

**PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
February 15th, 2012**

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 AM, with President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Following welcome and O Canada, Clarence Blois led a sing-along.

Minutes of December 14th, 2011: Membership report should have indicated 80 paid members, not 120. Minutes as amended were approved on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by Ralph Miller.

Member News: Today is George McCaughey's 55th anniversary; he thought he might take advantage of a post-Valentine sale on roses.... Dr. Glen Macdonald will be turning 90 on February 26th, with an open house at Riverside on the 25th.

Member Profile was given by Gordon Graham. He was born in Toronto in 1930 but moved to Scotland at age 18 months. He was a marine engineer and worked for Gulf Oil, as a superintendent with Kent Lines, and a Coast Guard inspector for 19 years.

Phone Committee: Gordon Graham needs four to six people to call 23 members who don't have e-mail or don't want e-mail notifications.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 18 for chicken pot pie lunch.

Phoghorn came out earlier this month.

New Business:

- Dave Fraser announced that there will be a second Atlantic Regional meeting in May, with a focus on sharing ideas, allowing visitors between Clubs, etc.
- Clarence Blois noted there is no Rotary banner (our sponsor club) in the room; he has one he can donate.

President's Comments:

- The web site needs pictures.
- The Club Historian position should be revived for our 20th anniversary in September 2012. It was suggested our Archives might be stored at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Committee chairs need backups for when they are away; it was suggested each Chair approach someone.
- Should we bring in political background speakers? Member consensus was no except maybe city reps, or maybe yes if equal time is given to all parties.

60/40 Draw: Speaker Bobby Hayes drew Lou Duffley who won \$69 and donated it to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Bobby Hayes of the Joshua Group. Don Shaw introduced him. He spoke of the work of himself and about 30 volunteers with kids who “never asked to be born into poverty”. He told dramatic stories both sad and funny. Part of the program is to send kids to summer camps at Circle Square Ranch, a safety net. The Group is seeking (and close to finding?) a safe haven in the city where skills and work ethics can be taught. A “Love Grows” campaign is seeking \$400,000 to be able to set up a dining hall to provide meals seven days a week, plus activities. For further information, see the web site www.joshuagroup.ca Mr. Hayes was thanked by Tor Bordevik.

Adjournment at noon until March 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor.