

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

The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 AM, with President Ralph Wood chairing and about 45 members in attendance. Following O Canada, Gordon Mouland led a singalong, and announced he'd chosen 27 songs for the rest of the year. Ralph announced that Gordon will be House Manager as well as Choirmaster.

Minutes of September 18th were summarized by Secretary Robert Taylor, who moved their acceptance and Gordon Graham seconded.

Guests: Jim Shillington introduced Manir Rahne, a recent immigrant from Aleppo, Syria. Frank Ervin introduced Roly McIntyre. Ed O'Keefe introduced Gordon Dempsey, Past President of Rothesay Kings Rotary and past Rotary Governor, who not only paid and was pinned but also brought two guests of his own: Peter Milberry and Kendall Higgins.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that 39 members have paid so far, and our bank plus cash balance is \$1303.76. He announced that St. Mary's Band will join other bands at a bands evening at KVHS later in October.

Program: Jim Shillington reported that today's guest speaker will be Dr. Ken Oberson, Forensic Pathologist. In November the speaker will be Jim Quinn, Port Manager. In December the SJ String Quartet will entertain, and others may be added, and Christmas lunch will follow at a cost of \$10.

Phoghorn: Ralph reported that he is seeking a new Editor. He noted that e-mailing and mailing it monthly is our second biggest expense, and it is proposed to have it available on the website and printed copies available at meetings.

President's Report: Ralph reported that he spoke to the Ladies' Club yesterday, encouraging them to ask their husbands to join the Men's Club. The Ladies' Club currently has 250 members and a waiting list (due to hall capacity at St. Joachim's Church). They have active program and hospitality committees.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe circulated a copy of the current list for editing; it will be available at the November meeting. He noted that dues are payable each September.

House: Gordon booked 25 for soup and sandwich lunch.

Atlantic Regional Meeting: Ralph reported that he, Ed, Dave Fraser and Robert attended the 3rd annual meeting on October 8th in Moncton. The Clubs gave reports from which he picked up some ideas. Review of the national Constitution and By-Laws has occurred and will be done at the local level also. A Regional Rendezvous is proposed for next year, perhaps to be hosted by the new Annapolis Valley Club. A Probus Month is

proposed, during which Club events can be publicized in the media. Johnson Insurance (not Probus's carrier) has proposed reduced travel insurance for members. Some Clubs replace member profiles / bio's with interviews or with "moment in time" stories.

Website: Ralph reported he plans to meet with Robert Lockhart. Members feel there is little need for password protection of the members' list on the site.

PA System: Ralph reported that the Boys and Girls Club plans to upgrade it as part of their renovations.

Jokes?? Yes, Ralph did tell one before coffee.

60/40 Draw: Guest speaker Dr. Ken Oberson drew the name of Brian Mitchell, who won \$107 which he promptly handed over to the Boys and Girls Club.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.