

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
March 21st, 2012

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club in near summer weather, with President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 35 members in attendance. Following greeting and O Canada, Clarence Blois led the troops in Irish songs.

Minutes of the February 15th meeting: Moved by Robert Taylor and seconded by Ralph Wood that these be approved as circulated in the Phoghorn; motion carried.

(**Note:** a member (not one of Irish descent) suggested privately that they be read, noting that gives opportunity for feeble attempts at injecting humour).

Guest: Don Shaw introduced Lloyd Buckley.

New Member: Stewart Hansen (introduced in January) will be joining the Club.

Member Profile: In place thereof, Tor sang, to the tune of “O Tannenbaum”, a Norwegian song titled “Oh Lutefisk”, about a Norwegian dish laced with lye, supplied by the enemies of the Vikings in the 8th century.

Finances: Don Mitchener noted we have about \$1100 in the bank, and projects a final balance of about \$500.

Club Trip: Don Mitchener obtained consensus to do the Huntsman Marine trip separate from the May meeting but on a Wednesday. Wives may join the trip.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 13 for corn beef and cabbage.

Phoghorn: Ralph told some jokes, not all of which were greeted with gales of laughter.

President’s Comments: Apparently none were worth recording, as I left a blank beside that title!

Speakers: Don Shaw reported that Jim Quinn, head of the SJ Port Authority, will speak in April. For May, Steve Carson was suggested. Also a speaker from UNBSJ was suggested.

60/40 Draw: The guest speaker, Ellen Tucker, drew John McMillan’s name; he donated his \$77 to the Boys and Girls Club – as a new member on probation, he would hardly have dared to do otherwise!

Guest Speaker: Don Shaw introduced Ellen Tucker, President of the Association of Canadian Travel Agencies and Head of Freedom Tours. She noted that river cruises are becoming very popular. She announced that Terry Finnegan is joining Freedom to enhance its coach tour side. They have no agents on commission, no preference to “preferred” suppliers, and no charge for booking airline tickets to go with a cruise. She showed some slides of her recent tour to Peru. She entertained questions re various places and re insurance, etc. Tor thanked the speaker.

Adjournment moved by Robert Taylor at 11:40.