

November 20, 2019

Call to Order – 10:08 am

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

**Gordon Mouland** led the singing of **O Canada** and three songs.

Memoriam – **Willard Buckley** reported that **Fenton Keirstead** had a fall and hopes to be back for our December meeting.

**Minutes of last meeting** – It was moved by **George McCaughey** and seconded by **David Flewelling**, to accept the minutes as presented in **The Phoghorn Newsletter**, which was emailed to the membership.

**Business arising** – President Don talked about the “**Moosehead**” tour last Wednesday. Thirteen attended and found it informative. **Howard Pearn** mentioned his son, **David** is brew master at the small batch operation and that over the weekend they were awarded first and third place in an Atlantic Provinces Competition. Well done.

**Presidents Don** mentioned that the club needs two volunteers to step up as **Vice President**. If Don were miss a meeting, we will need someone to chair the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report** – **Robert Taylor** reported that after today’s meeting we have 42 members and \$2,300.00 in our bank account. Last year we had 50 members. **Tom Craig** indicated that three to four people had emailed him that they have been unable to get to meetings but will attend in the future.

**Mark Fisher** was inducted as a new member and presented with his club binder and pin by **President Don**. **Mark** gave us a brief history of his employment history, mainly in municipal management. He and his wife moved back to Saint John from Ontario four years ago.

It was mentioned that **Blake Broderon** is thinking of coming to our next meeting as a guest.

**Snippets by David Goss** – **Bill Covert** read that in 1851 **The Marco Polo** was launched from Saint John and was to become the fastest sailing ship in the world.

*In 1937 **The Saint John Newspaper** reported that since the capitol of New Brunswick as in **Fredericton** the statue of **Samuel de Champlain** was to be moved to Fredericton on the **Riverboat SS Majestic**. Although the article indicated the storey was an **April Fools** joke, many people went to the wharf to see for themselves.*

**Lunch Count** – Eighteen indicated they would stay for lunch of Shepherd’s Pie.

**Upcoming programs** – John Doyle reported:

**December** – The **Saint John String Quartet**, in addition to Kristi **LeBlanc** from **The Boys and Girls Club** will give a presentation.

**January** – **Lisa Golden** from SER Initiative.

February --

**March – Jim Wilson “The Bird Man”** with an interesting presentation.

**April – Victoria Clarke** from Discover Saint John regarding tourism developments

**President’s Report – Don LeBlanc** reported he recently attended a Ladies Probus meeting and did a presentation on **Benedict Arnold**. Don said they have a very active group with 85 attending out of a membership of 140. We should promote our club and try to increase the membership,

The **Boys and Girls Club** has given us permission to fly our **PROBUS flag** from the flagpole.

**John Doyle** reported he has been trying to contact our **MP Wayne Long** to get a new flag. We will need a new flag stand.

**Howard Pearn** had worked from the Customs Building and thinks there are several unused Canada Flags in storage in the Customs Building. **Sheldon Palmer** indicated he had a flag we could use. **John Doyle** is to follow up.

It as noted that our *December meeting will be on the second Wednesday, December 11.*

**Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – Don LeBlanc** and **Mike England** contributed.

A motion by **Don LeBlanc** to pay \$400.00 to the **Boys and Girls Club** as an honorarium was seconded by **Willard Buckley** and passed by the membership.

**Club ticket draw – David Jory** won the draw of \$111.00.

**Special guest speaker Jim Quinn, CEO of the Port of Saint John** was introduced by **Peter Jolly**. Jim’s presentation was informative and interesting. A \$205 Million Dollar improvement program is underway. Much of the work is not visible to the public. The Port should be able to handle the largest container ships in the world when completed around 2022.

Jim was thanked by **John Doyle** for the presentation and was given a **PROBUS** mug. Jim stayed a few minutes to answer extra questions.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Chip Lawson.

Recording Secretary