

Call to order 10:00 am September 18, 2019

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

O Canada and sing-a-long were lead by Gord Mouland.

Memoriams – It was noted that Bob James died this summer. Don LeBlanc attended a Celebration of Life for Bob Capson which was held at Lily Lake. It is also noted that Bill Bambury is in the hospital.

Minutes of last meeting – a motion to accept the minutes as published in The Phoghorn e-mail was made by George McCaughey and seconded by Gordon Dempsey.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Taylor is away. Don LeBlanc suggested we wait for his return to receive the Treasurer's Report at our next meeting in October.

Membership – Guests – Dale Stevens introduced John Watson. John had retired from The Irving Oil Refinery and is a member of The Shriners. Gordon Dempsey introduced Allan Donaldson who was a Judge in British Columbia. Allan is a golfer, likes cars and has a Jaguar XKE.

Snippets by David Goss – Bill Covert read several passages from David's book – September 18, 1904 visitors came to Saint John to visit Reversing Falls, Seaside Park, Martello Tower, The Cathedral and Trinity Church. September 21, 1983 Calp's Department Store celebrated their 50th Anniversary. They employed over 100 people. Ten years later the store closed for good March 1993. Don LeBlanc spoke about Loyalist House where he and Chip Lawton volunteer as guides along with several others. Additional volunteers are needed especially during multiple cruise ship days.

Lunch Count – Twenty people indicated they would stay for the lunch of Lasagna and Caesar Salad.

Upcoming Programs – John Doyle has arranged Jay McLean for October, Jim Quinn, Port of Saint Jon for November and the String Quartet for December. John brought up the possibility of a tour of Moosehead Brewery. This appears to be a popular idea. Twenty-five indicated they would attend. A fee of \$15.00 per person is applicable. We could possibly go November 6 or 13. Tom Craig made a motion, seconded by Ron Lister that members pay their own way which was passed. It was felt that the tour should not conflict with our regular meeting dates. John is to firm up the details.

President's Report – Don LeBlanc thanked Ed O'Keefe who served as President along with the Committee and Directors. A plaque will be presented to Ed, he plans to attend our October meeting.

It was noted that Wes Cosman, a long time UCT Member received an international award as Volunteer of The Year.

New Business – The Probus Annual Conference is in Halifax October 6 and 7, 2019. Don LeBlanc plans to attend and welcomes any others who wish to go.

Don spoke briefly about the by-laws. We will vote at the October Meeting whether to accept the by-laws or not.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – Don LeBlanc and George McCaughey had groaners.

Club ticket draw – Larry Krogswell was the winner and received \$62.50.

A short break was taken for coffee and conversation.

Chip Lawton introduced Derrick Stanford, the CEO of the Saint John Airport.

The Airport is a non-profit organization with a 14 member Board of Directors. The airport received its first Government assistance this year to help with modernizing the runways, which are the most modern in Canada for an airport of its size.

The airport has 17 flights per day. Sixty-five per cent of the business is business travelers. The Airport has two main runways, 5000 feet and 7200 feet. New LED lighting will improve service and allow handling during some adverse conditions.

All parking areas as well as the lounge areas have been renovated.

The Airport has WiFi and a number of private commercial hangers. Thirteen jets are housed at The Airport. The Airport will develop a Commercial Park in the future. The Airport has an APP where you can check on flights and arrange to have a taxi.

Derrick was thanked by John Johnson and presented with a Probus Mug.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.