

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN

Monthly Meeting

May 16th, 2018

The last regular meeting of the 2017-18 season for the PROBUS Club of Saint John convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls, with President Ed O'Keefe chairing and about 27 members and guests in attendance.

After the welcome and "O Canada", Gordon Mouland introduced the songs and Murray Driscoll led the singing with double duty also playing the piano. Secretary Willard Buckley asked for approval of the April 18th Minutes, as published in "The Phoghorn", pending any errors or omissions. There being none, Gordon Mouland moved the adoption of the Minutes, seconded by Tom Craig, passed by the membership.

Charter Member Mack Pike introduced his guest David Cassidy, (who was given a Membership form).

Michael England read passages from "Saint John Snippets", by David Goss. About 15 indicated they would be staying for lunch of ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

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President Ed O'Keefe, in the President's Annual Report, noted that the Club had gained 12 new members, with another 7 former members returning. Effort would continue to add further new members. He thanked Dale Stevens for his Membership Development and membership kit; Gordon Mouland for leading us in songs; Murray Driscoll for his piano playing; the Phone Committee, Tom Craig, Don LeBlanc, George McCaughey, and Dale Stevens; John Doyle for obtaining our monthly speakers; Tom Craig for meeting set-up and issuing "The Phoghorn", Don Mitchener as Treasurer; and Robert Lockhart as Web Master.

Past President Robert Taylor presented the Financial Report on behalf of Don Mitchener, who was unable to attend. The Statement showed Receipts of \$2,304.55, Expenses of \$2,706.69, for a

deficiency of \$402.14, and closing cash of \$1,207.01. Ralph Wood seconded the adoption of the Report.

Past President Robert Taylor presented the following slate of officers for 2018-19: himself as Past President and Treasurer; Ed O'Keefe as President; Don LeBlanc as 1st Vice President; Fenton Keirstead as 2nd Vice President. The position of Secretary was not filled. Robert Taylor called three times for further nominations, there being none, he instructed the Secretary to cast one vote in favour of the proposed slate, and done. Appointments for Chairman of the Committees are: Dale Stevens – Membership Development; House Manager, Photographer and Editor of “The Phoghorn” - Tom Craig; Web Master – J.C. Robert Lockhart; 60-40 draw – Ron Pearce; Pins and Name Tags – Chip Lawton and David Flewelling; Music – Murray Driscoll and Gordon Moulard.

President Ed stated that Years of Service Pins would be distributed at our September Meeting, and asked that original PROBUS pins be returned at that time.

In the absence of a regular Secretary, Brian Mitchell volunteered for September, Ralph Wood for October, and Carl Tompkins for November,

Humour was provided in various degrees by Carl Tompkins and Ralph Wood.

For the rest of the calendar year, John Doyle has arranged for Lori Fudge – September; Marc Legere – October; November is open; Saint John String Quartet – December.

The guest speaker drew the winning ticket of David Flewelling, who won \$101.00, which he donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Don LeBlanc introduced Bernard Cormier, who amused and entertained us with his mentalism abilities. Robert Taylor thanked Bernard, and presented him with our Anniversary mug.

President Ed presented Amy Shanks, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, with a cheque for \$500.00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

About 19 stayed for optional lunch.

President Ed thanked the kitchen staff for their services this past year.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley