

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

The first meeting of the new season convened at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am, with President Richard Burpee chairing and about 45 members in attendance. Richard welcomed everyone back and announced that there would be two meetings – monthly and annual. Following “O Canada”, Clarence Blois led a singalong.

**Minutes** of June 17<sup>th</sup> were read by the Secretary and approved on a motion by Clarence Blois.

**Member News:** There were no deceased, sick, birthdays or anniversaries reported.

**Guests:** Clarence Blois introduced Bill Fulton of NB Tel and Delancys Brigade, and George McCaughey introduced Michael Hughes. Both submitted dues for the year.

**Finances:** David Laskey reported for Don Mitchener that finances “are in good shape”. Forty-one members paid \$25 dues today to him and Robert.

**Membership:** A list updated to May 2009 will be available for checking next month.

**Telephone:** Duane Lister reported everything is up to date.

**House Committee:** Gordon Mouland counted 18 for lasagna lunch. Some wanted to know is it left over from June?

**Phoghorn:** Ralph Wood had no report.

**Speakers:** Brian Mitchell and Bob Capson are pursuing ideas.

**Club Anniversary:** According to an entrance floor tile, today is the 17<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Club. Bill Brydges recommended that the founding committee, who are charter members, be given life memberships. They are Gerry Barnett (co-chair with Bill), Rev. Lloyd Lake and Gordon White. **Moved** by Sandy Gregory and seconded by Ed O’Keefe that these three be given life memberships – motion **carried**. (Bill has one already). It was suggested that future recommendations for life memberships go through the Executive.

**Meeting adjourned** to the Annual Meeting (see separate Minutes), then reconvened after coffee.

**60/40 Draw:** Don Noel drew the name of Bill Fulton, who donated his \$90 to the Boys and Girls Club, without succumbing to the temptation to take back the \$25 membership fee that he'd just paid. Meantime, Don Noel noted that he has won exactly one 50/50 in 40 years, and wondered how Bill rated winning the first time!

**Speakers:**

Bruce Holder, a city musician since 1951, spoke of the history of the St. Mary's Band (1903- ) and the 3 Field Regiment Band (1948- ). These bands are doing a joint recital at the Imperial on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Derek Oland and Peter Smith spoke about the "Keep IT Live" campaign of the Imperial Theatre, to raise funds for outside cladding (\$1 million +), capital needs (\$800,000) and the endowment fund (\$700,000). The campaign will culminate in a concert on November 28<sup>th</sup> featuring Wendy Nielsen, Erik Oland and others.

After questions and answers, Brian Mitchell thanked the speakers and adjourned the meeting at 11:35 to October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.