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Next Meeting - to be held Wednesday, March 18th at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Our speaker will be Mr. Roger Haineault, a tax consultant who will be giving us timely advice on Tax strategies and tips. Don't forget if you haven't paid your dues, please bring along your cheque book or mail the **\$25** in to the treasurer at the address on the masthead.

February Meeting - President Richard opened the meeting at 10 am and after leading the singing of O Canada a sing song was conducted by Clarence Blois, with Don Tompkins on the Piano.

Minutes of the Last meeting - were read by Secretary Robert Taylor and duly approved.

President's Remarks - Richard updated us further on the Constitution and Bylaws, and the proposed amendments. These have now been posted on our website and also attached to this edition of the Phoghorn. It is planned that these will be debated and voted upon at the upcoming meeting.

Richard then pinned two new members Frank Cormier who was introduced by Clarence Blois and Barry Beckett introduced by Neil Mckelvey. After being pinned and relieved of their dues they were presented with a Pamphlet on Probud and a gratis car decal from Gordon Moulard. Welcome to the Club, Gentlemen.

Richard reported on members who were, or had been on the sick list: Frank Ervin, Jack Steeves, Blake Mculough and Glen Darcy's wife. We wish them all a speedy recovery and a return to the fold. We miss you guys. President Richard then announced that Bob Capson had agreed to be nominated as second Vice President This was unanimously approved by the meeting and Gordon, in a fit of excitement and generosity presented him with a car decal. Congratulations Bob, we expect a lot more vice in the club now. Clarence Blois was so excited about this that he bought the last decal in Gordon's supply so we will be free of Gordon Moulard's high pressure sales pitches at least until he has a replenished supply. Future Tours were suggested and Saint John Energy and Key Industries were among places discussed. Watch for news later.

Treasurer 's Report - Don Michner reported that we are well in the black to the tune of \$2534.66

April Meeting - Ralph Murray announced that it was planned to visit the new cruise terminal at the Port of Saint John. Further details will be announced at the March meeting.

House Manager - Gordon Moulard solicited 20 members for lunch of Meatloaf, which by the way was excellent. The ladies in the kitchen really excel themselves on these very reasonably priced lunches.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 for coffee and social time.

After Coffee Carl Tompkins introduced Dr. Robert McKinnon, V.P. UNBSJ, whose first task was to draw the winner of the mythical 60/40 draw won by Gordon Moulard for the umpteenth time. Gordon donated the winnings to the B&G Club. Dr. McKinnon gave us his interesting and varied biography. He then gave us an extensive report on how things are so rapidly progressing at the local campus in many areas and particularly the Medical school which will be allied with Dalhousie.

He outlined how courses were being dovetailed to our Community College. It seems that after last year's controversy, UNBSJ is very much in business and developing rapidly, not just at Tucker park but also in downtown Saint John. An excellent presentation. Informative and enjoyed by all. Dr McKinnon was thanked by Barry Beckett and the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Now for the Alleged Funnies

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really upset. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds. The next morning he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale. *Bob has been missing since Friday.*

One night, a torrential rain soaked Southern Louisiana. The next morning the resulting floodwaters came up about 6 feet into most of the homes. Mrs. Boudreaux was sitting on her roof with her neighbor, Mrs. Thibodeaux waiting for help to come. Mrs. Thibodeaux noticed a baseball cap, floating near the house then she saw it float far out into the front yard then float back to the house. It kept floating away from the house then back towards the house. Her curiosity got the best of her so she asked Mrs. Boudreaux "Do you see dat dere baseball cap a floatin' away from the house, den back again?" Mrs. Boudreaux said, "Oh yeah, dass my husband. I tole dat jackass he gonna cut the grass today come hell or high water"

A recent Scottish immigrant attends his first baseball game in his new country and after a base hit he hears the fans roaring run...run!

The next batter connects heavily with the ball and the Scotsman stands up and roars with the crowd in his thick accent: "R-r-run ya bahstard, r-run will ya!"

A third batter slams a hit and again the Scotsman, obviously pleased with his knowledge of the game, screams "R-r-run ya bahstard, r-r-run will ya!"

The next batter held his swing at three and two and as the ump calls a walk the Scotsman stands up yelling "R-r-run ya bahstard, r-r-run!" All the surrounding fans giggle quietly and he sits down confused.

A friendly fan, sensing his embarrassment whispers, "He doesn't have to run, he's got four balls."

After this explanation the Scotsman stands up in disbelief and screams, "Walk with pr-r-ride man! Walk with pr-r-ride.

**This would be funnier if it wasn't so true. Someone had to remind me, so I'm reminding you too.....
Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70!**

- 01. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.**
- 02. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.**
- 03. No one expects you to run--anywhere.**
- 04. People call at 9 PM and ask, Did I wake you?**
- 05. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.**
- 06. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.**
- 07. Things you buy now won't wear out.**
- 08. You can eat supper at 4 PM.**
- 09. You can live without sex but not your glasses.**
- 10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.**
- 11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.**
- 12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.**
- 13. You sing along with elevator music.**
- 14. Your eyes won't get much worse.**
- 15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.**
- 16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the weather service**
- 17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.**
- 18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.**
- 19. You can't remember who sent you this list.**

And you notice these are all in

Big Print for your convenience. REMEMBER -----

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night!!

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN – BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 1. Territory:

1. Membership in the Club shall primarily, but not necessarily, be from the area of Saint John.

Bylaw No. 2 – Membership:

1. An application for membership shall be accompanied by an initiation fee, and annual membership fee, as determined at the Annual Meeting preceding the application. Upon acceptance by the Club, new members shall be given a copy of the CONSTITUTION and the CLUBS BYLAWS, and will be presented with a Probus of Saint John lapel pin and a name badge by the President or his designate.
2. Membership may be held in more than one Probus Club. When a waiting list exists and an opening occurs, priority shall be given to an applicant who is not a Probus Member.
3. Membership caps can be determined by a vote of the members.
4. Annual membership fees are payable on or before October 31st.
5. The Management Committee may terminate the membership of any member who fails to pay the annual membership fee for 2 years from the due date.
6. “Honourary Membership” may be conferred on a person by a majority of members voting at a General Meeting. Honourary members shall not be required to pay the annual membership fee, and shall enjoy all privileges of membership except voting and election to office.
7. “Life Membership” may be conferred by a majority of members voting at a General Meeting, upon a member who has rendered outstanding service to the club. A Life member shall not be required to pay the annual membership fee, and shall enjoy all privileges of membership.
8. Conduct of Members. If, in the opinion of and after due consideration by the Club’s Management Committee, a member conducts himself in such a manner as to bring discredit on the organization or they cause discord within the membership, they may be asked to resign. The resignation request should be made if, after discussion between the member and the Management Committee, the conflict is not resolved.

Bylaw No. 3 – Management:

1. The President or designate shall preside at all meetings of the Management Committee and the Club.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for all minutes of the Club and the Club’s archival material.
3. The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for the membership roll, which shall include members’ names, postal and email addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and other information, which the Club may determine. The membership roll shall be distributed to the members at least annually, and shall include a statement that it is not to be used for commercial purposes.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain and control all financial records of the Club and provide monthly financial statement to the Management Committee and annually to the Club Membership.
5. The President shall review the Constitution and the Club’s By-laws with their Management Committee prior to or at the first Management Committee meeting following the establishment of a new committee.

Bylaw No. 4. – Election of Officers:

1. A Nominating Committee as established by the current Management Committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting a slate of candidates for election to the Management Committee.
2. Any further nominations (with prior consent to stand) shall be conveyed to the Nominating Committee at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
3. If there is no more than 1 nominee for each position the President shall instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of candidates. If there is more than one nominee for any position the vote for that position shall

be by ballot.

Bylaw No. 5 – General Meeting:

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the regular meeting day in September. At this meeting, members of the Management Committee shall be elected.
2. General Meetings of the Club shall normally be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at a place to be announced by the President.
3. The quorum at all General Meetings shall be 20% of the membership.
4. The President may at his discretion entertain any motion from the floor that is consistent with these By-Laws. He may require any motion to be submitted in writing to the Secretary and read to the General meeting one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered. For the information of members not in attendance at this General Meeting one prior notice in the Club Newsletter shall be sufficient.

Bylaw No. 6 – Financial:

1. The Treasurer shall receive, record and deposit in a financial institution approved by the Management Committee all funds of the Club. The signing officers shall be any two of the Treasurer, President, Vice-President, and Secretary.
2. The fiscal year of the Club shall end on June 30th.
3. An annual financial review shall be conducted and a report presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
4. The annual financial review may be conducted by a member of the club who is not a member of the Management Committee.

Bylaw No. 7 – Non-Profitability:

1. Club activities are to be budgeted to break even.
2. The Club may advance funds, with approval of Management Committee, when prepayment of event tickets is required prior to collection of funds from Members. Such advances shall be repaid to the Club.
3. An individual member of the Club must not gain from a discount, commission, gratuity or other benefit arising from club activity.

Bylaw No. 8 – Amendment:

1. Any bylaw may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at a General Meeting, provided that one month's notice of motion has been given as required by By-law No. 5.4. and provided a quorum is present, as defined in By-Law 5.3.
2. Any such amendment to the Club's by-Laws must be consistent with the Constitution.
3. The Club's Bylaws shall be reviewed for possible amendments every three years or as deemed necessary.

Revision Approved (date)

Attested by: Richard Burpee, President

Robert Taylor, Secretary