

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
January 18th, 2017

The fifth regular meeting of our 2016-2017 season was held Wednesday, January 18th, at the Boys and Girls Club. President Robert Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., with some 21 members attending. After the welcoming and “O Canada”, Gordon Mouland again led the members in our sing-a-long. Minutes of the December 14th, 2016 was read by Secretary Willard Buckley, seconded by Past President Ralph Wood, and passed. In business arising from the Minutes, President Robert mentioned Andrew McPherson declined membership; the motion to have our Annual Meeting changed from September to May requires a formal motion, after advice to the members, to be voted on at the regular February meeting. Tom Craig introduced prospective member Ron Pearce. Treasurer Don Mitchener reported we had a bank balance of \$1,953.15, with about \$435.00 revenue over expenses, with another 3 members paying their dues. He announced he would be retiring from the position of Treasurer, although willing to continuing the bookkeeping. After a call for a new Treasurer, Ed O'Keefe offered and was accepted. Vice President John Doyle reminded us that Don Mitchener, on Financial Planning, would be our February speaker, and Terry Melon the March speaker. In the President's report, President Robert reported a request for funds from the Arthritis Society, denied as we are not a fund raising or a service club; PROBUS CANADA is launching a 3 year Marketing Campaign, as growth has fallen off, looking for growth of 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 %.

The Allegedly Fabulous Funnies portion was ably filled by President Robert and Past President Ralph Wood. After coffee and conversation, the draw of \$62,00 (with \$20.00 withheld in the event of possible meal shortfall costs) was won by 2nd Vice President Fenton Keirstead. Vice President John Doyle introduced our speaker Colleen Mitchell, Atlantic Centre for Energy, who spoke in the Trans Canada Pipeline, Energy East, green house gas emissions carbon tax pricing, among many energy topics. An active question and answer period followed, going over the usual time by several minutes. John Doyle thanked Ms Mitchell for her presentation. Although 14 members had indicated they would be staying for optional lunch, only about 11 actually stayed for meatballs, rice and vegetables.

Respectfully submitted
Willard Buckley
Secretary