

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING
May 21st, 2014

The monthly meeting was held as usual at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am, with Past President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 20 members in attendance. President Ralph Wood is on holiday in the UK. Following welcome and O Canada, Gordon Mouland led the usual slightly off-key sing-along.

Minutes of April 16th were highlighted, and accepted on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by George McCaughey. Their enhancement in the Phoghorn was duly noted.

Guest: Jim Shillington introduced Hugh Munro.

Member News: Bill Bartlett is back in hospital and in frail condition. Bill Nase is in St. Joseph's Hospital. Ray Allan now has a pacemaker. Clive Douthwright is starting chemotherapy. John Cook had a mild stroke. Robert Taylor reported that Jean is recovering at home.

Finances: Don Mitchener filed a report showing a balance of \$870. He anticipates a surplus of about \$150 for the season.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe noted that three recent application forms are missing. Forms should go to the Secretary, then the Treasurer and the membership chair.

Phoghorn: The majority of those present did not receive theirs this month. None is scheduled for June due to Ralph being away.

Club Status: Dave Fraser spoke, characterizing us as "drifting". He stressed the need for members to step up into Executive positions. He proposed a committee of three, which he is willing to chair, to explore the future of the Club. We need to adjust to the outlook of the younger generation who are, after all, the Club's future. Feedback from members present:

- Can we continue to attract top quality speakers with a small turnout?
- Is small turnout due to not receiving the Phoghorn?
- We should advertise in the media, but also be more proactive.
- The phone committee should remind members of meetings.
- We may need a group who will facilitate carpooling to meetings.
- We should return to mailing the Phoghorn to those without e-mail.
- Are we, as busy retirees, making Probus a priority?

Motions:

- By Ralph Murray and Ed O'Keefe: to mail a notice of the June meeting and speaker to all members; motion defeated.

- By Robert Taylor and Willard Buckley to do the same for September; motion carried. Robert will ask Ralph Wood to draft a letter to go out in August.

For the June meeting, each member is asked to contact a week ahead, one name above theirs and one below in the membership list. Willard and Tor will head up the e-mailing.

House Committee: Gordon Mouland booked 13 for chicken pot pie.

60 / 40 Draw: The guest speakers drew Tor's name; he won \$71.

Guest Speakers: Jim Shillington introduced Shilo Bouchard, President and CEO, and Dale Knox, Chair of Capital Campaign, of YMCA of Greater Saint John. During the slide presentation, Shilo showed what the "Y" does today for the community, supporting 3604 individuals and families. She then presented the "Vision for Tomorrow", "A Place for the Community to Come Together", and a 3-D trip through the plans of the anchor facility on Churchill Blvd. Dale walked us through the Capital Campaign -- \$22 million, with an endowment to follow. The facility will have up to 210 employees. Ground has been broken, the hole for the swimming pool being dug.

Past President Tor thanked the speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55. Next meeting scheduled for June 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor and Willard Buckley.