



The Phoghorn



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The next meeting will be Oct. 17th at our usual venue. Please don't forget to ensure your membership dues are up to date (\$30). Our speaker will be Mr. David Nickerson - President of the St. Andrews Society.

The first meeting of our Club's third decade was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 AM with President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 55 members in attendance. Tor welcomed members back for a new season. Don Shaw led the singing of O Canada.

In Memoriam: A moment of silence was observed in memory of our Vice President Clarence Blois, who passed away quickly from cancer during the summer. In deference to his passing, there was no sing-along; Gordon Moulard was suggested as a future sing-along leader.

Minutes of the June 27th meeting were accepted as circulated in the Phoghorn: moved by Robert Taylor, seconded by Don Shaw.

Guests: Don Shaw introduced Gerry Burke. Ralph Wood introduced Ray Bing, visiting from the UK. John Fowler introduced Roy Hobson and Ron Bunn. Ron joined, and he and Mike Bishop were pinned at the end of the meeting.

Sickness: Sandy Gregory was reported to be in hospital and not allowed visitors. *Update Sept. 22nd: Millie says visitors are welcome.*

20th Anniversary: Steve Campbell, Probud Canada Vice President and Atlantic Regional Director, brought greetings on behalf of Probud Canada and presented a Certificate of Congratulations. He noted that there are now 225 Clubs and 30,000 members across Canada. Robert Taylor read (from files) the names of the 43 gentlemen who attended the first Club meeting on September 16th, 1992 – six of them were present at today's meeting. Twenty-one others who joined the next month are counted as Charter Members also. The table officers at that time were William Bartlett (President), Mack Pike (VP), Dennis Knibb (Secretary), and Keele Gregory (Treasurer).

Nominating Committee: Brian Mitchell reported that a President and Vice President have yet to be found for this year. Robert Taylor will remain as Secretary for now and Don Mitchener as Treasurer.

Finances: Don Mitchener circulated the annual financial report covering the period July 1st, 2011 to June 30th, 2012. Total receipts were \$2150.07, total expenses were \$2250.67, and the closing bank balance is \$309.88, plus one outstanding UPS cheque of \$316.50.

Club Dues: Moved by Tor Bordevik and seconded by Brian Mitchell that Club dues be raised from \$25 to \$30 per year; motion carried unanimously. **Dues are payable at the September meeting.**

Membership: Ed O'Keefe reported the membership list is being updated, especially re gathering e-mail addresses. He thanked Gordon Graham for his help. He reinforced the need for a President and Vice President to come forward. The Secretary had correspondence re the death of Walter Flewelling in May, and the resignation of J. W. H. Murdoch and Aldo Praeg. Millie Brydges sent a thank-you card for our remembrance of William.

Telephone: Gordon Graham noted that members should respond promptly to e-mails and phone calls re Club events such as today's luncheon which require RSVP's.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood responded to criticism re the length and quality of his jokes by promising to shorten them; he promised nothing, however, about improving them. Today's one short joke was a slight improvement.

Atlantic Regional Meeting: This will be held on October 4th in Halifax. Dave Fraser and Robert Taylor will represent our Club.

Member News: Robert Taylor reported that Carl Tompkins will receive an Alumni Award of Honour at the UNB Homecoming on September 27th.

Coffee Break.

60/40 Draw: Guest speaker Blaine Higgs drew Ray Allan's name; he donated \$116.75 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Blaine Higgs, Minister of Finance, gave an overview of rationale for various government policies and initiatives. He entertained questions from members. Don Shaw introduced and thanked the speaker. Nicholas Ouellette, Executive Assistant, and Carl Killen, M.L.A. for Saint John Harbour, were also present.

Adjournment moved by Robert Taylor.

Anniversary Luncheon: The Boys and Girls Club served a delicious beef dinner and apple crisp, for which members paid \$12, with four Charter Members hosted by the Club. Robert Taylor thanked caterer Patsy Arseneau and her staff.

Now for the Shortened but Fabulous Quality Funnies

Found in Church Newsletter

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM on thursday Please use double door at the side entrance.

Some Advice for Halloween

You know you are too old to Trick or Treat when:

10. You get winded from knocking on the door.
9. You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.
8. You ask for high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your Balance and fall over.
6. People say: 'Great Boris Karloff Mask,' and you're not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens you yell, 'Trick or...!' and can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.

And the number one reason Seniors should not go Trick Or Treating...

1. You keep having to go home to pee.

What did the blond say when she opened up a box of Cheerios? ...Oh look, little donut seeds.

How many blonds did it take to change the lightbulb? .5, one to hold the lightbulb, 4 to turn the room around.

Blond #1: "Have you ever read Shakespeare?"Blond #2: "No, who wrote it?"

What do you call a blond with a high IQ?A golden retriever.