

PROBUS Club of Saint John

April 25, 2022

Call to Order - 10:04 – **Don LeBlanc**, President, opened the meeting with the singing of **O Canada**. Twenty-seven members were in attendance.

Member Updates: It was reported that **David Flewelling** was not well; **Peter Jolly** was doing well in Chateau Champlain and that **Frank Setchell** was resigning from the Group due to health issues. The President acknowledged that **Jim Shillington** was in attendance following an extended absence.

Minutes of last meeting - The March minutes were included in the Phoghorn which was emailed to members. On the motion by **Gordon Dempsey** and seconded by **Robert Taylor**, a motion to accept the minutes as was passed.

Business arising – Nothing presented.

Treasurer Report - **Robert Taylor** indicated that there was approximately \$720 on hand He indicated that a more detailed report would be forthcoming in May.

Snippets – **Don LeBlanc** indicated that historically, Gilbert Studholme, was the Garrison Commander and builder of the original Fort Howe structure and there was a Monument on site acknowledging this achievement. Don also indicated that there was a long-standing rumor that there was treasure buried on the Fort Howe site or alternatively at the site of the Studholme's home in Apohaqui where he had lived.

Bev Harrison indicated that April 21, 2022 was Queen Elizabeth's 96 Birthday and that her 70 years on the Throne makes her the 5th longest serving Monarch and she was the most recognized person on Earth!

Carl Tompkins and **Paul Meier** presented entertaining jokes.

Tom Craig presented the Nominating Committee's Report as to the slate of the new Executive: Don Mitchener, President, Don LeBlanc, Past President, Frank McCarey, 1st Vice-President, Paul Meier, 2nd Vice-President, Ed Creaser, Treasurer, Carl White, Secretary, Chip Lawton, backup Secretary. He also advised that there were a number of Members who had put their names forth to pursue other various volunteer activities.

Presidents Report: **Don LeBlanc** advised the Members that the Committee formed to pursue the 30th Anniversary Events had met and at this time they were pursuing options of sites to host the Dinner in September. John Doyle offered some suggested sites, such as Riverside, the Marin and Lily's and was going to pursue further information It was indicated that there was an intent to invite the Charter member to the Anniversary Dinner.

Don indicated that the Memorial Cup event was seeking volunteers and if anyone was interested to contact him.

Upcoming Programs: John Doyle advised that the upcoming speaker for May was to be Emily Murphy from Rockwood Park and for June it was to be representatives of the PALS Program – Debbie Fisher and Susan Tipper. He also advised that the planned trip to St. Andrews was postponed from May to possibly June 8, 2022 and would be a tour of the Huntsman Marina and following the tour the attending Members would have lunch at a local Restaurant, to be determined.

Break for Coffee

Club Draw – Peter Morris was the winner of \$80.00

Presentation – The guest Speaker for the day was **Dr. Sarah Gander, Pediatrician**, who is the former Clinical and Academic Head of Pediatrics in Saint John. Along with other members of the Department she co-founded the New Brunswick Social Pediatrics Research Program in 2017. She advised that the Clinic operates out of a site on Princess Street and that they have created an Outdoor Clinic Space where Program participants may participate in the Program activities. She indicated that Program is very involved with several community organizations that aim to provide better care to families and children living with difficult situations, especially poverty. She spoke about the various Programs offered by the Program and indicated that one of the things they worked at doing was to enable women living in poverty and on income assistance to transition into the work force. She advised that her Program connects with the schools in the area to provide need services to those in need. She advised that her Group would be hosting a Gala Event on November 18 at the Cruise Terminal. She was introduced by **Don Mitchener** and thanked y **Brian Mitchell**.

Minutes Presented by

Carl White, Assistant Recording Secretary