



The Phoghorn



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Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be October 16th at the Boys & Girls club. Our speaker will be Dr. Obenson the only Forensic Pathologist in the province.

Minutes of the September 18th Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting: The first meeting of the new season was held as usual at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am, with Acting President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 35 members in attendance. The national anthem was followed by a sing-along led by Gordon Mouland, who at the end sang the first two verses of "Squid Jiggin' Ground" – he threatened to sing all 16 verses!

Minutes of June 19th were highlighted by Secretary Robert Taylor who moved their acceptance and George McCaughey seconded.

Guests: Ed O'Keefe introduced Gordon Dempsey of Rotary.

Member News: Clive Douthwright has been in hospital, and is off driving until November. Rev. Lloyd Lake is at St. Joseph's. Congratulations to Wes Cosman who received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in June, in recognition of his volunteering in many ways in the community.

Program Committee: Jim Shillington reported that his committee has come up with a number of ideas for speakers, and will be seeking input from members also. The committee feels it is important to publish the upcoming speakers to encourage a strong turnout. They may invite local mayors, fire and police chiefs, etc. They are also looking into possible field trips.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener circulated a report showing a bank balance at the end of August of \$236.03, and an operating deficit of \$73.65 for the past season. He noted Probud National is offering insurance programs.

Phone Committee: Gordon Graham reported he sent notice of the Atlantic Regional Meeting being held at Moncton Coliseum on October 8th. The official Club delegates will be Ralph Wood and Ed O'Keefe, and Dave Fraser and Robert Taylor also agreed to attend, paying their own lunch if requested.

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood replaced his usual low-grade stories with an actual report. The Phoghorn is our 2nd biggest expense item, and he is looking at having it published on the website, e-mailing it to all except 18 members who have no e-mail, and making copies available at meetings for those 18. Ralph would like someone else to take over as Phoghorn coordinator.

Nominations Committee: Bob Capson presented the following slate of officers for 2013-14: Ralph Wood for President, Willard Buckley for Vice President, Robert Taylor for Secretary, and Don Mitchener for Treasurer. There being no further nominations, Ralph Murray moved and Brian Mitchell seconded that these be declared elected; motion carried. Brian Mitchell expressed thanks to Tor for his leadership and patience. Tor gave Ralph his President's Pin. A Past Presidents Pin is needed for Tor.

Signing Officers: It was moved by Don Mitchener and seconded by Robert Taylor that any two of the four above-named officers be authorized to sign cheques; motion carried.

Ralph Wood took over as chairman. He thanked the Executive who are staying on, committee heads, and the new Program Committee. He noted that several lapsed members have decided to rejoin.

House Committee: Twenty were booked for shepherd's pie for lunch.

After a short break, guest speaker Sheri Somerville drew the **60/40 Prize**. \$115 went to Ron Lister who, in true Probian fashion, donated his winnings to the Boys and Girls Club.

Guest Speaker: Jim Shillington introduced Sheri Somerville, NB Advisor on Natural Gas. She spoke about hydraulic fracking and made some literature available. Company focus, she said, is on the 3 E's of Energy, Enterprise, and Environment. Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel. Deposits around North America contain upwards of 100 or more trillions of cubic feet of natural gas each. Most shale formations are buried 2-3 km underground. Pipes (casings) are connected as they drill down. Hundreds of millions of litres of water is shot

down into each well; most is recovered over the 20-year life of the well. Liquid propane can also be used to frack through a rocky well if water won't crack through. \$10 to 15 million is spent on each well.

Following a question and answer period, Ralph Wood thanked the speaker. The meeting adjourned at noon. Respectfully submitted, **Robert Taylor, Secretary.**

Presidents remarks

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that the Reverend Lake passed away on October 5th at Bobby's Hospice. He was a charter member of the club and for many years was our hospital visitor for Members and an active member in the club he will be sorely missed

On a happier I was pleased to see a full house for our September meeting for an excellent and informative presentation on the natural gas situation in the province. Congratulations to Jim Shillington and his speakers committee. Please don't forget to bring cash or a cheque for your membership renewal still at the \$30 rate and bring a prospective new member if you can. We enjoy company.

Yes you guessed right its time for the Funnies

Grandparent's Funny Answering Machine

Good morning. . . . At present we are not at home but, please leave your message after you hear the beep. Beeeeppp ...

1.If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.

2.If you need us to stay with the children, press 2.

3.If you want to borrow the car, press 3.

4.If you want us to wash your clothes and do the ironing, press 4.

5.If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5.

6.If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6.

7.If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7.

8.If you want to come to eat here, press 8.

9.If you need money, press 9.

If you are going to invite us to dinner, or, take us to a restaurant, start talking - we are listening!

Definition of Grandparents:

The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Autumn is a great time of the year.

Soon those ugly patches of dead grass in your lawn will be covered up -- with ugly patches of dead leaves

I got tired of looking at all those leaves in my yard, so I got up off the couch and went into action.

I closed the curtains.

I love autumn. I love watching the leaves fall. It reminds me of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

One Sunday morning, a priest wakes up and decides to go golfing. He calls his boss and says that he feels very sick, and won't be able to go to work. Way up in heaven, Saint Peter sees all this and asks God, "Are you really going to let him get away with this? ". "No, I guess not," says God.

The priest drives about five to six hours away, so he doesn't bump into anyone he knows. The golf course is empty when he gets there. So he takes his first swing, drives the ball 495 yards away and gets a hole in one.

Saint Peter watches in disbelief and asks, "Why did you let him do that?"

To this God says, "Who's he going to tell?"

If you're too lazy to start anything, you may get a reputation for patience and remember Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid altogether.

Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings... -- they did it by killing all those who opposed them.

The light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off due to budget cuts

Remember half the people you know are below average

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What do you call an intelligent blonde?

A Golden Retriever