

Regular Probus Meeting February 20, 2019
Vice President Don LeBlanc in the chair.

Meeting was called to order by chairman at 10:06.

Gordon Moulard led, and Murray Driscoll accompanied singing of O Canada and sing-along of three songs.

Chairman Don asked if there were any health issues or deaths of members. Brian Mitchell mentioned Bob James is in Ridgewood Care Facility and doing much better.

Minutes: Chairman Don reported minutes for the January meeting were published in the PHOGHORN. It was moved by Ralph Wood and seconded by Fenton Kierstead to accept the minutes as published. No questions, motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding our status as an organization. It was stated we do not donate money to The Boys and Girls Club. We pay monthly rent which is voluntary. If we decide to change the amount of rent, this would be decided at our Annual Meeting in May.

President's Report:

Don LeBlanc acting Chairman reported that President Ed O'Keefe is expected to return at our March meeting after being away the last two months with his move to Sussex.

Don is giving a presentation at the Public Library Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 2:30 pm on the life of **Benedict Arnold**.

Peter Jolly announced a presentation by a representative of the **Gregg Center** to take place at **HMCS Brunswick** Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 12:30 pm. The topic is the **21st Battalion from the First World War**.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, **Robert Taylor** reported that he had been on a vacation cruise and did not spend any of the club's money. He estimates we have between \$1800 and \$1900 in the bank.

New Members: **John Andrews** was introduced by **Dale Stevens and Sadaqat Lohdi by Don LeBlanc**. They were presented with their binders, certificates, name tags (Don is looking for Sid's tag) and their Probus Lapel Pins.

Historic Moment: **Bill Covert** read several stories from "**Snippets**" by **David Goss**. One interesting story was about 18-year-old **Patrick Bergan** who was hanged, it was thought, for stealing a loaf of bread. In fact, the crime was entering a place of business and robbing the till of one quarter of a dollar. **Judge Ward Chipman** presided and the hanging was carried out by another man guilty of theft.

Lunch: Seventeen planned to stay for the optional lunch of roast beef, potatoes, vegetables and brownies.

Upcoming Programs: Future guests include for **March, Speaker, Mary McDevitt** and entertainers, **Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters** with **Irish** music. For the month of **April, Bill MacMackin** to speak about the new Field House and May will **be Karen Hughes** regarding The **Stonehammer Geo Park**.

Funnies: **Carl Tompkins** told a number of groaners followed by a break for coffee. 50-50 draw pot was \$105 won by **Bill Covert**. \$52.50 will be donated to **The Boys & Girls Club**.

Willard Buckley introduced **John Debby** from **Good Life Fitness**, Quispamsis speaking on the benefits of keeping active and fit especially as we age. **John** left information about Good Life programs and opportunity to enter for a chance to win a free one month try out.

Brent Harris from **The Saint John Tool Library** talked about finding a need for tools for those wanting to complete renovations to their properties. Tools are available from the library at 160 Union Street for an annual fee of approximately \$100.00. Space is also available at the library for those who would like to complete projects and don't have the space to do so. An additional fee would be charged to use their space.

Probus mugs were given to the presenters by **Bill Covert and Don LeBlanc**.

Photos were taken by **Gordon Dempsey?**

We adjourned for the optional lunch of Roast Beef.