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Minutes The January meeting was held at 10 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Ralph Wood chaired, and about 35 members were in attendance. After welcome and O Canada, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Sandy Gregory who died January 7th. Ralph recalled Sandy's spearheading of donations from members to buy a miniature Olympic Torch for the Boys and Girls Club in 2010. Gordon "1 - 2 - 3" (even when it's 4 to a bar!) Moulard led a sing-along, including songs for Robbie Burns Day, which elicited a grunt of approval from George McCaughey. Minutes of the December 20th meeting were read and approved: moved by Robert Taylor seconded by Gordon Graham.

Finances Treasurer Don Mitchener reported a bank balance of \$787.72. He was besieged today by at least two more members (see below) paying their dues. He noted he distributes a list of paid-up members to the Executive each month if people wonder if they've paid. He's paid the Probud assessment for 62 members (\$2.50 each).

Phoghorn: Ralph Wood reported some computer glitches as we undertook our first issue on our own this month. Copies are available on the back table. He asked all members to please update their e-mail addresses in his special Campfire notebook at the back.

Website: Ralph reported the website has been updated. There is a new section for notices. Members are asked to visit www.sjprobud.ca often to keep caught up on Club news.

Member News: It was reported that Barry Beckett has recently had back surgery and is doing physiotherapy treatments. George McCaughey, who secretly hopes we'll become a mixed Club, will be a guest at Ladies' Probud next week as they "bring in the haggis".

Constitution and Bylaws: Willard Buckley and Tor Bordevik have reviewed these in the fall, and proposed revisions to bring them in line with Probud Canada were made available in November. Tom Jarrett moved and Ron Lister seconded that we adopt the Constitution revisions; motion carried. Ron Lister moved and Tom Jarrett seconded that we adopt the By Law revisions; motion carried. The revised documents will be available on the aforementioned website. Trust a Scotsman (George McCaughey) to not only circumvent Robert's Rules of Order by raising a discussion point after approval, but also to seize upon the only money matter mentioned in the By Laws, namely a new \$20 initiation fee.

The Jokes Department was manned (note I didn't say capably or otherwise) by Ralph Wood, Gordon Graham, Carl Tompkins and Gordon Moulard.

Program: Jim Shillington announced that Mayor Mel Norton will speak today, and representatives from the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation in February.

New Members: Jim Shillington introduced David Price and Ralph Furness, who were welcomed and pinned by Ralph Wood.

60 / 40 Draw: The Mayor drew Don Mitchener's name; he won \$102.

Guest Speaker: Jim Shillington introduced Mayor Mel Norton. Always positive and upbeat, he spoke about Saint John as the Renaissance City, striving to fulfil the vision of being the best in Atlantic Canada. Topics and issues that he covered: The Mayor touched on many topics of concern and interest to the city and answered many questions. He was thanked by President Ralph

Meeting adjourned at 12noon, Members enjoyed a lunch of Shepard's Pie

Now for an abbreviated version of those **Incredible Funnies**(after all February is the shortest month)

Three men went Las Vegas and after a losing their money at the blackjack tables, the best friends decided to stay off the strip in a not so lavish hotel and the guy that owned it had 18 daughters so the first man went up to their father and said "can I sleep with your 18 daughters?" the father said "no but you can sleep with the pigs." the second man went to the father and said "can I sleep with your 18 daughters?" the father said "no but you can sleep with the cows." the third man said "can I sleep with your 18 daughters?" the father said "yes." so in the morning the three men and the father had a conversation over breakfast the first man said "I slept like a pig" the second man said "I slept like a cow" the third man said "I felt like a golfer" the father asked why? He said cause I got my balls in 18 holes

Henry Ford dies and goes to heaven. At the gates, Saint Peter tells Ford, "Well, you've been such a good guy and your invention of the car changed the world. As a reward, you can hang out with anyone you want in heaven." So Henry Ford thinks about it and says, "I want to hang out with Adam, the first man." So the guy at the gates points Adam out to Ford. When Ford gets to Adam, Ford asks, "Hey aren't you the inventor of woman?" Adam says, "Yes." "Well," says Ford, "You have some major design flaws in your invention: 1) There is too much front end protrusion 2) It chatters at high speeds 3) The rear end wobbles too much 4) and the intake is too close to the exhaust." "HmMMM..," says Adam, "hold on". So Adam goes to the celestial computer, types in a few keystrokes, and waits for the results. The computer prints out a slip of paper and Adam reads it. He then says to Ford, "It may be that my invention is flawed, but according to the stellar computer, more men are riding my invention than yours."

Now seeing this is the month of Saint Valentine: A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them. His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing.

The man says: "I'm sending out one thousand Valentine cards signed: 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer." the man replies.