

PROBUS Club of Saint John  
Monthly Meeting  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The ninth regular meeting of our 2016-2017 season was held Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Boys and Girls Club. President Robert Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with some 19 members attending. After the singing of "O Canada", the sing-along was held without a leader. In Member News, George McCaghey, John Cook and Fred Shillington were mentioned. The Minutes of our April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were read by Secretary Willard Buckley, seconded by Ed O'Keefe, and approved. David Flewelling showed two proposed version of mugs for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the members for their choice. The mugs with larger horizontal printing were approved.

Annual Meeting

The President's Annual Report was read by Robert Taylor. A Copy is to be sent to the members.

The Treasurer's Annual Report was presented by Treasurer Don Mitchener, showing Receipts of \$1,223.56, Expenses of \$1,108.56, for a surplus of \$115.00, and closing cash of \$1,633.15. Motion to accept was seconded by Ron Pearce, and approved.

The Nominations for 2017-2018 were presented by Past President Ralph Wood: President – Ed O'Keefe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Doyle. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Fenton Keirstead, Treasurer – Don Mitchener. Secretary – Willard Buckley, Past President – Robert Taylor. After the required 3 requests for further nominations, on motion by Peter Jolly, seconded by Glen Macdonald, the slate was approved unanimously. Past President Robert presented Ed O'Keefe with the President's Pin.

President Ed thanked Robert for his two years as President, spoke briefly about membership, asking the Executive to meet shortly to discuss Club Development.

The Allegedly Fabulous Funnies portion was filled by Ralph Wood, Peter Jolly, and Carl Tomkins.

President Ed presented Amy Shanks, Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club with a cheque for \$500.00. For the monthly draw, Amy drew the winning ticket of Ralph Wood, who graciously donated the proceeds of \$50.00, (\$70.00 less \$20.00 withheld) to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker David Goss, who has spent the last 40 years doing Walks & Talks around Saint John, spoke about the early history and folklore of Saint John, mentioning Benedict Arnold in particular.

President Ed asked for permission from Mr. Goss to use excerpts from his newest book “Saint John Snippets, Day by Day Facts” at our meetings, to which Mr. Goss agreed.

After his talk, about 10 stayed for optional lunch of shepherd's pie.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley  
Secretary