

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
15 SEPTEMBER 2010**

The first meeting of the new season was held as usual at the Boys and Girls Club, with about 40 members in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Past President Brian Mitchell, who welcomed members back. After the singing of O Canada, Clarence Blois led the sing-along.

Minutes of the June 16th meeting were taken by Bob Capson, who e-mailed them to Robert but in a newer version of Word. They will be made available next time. The meeting was held at Lily Lake, and the speaker was Ron Park, Engineer at Lily Lake.

Members: Brian Mitchell introduced Bob James and he was pinned as a new member. John Fowler, who joined last January, was also pinned. It was reported that Ken Taylor passed away during the summer. Bill Brydges had a medical procedure during the summer, and is recovering – he was present today.

Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of officers for 2010-11 next month.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that our “pecuniary resources are substantially diminished” on account of having to pay extra for the lunches at Camp Gagetown in May. Brian Mitchell asked that members who went should pay \$10 each. Don filed a statement (**attached**) showing that our total receipts last year were \$3050.16, total expenses were \$3830.86, and closing balance on June 30th was \$294.76. Twenty-eight memberships at \$25 were renewed today, and nine were double-paid last year.

Membership: Ed O’Keefe reported that we have 145 members, and circulated a list to be checked – those absent will be called to ensure their information is accurate. Ed is to be notified of any changes in our information. He encouraged us to get new members.

Telephone Committee: Duane Lister reported he needs two volunteers.

House Committee: Gordon Moulard was thanked for his ten years’ service to the Club in this position; he in turn thanked Ralph Murray, Randy Giffin and Bill Brydges for their help. David Lester is taking over this position for now. He booked 20 for soup and sandwich lunch.

Economic Stimulus: Bill Brydges read a “report” from the American Medical Association on this topic.

President’s Comments: Brian Mitchell reported that there are now 208 Probus Clubs in Canada, with 28,300 members. He announced that the kitchen staff of the Boys and Girls Club are seeking sponsors for a United Way run. Also the Club has many packages of

ruled paper, which fell off a truck enroute to Staples, available for people to take – Robert suggested that food banks would welcome some.

Announcement made by Frank Ervin re the Royal United Services of NB, who are welcoming new members. Their next talk is on the Fenian Raids.

Coffee Break.

60/40 Draw: Tom Neill won \$104.85, which he donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Speakers: Tor Bordevik introduced Daryl Wilson and Susan Harris, who updated us on the operation of the gas pipeline which opened in July 2009. Brunswick Pipeline has been occupied with restoring the landscape in various parts of the city. They spoke of safety measures in construction and operation (especially measures to prevent rust corrosion), mock emergency exercises, dealing with pressure drops, community involvement, and some of Emera's other holdings. A question and answer period followed, and then Peter Jolly thanked the speakers.

Meeting adjourned to October 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.