

PROBUS Saint John
Executive Meeting
October 27, 2022

The meeting convened at approximately 2:00 PM at Paul Meier's home.

First order of business was financial. Ed Creaser advised we are "back in the black" and funds he had loaned the club have been repaid. The annual member assessment from PROBUS Canada was acknowledged. It was agreed Ed would wait until the November meeting to determine the number for this year's membership. Once this was done, Ed would pay the charge for paid up membership plus a few as yet unconfirmed members. No adjustment or further payment would be made.

Positive reaction to October speakers was clearly evident. Paul confirmed Steven Palmer would be our speaker at the November meeting.

Tom Craig confirmed the "50/50" would be back on the agenda for the November meeting. Comments about the lunch at the October meeting have been conveyed to the hotel staff and accommodating changes (more sandwiches) would be made.

Tom raised the issue of the "quality" of our speaker's gifts and progressive action to augment that quality, within reasonable financial constraints, was agreed upon.

There was general agreement the October meeting more than met expectations. There seemed to be considerably more member interaction. The table numbering initiative was discussed. The consensus was to continue it (subject to membership agreement thereon-likely at the January meeting) but modifying it slightly to accommodate guests being seated with their inviter

Don agreed to reconfirm the attendance of the NB Symphony String Quartet for the Christmas/December meeting. (That has been done. We have been advised Sonja and David Adams will be playing despite their decreased rolls in the Symphony.)

The email from Robert Lockhart concerning the NB Medical Education Scholarship Foundation (NBMEDED) was raised.

Discussions on our membership list arose and Paul advised of the process he and Bob Purdy are undertaking. As well the ideas of compiling brief bios of our members and having individual members make short "personal presentations" at our meetings arose. It was agreed if we were to make these ideas successful, up-front participation from our executive would be needed.