

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Executive (Bob Capson, President; Tor Bordevik, Vice President; Robert Taylor, Secretary; and Don Mitchener, Treasurer) met at 8:15 AM at Tim Horton's, over the vehement protests of Tor, who vowed a decade ago to never again attend a breakfast meeting!

**Finances:** We have about \$1200 in the bank.

**Membership:** Concern over declining membership continues. It was suggested that members not paid by the end of October be called re their intentions. A higher fee, perhaps \$35, was suggested after December. We need to plan programs to attract people away from their amusements at home. It is hard to get new speakers who universally appeal. It was suggested we use a drop box for name tags so that we can see if those who attend meetings have paid, and contact those who haven't.

**Telephone Committee** needs two volunteers – to be sought at the Club meeting.

**Field Trip:** Carl Tompkins is coordinating a Maple Camp trip for Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Details at Club meeting.

**Rendezvous 2011** in Vancouver in September: We have to send the banner that we received from Muskoka in 2008. Bob Capson has e-mailed the Vancouver chair who said to ship it. Since Muskoka paid to have it made, and we paid to have it shipped to us, it seems reasonable to expect Vancouver to pay the shipping. We'll ship it and notify them of the cost.

Bill Brydges and Fred Shillington, co-chairs of Rendezvous 2008, will be asked if they are interested in going to Rendezvous 2011, and a subsidy of \$200 (the \$185 basic registration fee plus a bit) was suggested to be offered.

We have on hand an e-copy of the brochure, and can have UPS forward it to our members who have e-mail, and also print about 20 copies for meetings, and also add a summary page to the Phoghorn.

**Suggestions for Future Field Trips:** Top choice was the Fundy Trail Interpretation Centre (on a non-cruise ship day). Other suggestions: a "Mystery Trip", Elgin Wind Farm, trolley tour of city (again, on a non-cruise ship day), Voyageur riverboat (expensive), Phoenix Dinner Theatre, or fall foliage tour.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.