

PROBUS Club of Saint John
Monthly Meeting
May 18th, 2016

The ninth regular meeting of our 2015-2016 season was held at The Boys and Girls Club, starting at 10:00 a.m., May 18, 2016. Past President Ralph Wood opened the meeting with about 18 members in attendance. Gordon Moulard led us in the singing of “O Canada”, followed by a Sing Song. He then treated us with impromptu solo renditions of “Squid Jiggin' Ground”, and “Rant and Roar”, for which he was loudly applauded. Wylie McKinley was reported to be in Parkland, Millidegville. Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed, passed by Fenton Keirstead, seconded by Peter Jolly. Reporting of behalf of the Treasurer, unavailable due to prior commitment, P.P. Ralph reported an excess of Revenues over Expenses for our 2015-2016 year of \$210.37, for a closing balance of \$1,518.15. Past President Ralph presented Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club Amy Shanks a cheque for \$500.00. A letter from The Learning Exchange concerning our caterers “Stone Soup” was read by P.P. Ralph. The letter advises us that the cost of meals is to be raised to \$8.00 per person, and requests prior notice of 48 hours as to numbers. They expect to be paid for that number regardless of how many come, and price adjusted for a larger group. This change would be implemented September, 2016. After much discussion, Peter Jolly recommended we advise The Learning Exchange that 15 minimum would attend monthly, at \$8.00 per, with the PROBUS Club underwriting any shortages, Fenton Keirstead seconded. Passed, 13 for, 3 against, with the understanding this to be brought to the attention of the Executive at their next meeting. Mirth from the floor was provided by Ralph Wood, and Carl Tompkins. The monthly draw was won by Dr. Glen Macdonald, with the \$67.00 generously donated to the Boys and Girls Club. Members were advised that any updates, i.e. E-mail addresses, were to be forwarded to Secretary Willard. The members were reminded that the June meeting was cancelled. The “Phoghorn” would be published as usual before the September meeting.

Past President Ralph introduced our guest Speaker, Harold Wright, and his fellow colleague, Gretchen Kelbaugh. Ms Kelbaugh presented a 10 minute animated video of her version of early Canada. Harold Wright spoke on the arrival and landing of the American Loyalists, deconstructing what many of us thought had really happened. He also spoke on the history and future of Partridge Island. After many questions, P.P. Ralph thanked both for their

interesting presentations. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Along with Harold Wright, 6 members stayed for mac and cheese, with Caesar's salad.

Respectfully submitted – Willard Buckley, Secretary