



Cowbell – September 25, 2017

Present:

Brown, Lisa	Gilchrist, Donna	Monahan, Tina	Vail, Shelley
Cameron, Josh	Kearley, Paul	Northrup, Bruce	Wallace, Tracey
Coffin, Alex	Kimball, Robert Jr.	Thorne, Jason	Wilson, Rhoda
DuBois, Cindy	Moffett, Christine	Tremblett, Robert	Lockhart, Robert

Absent:

Alexander, Alaina	Haynes, Rhonda	Lockhart, Alaina	Savidant, Mark
Black, Bob	Homenick, Erik	Lowe, Harold	Short, Bob
Cummings, Angela	Hyslop, Blair	Matheson, Cecile	Smyth, Ian
Dow, Don	Ingersoll, Don	Matthews, Julie	Warner, Brenna
Driscoll, Robert	Keith, Ed	McNair, Mary	White, Matt
Fuller, Jeff	Keith, Greg	McNamara, Lou	

Chair – Jason Thorne

Introduction – Paul Kearley introduced Rivers Corbett who is described as a “serial entrepreneur.” Rivers has started several different companies and has received numerous business awards including 2015 Business Person of the Year. Rivers is a founding board member of StartUP Canada and most recently joined Opportunities New Brunswick (ONB) as their first entrepreneur in residence.

Speaker – Rivers Corbett spoke about the growth of StartUP communities in New Brunswick which started in Fredericton and now has expanded to eight communities, including Sussex. Matt White, Cathy MacLeod, and Jamie Kindred are among the Sussex organizers. StartUP Canada is committed to developing programs, supporting empowerment, accelerating growth, and connecting entrepreneurs across Atlantic Canada. Rivers is presently working for Opportunities New Brunswick (ONB). Rivers was asked about the new tax law and the impact that this is going to have on the growth of small business. Although the organization was formed to help entrepreneurs, StartUP is increasingly being asked about the tax implications of proposed legislation. Rivers hopes that his organization can have an impact as a lobby group to affect changes to tax reforms and also to promote small businesses.

Thanker – Donna Gilchrist

Rotary Minute – Lisa highlighted the District Convention that was held in the Miramichi on the weekend. Our Club had a strong showing with Bob Tremblett, Angie Cummings, and Lisa Brown all in attendance together with six young Interactors. There were 30 young people in attendance with the youngest being 12 years of age. Some of the youth stayed in Shelter Box Tents. Several trees were planted as well as 100 bulbs.

Events

Breakfast Clubs – Harold Lowe is serving at the Middle School on Wednesday; Ed Keith is serving at the Sussex Elementary School on Friday. Shelley Vail filled the vacant spot for November 24. The schedule for serving at the local schools is completed up to Christmas.

Social Committee – The basket at Oktoberfest Dinner at Giermindl's on Friday night raised \$176. Tina asked everyone to put Saturday, December 16, 2017, on their calendar for the Rotary Christmas Social. Tina announced there would be a short meeting of the Social Committee after today's regular Rotary meeting.

New Generations – Month of September. Interact will be started this week on Wednesday from 4 – 5 pm at a location to be announced.

Conferences

RLI Truro, October 28, 2017 – Bob Tremblett and Lisa Brown will be attending.

RI International, Toronto from June 23 – 27, 2018.

Blue Rotary Shirts – Black's Embroidery has the template in their system for shirts so anyone who wants a shirt can drop in, pick their appropriate size, and order a shirt. Bulk orders are not required.

Chase the Joker - Cindy's 50/50 ticket was drawn, but not the Joker. The pot is \$77.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 2, 2107 with Mary Ann Gallagher, Sussex Jumpstart Chair – Don Ingersoll; Minute – Julie Matthews; Intro – Jason Thorne; Thanker – Jason Thorne.

Adjournment