

Monthly Probus Meeting April 17, 2019 as held at the Saint John Boys and Girls club.

Ed O'Keefe in the Chair.

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am. First item was the singing of O'Canada followed by sing-a-long led by Gordon Mouland and Ed O'Keefe. We also sang Happy Birthday to Gordon Mouland, 96 and David Flewelling 79 years old. Memoriams for departed members, none noted.

President's Report:

President Ed thanked all who have contributed to the success of the Club including *Robert Taylor, Don LeBlanc, Fenton Keirstead, Chip Lawton, Tom Craig, Murray Driscoll, Gordon Mouland, John Doyle, Dale Stevens, David Flewelling, Ron Pearce and Robert Lockhart.*

Ed also noted there will be an Executive Meeting April 25, 2019 at *Brenans, Pettingill Road.*

Treasurer's Report:

Robert Taylor reported that the Club has between \$1,600.00 and \$1,700.00 in the bank. Discussion was held later in the meeting when President Ed made a motion to increase our donation of \$500.00 to The Boys and Girls Club by \$100.00 to \$600.00 for the year. After some discussion it was decided that the *Executive Committee* should make a decision as to the amount to be donated at their meeting. It was moved by *Tom Craig* and seconded by *Brian Mitchell* that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Minutes from the previous meeting in March/2019

It was moved by *George McCaughey* and seconded by *David Flewelling* that the minutes of the March 20/19 meeting be accepted as presented in the *Phoghorn Newsletter.*

History of Saint John:

Bill Covert read from *David Goss' Snippets* about several events from the past which occurred on or about April 17. April 17, 1851 *The Marco Polo* was launched in Saint John. In 1945 *Walter Golding* died. He was responsible for having the *Imperial Theatre* built.

Lunch Count:

Twenty-two planned to stay for lunch.

Guests:

John Doyle introduced *Peter Morris.* No new members were inducted.

Pin Presentation:

President Ed presented a 20 Year Pin to *Bill Hunter.* Bill found a copy of a Probus Newsletter from 1999 at which he was accepted to membership to the Club along with *Tom Jarrett, Don Breen and Doug Shaw.*

Fabulous Funnies:

Allegedly funny stories were told by *Ralph Murray, Mike England, Carl Tompkins and Greg Sinclair.*

Don LeBlanc announced that a project to assemble a *History of The Boys and Girls Club* has been started by *Lloyd Lake.* Volunteers are needed. *Don and Keith Dow* are working to prepare the History Book.

50/50 Draw: This month's draw was won by *Bill Hunter.*

Our Guest Speaker *Bill McMackin* completed the draw. The pot was \$119, one-half of which will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club. The winner was *Bill Hunter.*

Coffee Break and conversation.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

John Doyle introduced *Bill McMackin,* Chairman of the new Field House in East Saint John. This was a very interesting presentation. Planning began almost 10 years ago. Funding has been shared by the Government of Canada, Province of New Brunswick, City of Saint John, private fundraising, and a large donation from the Saint John Exhibition Association. The building will be fully managed by the YMCA. Memberships will include use of the Field House as well as use of the

YMCA facilities. Substantial financial benefits are expected in the region and future bookings of national and local events are ongoing. Bill was thanked for the presentation and was given a Probus Mug by Wes Cosman.

The meeting was adjourned and the optional buffet lunch of *Caesar Salad and Shepherd's Pie* was served.