



The Phoghorn



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Next meeting June 20 at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club.

The May meeting convened at 10 AM at the Boys and Girls Club with President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Tor welcomed members, and Gordon Mouland led O Canada and a short singalong (one song).

Minutes of April 18th were summarized and accepted on motion of Robert Taylor, seconded by George Little.

Member News: The President gave name tags to Willard Buckley and Stewart Hansen. Gordon Graham needs one also, as duct tape isn't good enough to repair his. E.V. Magnusson was reported to be in hospital, and Robert Capson is scheduled for surgery. Bill Brydges is in hospital with heart trouble and is in hospital and hoping to move to Bobby's Hospice House. Former member (up to 2010) Tom Condon died on April 7th.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener circulated a financial report (**attached**) showing a bank balance of \$1168.08. He stressed that his list represents only those who have paid.

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported his list has 115 names; Don reported that 86 have paid. Tor pointed out that the lists that Don, Ed, Gordon Graham, Ralph Wood, and UPS have should all match, and suggested the four meet to sort this out. We should perhaps start a brand-new list in September.

House: Clive Douthwright booked 16 for shepherd's pie and rolls.

Phoghorn: The cost of printing and mailing these is a concern. In September, members will be asked to choose between an electronic version and a printed one.

Financing Options: Tor presented, from the April 30th Executive meeting, options to counter low membership which leads to low income whereas the majority of our expenses are fixed:

- Increase membership to \$30 a year?
- Reduce the amount we offer to the Boys and Girls Club (either our \$1000 or the 60% of the 60/40 draws)?

Members added other options:

- Promote ourselves with a newspaper article, especially with our 20th anniversary coming up;
- Attract younger members with positive energy;
- Each member bring in a new member;
- Send out "We miss you" cards to absent or unpaid members.
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Club Visit: Brian Mitchell reported that he attended a Probud meeting in Naples, Florida, where the speaker was the head of Homeland Security for south Florida. He left a club newsletter and speaker's flyer with the Secretary.

Guest Speakers: Don Shaw introduced and later thanked Laurie Collins, Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters Saint John, and Deanna Gamble, PR Officer. They noted this year is their 40th anniversary in Saint John and 99th anniversary in Canada. They have more than doubled their mentoring partnerships between Sussex and St. Stephen in the past three years. Each pairing costs \$1000 to train volunteers, children and families. Volunteers can donate 3-4 hours per week over a year, or take part in an in-school program for an hour a week for the school year. Over half of the volunteers last two years or longer, and attendance at important events such as graduations and marriages is commonplace. About 3/4 of children waiting are boys aged 6 to 16, and there is a "100 Men" campaign on right now; so far about 60 pairings have been completed. Their major fundraiser is Bowl for Kids.

Our 20th Anniversary is on September 16th. The idea was presented and approved to have a dinner at our September 19th meeting, with the Club hosting its life and charter members. Robert Taylor will see if the Boys and Girls Club will do this.

Trip to St. Andrews: This is now scheduled for June 1st at a cost of \$26.46 per person. Car pooling will be from McAllister and Lancaster Malls at 8:45 am. RSVP by May 24th.

The (so-called) Jokes Department: Ralph Wood and Carl Tompkins shared stories that as usual would have been better left untold, but only in the opinion of our esteemed Secretary whose lack of humour is manifested in the Minutes each month

60/40 Draw: Ray Allan won \$73 and donated it to the Boys and Girls Club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 to June 20th.

Now for the most important part of the Phoghorn those hilarious Funnies

This month contributed by a well known senior member who shall remain anonymous to shield him from the Secretary's cutting remarks.

Some words of wisdom with the suggestion you do not follow.

One year a husband decided to buy his mother in law as a Christmas present a Cemetery plot. The next year he didn't buy her anything when she asked "Why?" he responded "You didn't use the one I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.

A woman is standing before her bedroom mirror nude and exclaims to her husband "I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment" He replied "Your eyesight is damn near perfect". And that's how the fight started.

My wife was hinting about what she would like for her upcoming anniversary present "I'd like something shiny that goes from zero to 200 in 3 seconds"

I bought her a new bathroom scale!and that's how the fight started.

An elderly lady was invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening. She was impressed by the way her lady friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was in the living room, her lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say, 'I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your husband all those loving names.'

The elderly lady hung her head, 'I have to tell you the truth,' she said, 'his name slipped my mind about 10 years ago, and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old fart what his name is.'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that... I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

Women's wordsbeware

Fine: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

Five Minutes: If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

Nothing: This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.

Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!

That's Okay: This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

Have a great summer.....See you in September!