

**PROBUS CLUB of SAINT JOHN
MONTHLY MEETING – DECEMBER 2019**

Call to order 10:09 December 11, 2019

Welcome – President **Don LeBlanc** chaired the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

Gordon Moulard led the singing of O Canada and two Christmas Carols.

Memoriams for departed members – None noted.

Minutes of last meeting – A motion was made by John Doyle and seconded by Gordon Dempsey to accept the minutes as published in the Phoghorn which was emailed to members. No business arising.

Treasurer's Report – **Robert Taylor** did not present a formal report currently. Robert indicated that the Club has approximately \$1,700.00 in the Bank.

Don LeBlanc requested approval for the payment of expenses incurred for himself and **Bill Covert** for their trip to the Regional Meeting in Halifax last Fall. The expenses are approximately \$90.00 for gas and \$100.00 for registration. **Tom Craig** indicated that a written report of the expenses should be presented to the Treasurer for payment. A motion by **Robert Taylor** and seconded by **Mack Pike** was passed to pay their expenses with the understanding that a written request will be presented later

Guests – **John Crilley** was introduced by **John Doyle** as a new member.

Robert Taylor introduced **Neville Russell**, a retired Neurosurgeon who moved here from Newfoundland.

It was indicated that **Blake Brodersen** would attend as a guest at our January meeting.

Long Service Pins – were awarded to members as follows:

Ralph Murray – 25 years
Torburn Bordevik – 20 years
Carl Tompkins - 20 years
Gordon Dempsey – 10 years
David Flewelling – 5 years
Fenton Keirstead – 5 years

Ed O'Keefe did not attend and will receive the Past President's pin at the next meeting.

Lunch Count – 30 indicated they would stay for the turkey lunch.

Upcoming programs – **John Doyle** has **Lisa Golden**, SER Initiative for January and **Kelly Evans**, Saint John Community Foundation for February, **Jim Wilson**, Birdman for March and **Victoria Clarke**, Discover Saint John in April.

President's Report – **Don LeBlanc** indicated a new Canada Flag and flag staff were obtained by **John Doyle**. Thank you John for that.

Our **PROBUS** flag will be flown outside **The Boys and Girls Club**. **John Doyle** will contact City Hall to get permission to fly our flag at **City Hall during PROBUS Week in March**.

Gordon Dempsey suggested we have a field trip to the new **Irving Field House at Exhibition Park**. It was decided we will discuss time at our January meeting.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – **Ralph Wood** and **Carl Tompkins** contributed.

Snippets – **Bill Covert** read from **David Goss'** book that KC. Irving had died December 13, 1992 and that December 10, 1995 the former Saint John General Hospital was imploded.

Break for coffee and conversation.

Club Ticket Draw – **Fenton Keirstead** was the winner of \$122.00.

Introduction of guests – Carl Tompkins introduced **The Saint John String Quartet** composed of **David and Sonja Adams, Danielle Sametz** and **Christopher Buckley**. We were entertained for a half hour with Christmas music. The quartet was thanked by **Don Mitchener** and each person in the Quartet was presented with a PROBUS mug.

A \$400.00 honorarium was presented to **Amy Shanks** of **The Boys and Girls Club**. Amy spoke briefly about their events at this time of year and thanked PROBUS for the donation.

The meeting was adjourned for the Christmas lunch with 35 members and guests.

Chip Lawton
Recording Secretary