

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
January 16th, 2013

The monthly meeting was held at 10 AM at the Boys and Girls Club, with Acting President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Following the usual welcome and “O Canada”, Gordon Moulard led the sing-along, on a Scottish theme due to Rabbie Burns Day coming up next weekend.

Minutes of December 19th were summarized by Robert Taylor, who moved acceptance and Ralph Wood seconded; motion carried.

Guests: Dr. Bill Covert was introduced by Jim Shillington; he paid and was pinned. Harold Steffler, recently moved from BC to Chateau Champlain, was introduced by Gerry Burke; Harold becomes our oldest member at age 97! Daryl Shonaman (sp?) was introduced by John McMillan.

New Members: John Doyle was pinned. Name tags were given to him and Gerry Burke.

Member News: Roger Aske was reported to have had a stroke. Glen d’Arcy has been in hospital but is recovering.

Finances: Don Mitchener circulated a report showing revenues of \$2439.70, expenses of \$1264.49, and bank balance of \$1175.21.

Membership: So far, 70 members have paid \$30 each for this year.

House: Clive Douthwright booked 15 for shepherd’s pie lunch.

Phoghorn, aka Ralph Wood’s Storytime....

President’s Comments: Tor reiterated the need for a President and for someone to look after Sick and Visiting, a function that Rev. Lloyd Lake used to do. He noted there was an Executive meeting last week at which was expressed the need for new members, especially younger ones, and also we need to publicize ourselves, maybe by pointing out our link to Rotary and the Boys and Girls Club – Dave Fraser volunteered to draft a write-up. The consensus of the executive re trips is to try a spring one, perhaps to the new Cruise Terminal.

60/40 Draw: Our guest speaker drew the name of Harold Steffler, who donated \$76 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Brenda McCullum, PR and Program Development Officer for Fundy Region Solid Waste, was introduced by Don Shaw. She noted that recycling (2100 tonnes in 2012) and composting (8500 tonnes per year) have diverted an enormous amount from the Crane Mountain Landfill, delaying its projected filled date from 2025 to 2046. Among the many questions and answers was the possibility of a Club tour. Brenda was thanked by Tor.

Adjournment was moved at 12:00. Next meeting February 20th.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Taylor, Secretary.