

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
April 20th, 2011

The monthly meeting was held at 10 AM at the Boys and Girls Club, with President Bob Capson chairing and about 30 members in attendance. The President welcomed back the gradually returning snowbirds. After "O Canada", Clarence Blois led a sing along with Holy Week and spring themes.

Minutes of the March 16th meeting were summarized by the Secretary, and accepted on his motion.

Business Arising: The Sugar Camp tour was successful, but it included a speeding ticket for one of the drivers. It was noted that Bill Brydges and family went.

Member News: There were no guests or new members. Ed Stephenson and Nihat Ozerdem sent resignations. William Brydges hopes to return for the next meeting.

Member Profile: Clarence Blois revealed a great variety in his career and his interests. He was a draftsman at Base Gagetown, loans manager at Bank of Nova Scotia, a beverage room owner, and a realtor. He has been active in the Kinsmen, Rotary, and Y's Men. Musically, he has taken part in quartet contests and in the Banjo Barons.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener filed a report on dues payments, and also a financial report showing total receipts of \$2275 and total expenses of \$1329 from July 1st to date. We have \$1241 on hand.

Membership: Members suggested an ad and/or community profile in the Telegraph Journal, and also promotion in its Events Calendar. It was suggested members not paid by October be called, and follow up with an invoice later.

Phone Committee: Duane Lister reported that all is well for now.

House Committee: Gordon Moulard booked 15 for soup and sandwich lunch.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood reported that some were delayed this month (due to so much election material (a.k.a. "junk"?) being handled by Canada Post?).

New Business: Bob Capson noted that applications are available for Rendezvous 2011 in Vancouver.

Story Time: Bob Capson and Carl Tompkins told stories that escape memory easily.

60/40 Draw: Ron Lister won \$79 and donated his winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bob Capson introduced Kent McIntyre, General Manager of the Saint John Waterfront Development Corporation. Kent has held similar positions in Halifax and Sydney. This organization was named the Market Square Corporation in 1980, then the Saint John Development Corporation in 1997, and assumed its present name in 2006. The Corporation oversees projects around the waterfront from the Three Sisters to the Reversing Rapids, and within the city centre. Kent highlighted projects and plans for the Coast Guard site, cruise ship sites, Reversing Falls Park, and headquarters for the Stonehammer Project. Kent was thanked by George McCaughey.

Adjournment until May 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.