



# *The Phoghorn*

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## **Special Edition AUGUST 2018**

This is a Special Edition for 2018 of the ***Phoghorn*** in review of the past year. Several pieces of information are also included from our Treasurer and approval of the minutes from the month of May. No meeting in June or July or August as you may recall.

The next scheduled PROBUS meeting is scheduled on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Saint John Boys & Girls Club. A reminder will be sent out about a week beforehand.

**Treasurer—Robert Taylor:**

**PROBUS Club of Saint John**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Meeting was held at the Funeral Home on Pettingill Road at 10:30 am. In attendance were Ed O'Keefe, President; Fenton Keirstead, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Robert Taylor, Treasurer; Tom Craig, House Manager; Dale Stevens, Membership Development; and Ron Pearce, 60/40.

**President** notified us he is moving to Shannex Quispamsis for several months while their new house is being built in Sussex.

**Pins** for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years' membership have been ordered. Twenty-five will be presented at the September meeting. Co-ordinated by Chip Lawton. Ed to send invitations by e-mail. Members to pass in older pins as they get updated ones.

**Atlantic Regional Meeting** to be held October 1<sup>st</sup> at Hampton Inn & Suites, McAllister. SJ Ladies Club to host. Each Club is asked to contribute \$100 toward room and food and can send three members. The new national President, Robert Boone will talk about the re-vamped PROBUS website.

**Memoriam:** Several Club members or spouses who have passed away will be remembered at the September meeting.

**Finances:** Robert reported we're starting the year with \$1207 on hand. We should achieve a surplus, as we won't have anniversary or travel expenses like we had last season.

**2018-19 Program:** John Doyle has arranged Lori Fudge for September, Marc Legere for October, SJ String Quartet for December, and tour of Shannex Quispamsis for January.

**Notices of Motion** to be published by e-mail and/or Phoghorn prior to the September meeting:

1. To reduce the \$20 initial membership fee to \$10 which goes to name tags. Membership to be \$30 regardless of when paid.
2. To change the 60/40 draw to 50/50, give the winner their cash, and if they wish to give it to the Boys and Girls Club, they get a tax receipt for only the amount they donate.

**Suggestions from Tom Craig:**

1. Executive expenses such as travel should be subject to approval by the members.  
Robert will develop an expense form for members to use.
2. Lunch \$8 and tip \$2 worked well last season. The amounts are now paid separately and directly to Stone Soup rather than to the B&G office.
3. New members should be encouraged to give a brief profile of themselves.

**Signing Officers:** Moved by Robert Taylor, seconded by Fenton Keirstead, and carried unanimously, that the signing officers be Ed O'Keefe, President; Don LeBlanc, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; and Robert Taylor, Treasurer, with two of these three required to sign cheques.

**Adjournment** at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor  
Secretary pro tem.

**Minutes from the business meeting in the month of May 2018:**  
**These minutes will need to be approved at our September meeting.**

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**;

**Fenton Keirstead** as **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 *Probus 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**

## **PICTURES FROM THE YEAR 2018.**



**Canada's symbol for CANADA 150**



**Certificate from Probud --- Saint John 25 years Anniversary!**



**Remembrance Day "POPPY"**



**Most of the members that toured the *Connors Brothers***



factory at Blacks Harbour. The tour was well received.



Members at coffee break at the December Meeting



January brought greetings for a **Happy New Year 2018**



One of our guest speakers, **Veronica Clarke** being thanked

by **John Doyle** for her presentation.



Probus member **Keith Dow** was our guest speaker for the month with the talk on the **Acadian Expulsion in 1755**.



**Rick Waters** and **Barry Snodgrass** perform some good old Irish tunes for the membership.



In April, it was **Probus Week** and our flag was flown At the flag pole at city hall for the week.



**Beverley Franklin** was our guest speaker at one



President **Ed O'Keefe** and Secretary **Willard**



of the monthly meetings. Entertaining as usual.

**Buckley**, conducting our May meeting.



Probus member **Ron Pearce** under the watchful eye of **Bernard**, plant a \$50.00 bill in separate envelopes to be shredded. The trick worked, and the bank note was spared.



President **Ed O'Keefe** presents a cheque to **Amy Shanks** of the Saint John Boys & Girls club.



One of our long-standing members, **Fenton Keirstead**, at our May meeting enjoying the guest speaker, **Magician Bernard Cormier**.

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TOM CRAIG  
AUGUST 15, 2018  
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*Figure 1 Saint John at Dusk*





