this year so that we will be able to provide more funds for students who will be going on short term exchanges.
- Rotary is having our books reviewed by a different company and the cost has not yet been determined. Since there was not a quorum at today's meeting, the Financial Statement will be approved by e-mail.

Membership – There are a few changes with membership. Brenna Warren will be moving to Newfoundland in a few weeks, Cindy Dubois will be transferring to Newfoundland in February, and Ed Keith has stepped back from Rotary.

Public Relations – No report

Social – No report

Coats for Kids – Fundy Mutual will be donating \$500 for our Coats for Kids program.

Annual Rotary Trip Draw – Bob Tremblett has started the application process for this year. Approval from government can take 6-8 weeks.

Community Projects – No report.

Rotary International – Donna Gilchrist and Rhoda Wilson are willing to do a Club presentation on Rotary Foundation.

Vocational Opportunities – Rotary Link-Up is happening next Monday, October 23, 2017, at All Seasons Restaurant at 1730 hours. Please share with your friends and on Facebook. Clarify with them that this is an "in person" event. A couple of topics will be Conflict in the Work Place, and Keeping Customers.

New Generations – Meeting on Wednesday at the Library after school. Angie Cummings will be talking about the short-term exchange program.

- Sussex Rotary has budgeted \$3,000 for New Generations with \$1,000 toward administrative costs. Our Club is also willing to sponsor 10 students for RYLA through a bursary application process and to financially support students who are going on a short-term exchange.
- A new chair is needed for this committee.

Programs and Reception - this committee needs to add to its membership. Programs are booked up to the end of December but the Committee needs someone to assume this responsibility for the new calendar year. Rhonda is looking after the Library book presentations for guest speakers and also menu choices. The restaurant has requested that only one person speak on behalf of the Club. Direct complaints to the establishment are not appreciated. Rhonda is in the process of negotiating some variety to the soup/sandwich and salad menus and circulated 2 options at the meeting. At \$12 per meal including tea/coffee, dessert, tips and gratuities, the Club is receiving an excellent deal.

Fundraisers – Angie Cummings led a brief discussion about fundraisers. Considering the co-chair of the dinner and auction is moving, a replacement co-chair is needed or a new fundraiser is needed. A great deal of time and effort is done by a few for the dinner and auction. Some of the suggestions were selling tickets on a large item like a 4-wheeler or hosting a beer garden. Angie has found a resource person who has arranged such events in the past.

Rotary Signs on Marble Street and Lower Cove Road (by Superstore) have several organizations that randomly put their symbols on our sign. It was suggested that these organizations should be charged an annual fee for upkeep and to maintain the Rotary ownership.

Events

Breakfast Programs – Rhonda Haynes is serving at Sussex Middle School on Wednesday; Harold Lowe is serving at Sussex Elementary School Friday.

Conferences

Rotary Leadership Institute is happening in Truro, Saturday, October 28, 2017.

RI International, Toronto from June 23 – 27, 2018. Robert Kimball spoke to the value and quality of this International Conference and recommended as many as possible to attend.

Chase the Joker - The pot is now \$96 as there was no big winner today.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 23, 2017 – Greg Adams, Forester/Scientist with JDI. The Chair is Lou McNamara, Rotary Minute is Donna Gilchrist, Introducer is Ian Smyth, and the Thanker is Shelley Vail.

Adjournment – Close meeting with the Four-Way Test.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson