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As in past years, there will be no meeting for the months of June, July and August.

See you September!

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN

Minutes from the Monthly Meeting
May 16th, 2018

The last regular meeting of the 2017-18 season for the **PROBUS Club** of Saint John convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls, with **President Ed O'Keefe** chairing and about 27 members and guests in attendance.

After the welcome and “O Canada”, **Gordon Mouland** introduced the songs and **Murray Driscoll** led the singing with double duty by also playing the piano.

Secretary **Willard Buckley** asked for approval of the April 18th Minutes, as published in “*The Phoghorn*”, pending any errors or omissions. There being none, **Gordon Mouland** moved the adoption of the Minutes, seconded by **Tom Craig**, passed by the membership.

Charter Member **Mack Pike** introduced his guest **David Cassidy**, (who was given a Membership form).

Michael England read passages from “**Saint John Snippets**”, by **David Goss**.

About 15 indicated they would be staying for lunch of ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

ANNUAL MEETING

President Ed O'Keefe, in the President's Annual Report, noted that the Club had gained 12 new members, with another 7 former members returning. Effort would continue to add further new members. He thanked **Dale Stevens** for his Membership Development and membership kit; **Gordon Mouland** for leading us in songs; **Murray Driscoll** for his piano playing, the phone committee, **Tom Craig**, **Don LeBlanc**, **George McCaughey**, and **Dale Stevens**;
John Doyle for obtaining our monthly speakers;
Tom Craig for meeting set-up and issuing "**The Phoghorn**",
Don Mitchener as Treasurer; and **Robert Lockhart** as **Web Master**.

Past President **Robert Taylor** presented the Financial Report on behalf of **Don Mitchener**, who was unable to attend. The Statement showed Receipts of \$2,304.55, Expenses of \$2,706.69, for a deficiency of \$402.14 and closing cash of \$1,207.01.

Ralph Wood seconded the adoption of the Report.

Past President **Robert Taylor** presented the following slate of officers for **2018-19**:

Himself as **Past President and Treasurer**;
Ed O'Keefe as **President**;
Don LeBlanc as **1st Vice President**;
Fenton Keirstead as **2nd Vice President**.

The position of **Secretary** was not filled. **Robert Taylor** called three times for further nominations, there being none, he instructed the Secretary to cast one vote in favour of the proposed slate and this was done.

Appointments for Chairman of the Committees are:

Dale Stevens – Membership Development;
House Manager, Photographer and Editor of "**The Phoghorn**" - **Tom Craig**;
Web Master – **J.C. Robert Lockhart**;
60-40 draw – **Ron Pearce**;
Pins and Name Tags – **Chip Lawton** and **David Flewelling**;
Music – **Murray Driscoll** and **Gordon Mouland**.

President Ed stated that "**Years of Service Pins**" would be distributed at our September Meeting, and asked that original **PROBUS** pins be returned at that time.

In the absence of a regular Secretary, **Brian Mitchell** volunteered for September, **Ralph Wood** for October, and **Carl Tompkins** for November,

Humour was provided in various degrees by **Carl Tompkins** and **Ralph Wood**.

For the rest of the calendar year, **John Doyle** has arranged for Lori Fudge – September; Marc Legere – October; November is open; Saint John String Quartet – December.

The guest speaker drew the winning ticket of **David Flewelling**, who won \$101.00, which he donated to the **Boys and Girls Club**.

Don LeBlanc introduced **Bernard Cormier**, who amused and entertained us with his mentalism abilities.

Robert Taylor thanked **Bernard** and presented him with our Anniversary mug.

President Ed presented Amy Shanks, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, with a cheque for \$500.00 on behalf of the Probud club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

About 19 stayed for optional lunch.

President Ed thanked the kitchen staff for their services this past year.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Buckley



Some of the members during the sing along



Robert Taylor seeking nominations for offices.



The draw for the 60/40 was performed by our guest **Bernard Cormier**. **David Flewelling** was the winner.



Michael England read passages from "Saint John Snippets" by **David Goss**.



Probus Member **Don LeBlanc** introduces our guest Speaker, "**Bernie the Magician**"

Carl Thompson and some humor



Ralph Wood tries his hand at some humor for Probus members.



Bernard Cornier—*Bernie the Magician* doing some introductions.



Probus member **Ron Pierce** is seen adding a \$50.00 bill to a series of envelopes. **Bernie** that feeds the chosen envelope through the shredder. The objective was not to destroy the \$50.00 bill. Bernie guess correctly, and the \$50.00 bill was not shredded. Good trick.



Robert Taylor presents a 25-year Anniversary mug to **Bernard**.



Its that time of the year again where the **PROBUS CLUB** of **Saint John** presents a cheque to **Amy Shanks** of *the Saint John Boys & Girls Club* by our president, **Ed O'Keefe**.



Sometimes things are not what you see.....

Make sure you read to the end...

In Brazil, near Rio, people take spectacular pictures tempting fate by hanging from this famous rock.

Check out these pictures right to the very end to discover just how dangerous it really is!











The truth is, the rock is only a few feet above the ground. All that is required is the proper perspective!

Remember this lesson when you read/view material on the internet.

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER IN LIFE:

"Take care of your thoughts when you are alone", and
"Take care of your words when you are with people."



Inspiring and Positive Quotes

"Live your life and
forget your age."



WHAT MAKES MY HEART SING

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud.

He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time..."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is an Airborne Ranger, the other is a Navy Seal, both serving overseas somewhere.

When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So, I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawn in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though...."

Have a great summer everyone and be safe. See you in September on the 19th.

**Tom Craig for the
*Phoghorn***

