

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
20/10/2010

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club, with about 37 members present. President Brian Mitchell chaired the opening of the meeting.

Nomination Report: Past President Richard Burpee presented the proposed slate of officers for 2010-11: Past President Brian Mitchell, President Bob Capson, First Vice President Torbjorn Bordevik, Treasurer Don Mitchener, Secretary Robert Taylor, Membership Secretary Ed O'Keefe, Telephone Committee Duane Lister, Webmaster J. C. Robert Lockhart, Phoghorn Editor Ralph Wood. There being no further nominations, it was **moved** by Frank Ervin and **seconded** by Clarence Blois that this slate be accepted; motion **carried**. Brian Mitchell presented Bob Capson with a President's pin, and Bob reciprocated with a Past Presidents pin. Bob Capson then assumed the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Following "O Canada", a moment of silence was observed in memory of Ken Taylor and Jack Myles who passed away recently. Clarence Blois led a singalong.

Minutes of the September 15th meeting were accepted on **motion** of Robert Taylor, **seconded** by Ed O'Keefe.

Member News: Brian Mitchell introduced Michael Dunphy as a guest; Michael has moved from Kingston, Ontario, where he was a Probus Club member. The deaths of Bill Camlin during the summer and Ken Kierstead in April, were noted. It was **moved** by William Brydges and **seconded** by Frank Ervin that deceased members' name tags be given to their widows; motion **defeated** 12 to 14. It was suggested that funds be raised to send flowers and cards to widows.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener presented an updated financial report (**attached**) showing a current bank balance of \$1259.76 and 35 members paid for 2010-11. (*Update e-mailed to Executive later showed a balance of \$1944.76 and 58 members paid*). There was discussion about the agreed price for the Gagetown trip (\$25 from members and \$24 + tax on \$49 from Club subsidy) being raised by \$10. Bob Capson is to investigate the invoice and report back next month.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported we have 144 members. He wants to add spouses' names to the list. He will have an updated list available to distribute next month. Member input pointed out the need for younger members to give us younger leaders in due course.

Phone Committee: Duane Lister reported he still needs two volunteers; each volunteer makes twelve calls when needed.

House Committee: Dave Lester enrolled 25 for chicken tortilla for lunch. Clive Douthright will take over this function after cruise season which ends October 29th.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood wants members to let him know if they want to move from regular mail to e-mail for the monthly newsletter.

Speakers: Bob Capson is in progress of arranging speakers for future meetings.

New Business: It was suggested to restore a joke at the end of the meeting to liven things up somewhat. Rev. Lloyd Lake obliged today with a report of a cat and a mouse trying out life in Heaven.

Coffee Break.

60/40 Draw:Police Chief Bill Reid drew Bill Bambury's ticket; Bill donated his \$78 winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bob Capson introduced Police Chief Bill Reid, who spoke on Crime Reduction Economics. He spoke of a paradigm shift from reactive policing to proactive that occurred in 2009. The emphasis is on crime prevention by an Intelligence Led Policing Model. Only 40% of crimes are reported, under 30% are recorded, only 2% get to the court stage, and only 4 in 1000 result in a sentence. Senior officers of the department have to include strategies in their biweekly reports. Two examples: education through the "Lock it and Pocket" program; or using a methodone program as a less costly alternative to drug-induced crime and resultant legal costs. The emphasis has moved from cost-based assessment to social and quality of life based assessment. The police can even catch criminals by tracking their bragging on Facebook (so, too, can prospective employers!). Following a question and answer period, Chief Reid was thanked by Wes Cosman.

Adjournment to November 17th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.