

## PROBUS CLUB OF SAINR JOHN

### MONTHLY MEETING

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The monthly meeting was held as usual at the Boys and Girls Club, with about 20 members present. President Ralph Wood's attempts to call the meeting to order were sabotaged by a frenzy of activity at the 60/40 table, where last month's winner George McCaughey was selling arms-lengths of tickets using the shortest member's arm to measure. O Canada was led at an acceptably lower pitch by Gordon Mouland, who then led a sing-along.

**Minutes** of the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as published in the Phoghorn.

**Speakers:** Major Laplante is unavailable for today due to sickness, so instead we have Amy Shanks, the new Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club. John Doyle has arranged Janet Scott of Enterprise Saint John for March, so we'll try Major Laplante again for April.

**Regional Meeting:** The Ladies Club is hosting this on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ralph Wood and Willard Buckley will attend as delegates, and space is reserved for up to four observers.

**Probus Flag:** Ralph Wood is offering to donate a 72x36 inch flag which would cost about \$250. **Moved** by Robert Taylor and **seconded** by Willard Buckley that we proceed subject to the City approving to fly it for a day; motion **carried**.

**Finances:** Treasurer Don Mitchener reported a bank balance of \$2902, with 51 members paid.

**Member News:** Several illnesses were reported, including Ian Thompson home from hospital, Len Kinsella had leg surgery, George Akerley had a small stroke but is mostly fine, and one member with pneumonia. There were no **guests** or **new members**.

**Lunch:** Gordon Mouland counted 13 for lasagna and garlic fingers.

**Jokes** were told by Ralph Wood and George McCaughey, apparently in competition for the poorest jokes.

**60/40:** John Doyle won \$69 and will be in charge of ticket sales next month.

**Guest Speaker:** Amy Shanks (see above) gave members an informative tour of the extensive facilities and programs of the Boys and Girls Club, and spoke about fund-raising efforts. Ralph Wood introduced and thanked her.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.