

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2016

The fifth meeting of our 2015-2016 season was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10:00 a.m., January 20, 2016. With about 21 members in attendance, and President Robert officiating, we began with “O Canada”. Gordon Mouland led us in a rousing sing-a-long, with a requested extra song, no less. We continued with “Happy Birthday” in honour of Frank Ervin's 90th birthday. Minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting were seconded by Gordon Dempsey, and motion passed. The financial report from Treasurer Don Mitchener of about \$1878 in the bank was seconded by Ed O'Keefe and motion passed. Vice-President John Doyle reported on upcoming speakers: February -Don Mitchener; March – Tom Craig; April – Y.M.C.A.; May – Harold Wright. President Robert remarked we had about 42 members, and restated the importance of obtaining new members. Nominations for Regional Director for PROBUS National Board were asked for, Ralph Wood was suggested, but regretfully had to decline. President Robert also expressed congratulations to our member and Web Master Robert Lockhart on his honour of receiving “Master Builder” from the Boys and Girls Club of Saint John. Our resident Fabulous Funnies Chairman Ralph Wood amused us with his Funnies, and Gordon Dempsey added another funny. Our 60/40 draw of \$55.05 was won by our newest member, Tom Craig, (after some discussion) and generously donated to the Boys and Girls Club. Secretary Willard Introduced our guest speaker, Darren Mcleod, Senior Philanthropy Specialist with the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation. He spoke on “The 5 Guiding Pillars”, and how to support the Foundation. Handouts were provided. Vice-President John Doyle thanked Darren after an intense question and answer period. Meeting adjourned at 11:55. About 13 stayed for an excellent lunch. Later that day, a request from President Robert for a vote by e-mail on the following motion was held. “Moved by Robert Taylor and Seconded by Ralph Wood that the Men's PROBUS Club of Saint John support the nomination of David Fraser, President from 2006 to 2008, to the position of Atlantic Regional Director of PROBUS Canada.” The response of 16 aye, 2 nay was sent to Pres. Robert. Respectfully submitted – Willard Buckley, Secretary