

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
September 21st, 2011

The first meeting of the new season convened at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am with Bob Capson, President, chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Bob welcomed members back, then followed "O Canada" and a sing-along led by Clarence Blois.

Minutes of the June 15th meeting were accepted as circulated by e-mail and regular mail: moved by Robert Taylor, seconded by Frank Ervin.

New Member: Ed O'Keefe introduced George Little who paid membership and was pinned by Robert Capson. Richard Burpee reported that Evan Pugh has paid, and he and Doug Brien will be pinned at their next meeting.

Guest: Ron Doucet introduced his son Brian who is visiting from Guelph.

Deceased Members: A moment of silence was observed in memory of Harry Gaunce, Fred Chatwin and Neil McKelvey who passed away during the summer.

Illnesses: Rev. Lloyd Lake and Fergus Price are in hospital. Ralph Wood is recovering from anurism surgery. Frank Quinn's wife is reported to be ill.

Financial Report: Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that we ended the 2010-11 season with \$410.28 in the bank. Memberships paid today will raise that to over \$1000.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reinforced the need for each member to recruit two new members, as we have lost members over the past year. He will have an updated list to circulate for checking at the October meeting.

Telephone Committee: Don Shaw asked members who have e-mail addresses to register them with the Club.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright was busy with a cruise ship visit. In his place, David Lester booked 14 for chicken alfredo lunch.

Phoghorn was not issued this month as Ralph Wood is convalescing. He is saving up a fresh and hopefully improved harvest of alleged funnies for October.

Atlantic Regional Meeting of Probus is being held in Moncton on October 27th. Robert Taylor, Bill Brydges and Clarence Blois indicated an interest in attending.

Speakers: Bob Capson indicated a number of approaches are being made. Ideas from members are welcome.

Field Trip: Carl Tompkins is proposing a trip to Mott's Landing (as opposed to Knott's Landing!) Winery in October. He will publish details shortly.

Rendezvous 2011 was held in Vancouver last week. No one went from Saint John.

Annual Club Meeting will be held in October. The Nominating Committee (Richard Burpee and Brian Mitchell) are seeking two Vice Presidents.

Club Name Tags for new members will be ordered. Others if needed can be arranged through the President.

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Handa, who was recently awarded the Order of New Brunswick.

Coffee Break at 10:30.

60/40 Draw: Bob Capson announced that \$860 was awarded during 2010-11 and was added to our \$1000 donation to the Boys and Girls Club. Today, Richard Burpee won \$83, which he threatened to keep, but in the usual honourable tradition, donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bob Capson re-introduced and later thanked Tor Bordevik, who continued his talk (from June) on international shipping. He spoke of his time on cargo ships, then went on to talk about nuclear-powered merchant ships (only four ever built), cruise ships, semi-submersibles, oil rigs, handling cargo ships in rough weather, supply ships, container vessels, LNG terminals and carriers, pictures of cargo ship disasters, and specialty carriers.

Adjournment at 12:00. Next meeting October 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.