

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 30th, 2012

This was a luncheon meeting at Lily Lake Café. In attendance were Tor Bordevik, Clarence Blois, Don Shaw, Don Mitchener, Robert Taylor and Ralph Wood.

Membership: Tor and Don both pointed out that the official list should be those who have paid their dues for the year. How much leeway should be given? (Refer back to Executive minutes of September 14th, 2011). Members are not obliged to turn out for meetings, so we miss some in that way.

Finances: A small deficit is projected for this year. Questions asked:

- Should we raise our dues by \$5? Will we lose members?
- How many members do we need to break even with our chief costs which are UPS for the Phoghorn and the Boys and Girls Club for our annual donation in lieu of rent?
- Should we reduce the amount we give to the Boys and Girls Club? We currently give them \$1000 a year plus the 60/40 proceeds. Should we give them the usual \$500 this June and warn them we might have to reduce our support? Or should we keep our part from the 60/40 draw (thus possibly losing ticket buyers)? Originally the 60% was to stay with Probus.

The options of raising dues, reducing our B & G donation, or keeping our portion of the 60/40 draw, will be put into the next Phoghorn for discussion at the May 16th meeting.

Nomination Committee: Bob Capson and Brian Mitchell, the two latest Presidents, will bring forth names.

20th Anniversary: The 20th anniversary of our Probus Club is on September 16th. It was suggested to have a \$10 dinner (similar to our Christmas social) in September and host our charter members (14 are still on our list).

St. Andrews Trip will be May 28th. Gordon Graham's committee will be in touch with members.

Adjournment at 1:30 on motion of Robert.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.