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Next Meeting Wednesday October 15th , 10am at Saint John Boys & Girls Club

Speaker

Our Speaker this month will be our own Treasurer Don Mitchner .It will be an open discussion on personal taxation .we hope everyone will participate bringing questions and ideas on this at times baffling and taxing topic,you never know but you might find some money saving ideas.

Minutes of September 17th Annual meeting

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN

ANNUAL MEETING

Sept. 17th, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the new season was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am, with President Ralph Wood chairing and about 30 members in attendance. Following welcome back by the President, O Canada was sung.

In Memoriam: A moment of silence was observed in memory of the following who died during the summer: Ron Doucet, Glen d'Arcy, Bill Bartlett, Ralph Fudge, Bill Nase, and Philip MacGillivray's wife.

Singalong was not held as Gordon Mouland was away in Newfoundland.

Minutes of May 21st were read by the Secretary and approved on motion of him and Gordon Graham.

President's Comments: Ralph highlighted activities of the past year:

- Attempts to build our membership back up;
- Excellent speakers gotten by Jim Shillington and his committee;
- Switching to an electronic Phoghorn and fine-tuning the e-mail system;
- Keeping up with photos and the website;
- Donations to Boys and Girls Club, SJHS Scholarship Fund, NB Symphony.

Ralph closed his report by thanking those willing to assume executive positions.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener filed his annual report, showing a surplus of \$130.35 for the year and a closing balance of \$366.38. Moved by him and seconded by Richard Burpee that this report be accepted; motion carried. 20 members paid today.

Nominations: Ralph Wood called for interest or nominations for President and Vice President. Moved by Brian Mitchell and seconded by Ed O'Keefe that Ralph be President for one more year; motion carried. Other positions voted in with no further nominations: Willard Buckley as 1st VP (year 2), John Doyle as 2nd VP (Year 1), Robert Taylor as Secretary (Year 9!), Don Mitchener as Treasurer (Year ?), Gordon Mouland and Ralph Murray as House Committee. Willard will maintain the membership list.

- *Early warning: As of September 2015 the President may not serve more than two consecutive years, and other "Management Committee" more than three.*

Phoghorn: Ralph has published it for 9 years; Tom O'Neill started last year but had to drop it for health reasons; no volunteers today to take it over. Jim Shillington suggested someone at Boys and Girls Club might publish it if we supply the material; Amy Shanks later said she could get her Computer Club to do it.

Boys and Girls Club: \$500 was presented to Amy Shanks. She was thanked for a re-decorated room. We request that space be found to restore our banner.

Lunch: 20 booked for shepherd's pie.

60/40: Dave Sprague has health concerns and Ray Allan has just had a pacemaker; both want out of this long-time sales position. It was suggested and agreed that each winner sell tickets the next month. Today Frank Ervin won \$63.

Guest Speaker: Author Anne Raina assured us she's not the one you can Google who writes erotica! She spoke about her book "Clara's Rib", the story of her sister who spent her teenage years battling tuberculosis; she wasn't expected to see age 20 but lived to age 71. Her story illustrates how a positive attitude and strong faith can overcome disease. A question and answer period followed. Anne was not permitted to promote sale of her book, but individual members could approach her and buy a signed copy.

Adjournment followed at 12:00. Next meeting October 15th: Don Mitchener will take questions on financial planning in your senior years.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.

Presidents Remarks

I was pleased to have John Doyle volunteer as Second vice President, welcome to the executive John. As I said in my remarks last month this year in Probus is going to be an exacting one, we desperately need new members to remain viable and we need your support in attending so we can attract interesting speakers. Its almost embarrassing when we get a worth speaker to have only about 35% of members attending. We also need members to pay their annual dues promptly although we have cut our expenditures to the bone we still have to pay national dues. We need members to step up to the plate with ideas and a true spirit of participation. I can assure you the Executive are willing to entertain any suggestions you might have, we are in survival mode so don't be shy.

Now for those inevitable **Funnies** with an autumnal theme

A couple goes to an art gallery. They find a picture of a naked women with only her privates covered with leaves. The wife doesn't like it and moves on but the huband keeps looking.
The wife asks: "What are you waiting for?"
The husband replies: "Autumn."

If money did grow on trees, autumn would be the best season ever!

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery, they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows.

Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath. "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"My family are such fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name and here I have to correct it!"

Some Autumnal Quotes

'Tis now the very witching time of night,

When churchyards yawn and hell itself breathes out

Contagion to this world.

~William Shakespeare~

From ghoulies and ghosties

And long-leggedy beasties

And things that go bump in the night,

Good Lord, deliver us!

~Scottish Saying~

There is something haunting in the light of the moon; it has all the dispassionateness of a disembodied soul, and something of its inconceivable mystery. ~Joseph Conrad~

Thought you'd got a really big Pumpkin ...well the world record is a 2032lb monster grown by Mr Tim Matheson of Morgan Hill California

Happy Trick and Treating

Probus Club of Saint John
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the period from July 1 2013 to June 30, 2014
(Comparative Figures for the year ended June 30, 2013)

	2014	2013	
Opening Cash July 1, 2013	236.03	309.68	
Receipts			
Membership 2012-2013	30.00	2190.00	
Membership 2013-2014	2130.00	60.00	58.00
Membership 2014-2015	30.00		
Interest	0.05	0.07	
	<u>2190.05</u>	<u>2250.07</u>	
	2426.08	2559.75	
Expenses			
Bulletins, postage and supplies	358.72	839.30	
Website Maintenance	67.12		
Probus decals/pins/name tags	178.86	57.80	
Boys and Girls Club	1000.00	1000.00	
Moncton Probus Meeting	100.00	189.12	
Donation	200.00		
Probus Assessment	155.00	187.50	
Speakers		50.00	
Postage			
Engraving			
Cancelled cheque			
	<u>2059.70</u>	<u>2323.72</u>	
Closing cash	30-Dec-99 \$366.38	236.03	

Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses reflected by change in cash for the year.	130.35	(73.65)
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Balance above	\$366.38
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Boys & Girls Club	500.00
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Bank Balance June 10, 2014	\$866.38
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