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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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2019—2020 Executive members

Don LeBlanc ----President
Ed O'Keefe ----- Past president
Peter Morris -- 1st Vice President:
 -2nd Vice President:
Robert Taylor- ----- Treasurer
Chip Lawton----- Secretary



"HAPPY EASTER"!

President *Don LeBlanc* in the chair

As you are aware by now, the monthly meetings at the Boys & Girls club have been cancelled to all groups. The building is in a complete lockdown. This means all PROBUS meetings are cancelled until further notice. As producer of the PROBUS Newsletter, *The Phoghorn*, I will attempt to keep you informed with all notices and correspondences from PROBUS CANADA, or our President, **Don LeBlanc**.

Below are some of the Irish jokes and notices that were issued covering the dinner at the **Ladies PROBUS** meeting on March 17th, closure of the **B & G Club** premises, PROBUS National Leader, **Marlene Pearce**, and our president, **Don Leblanc**.

March 2020

Good Afternoon Atlantic Presidents,

As mandated by our Constitution, the Board of Directors has conducted a review of the Constitution and By-laws of PROBUS CANADA.

Attached is a memorandum from myself as President of PROBUS CANADA.

The major point for your Club is the change of amount from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per member being remitted with your annual renewal in December 2020. This change will be reflected in our budget for 2021. Please be aware that there has been no increase in the annual dues for over ten years while inflation has increased by approximately 20%-25% during this time.

Please reply to me by e-mail or mail (110 - 25 Dominion St., Moncton NB, E1C 0R8) as soon as possible and preferably prior to March 31, 2020.

Thank you as always for your co-operation.

Best regards,

Marlene Pearce, Atlantic Director & President PROBUS Canada

MEMORANDUM



TO: The Presidents of PROBUS CLUBS IN CANADA
FROM: Marlene Pearce, President, PROBUS CANADA

February 27, 2020

Re: Review of the Constitution and Bylaws of PROBUS CANADA

In keeping with our normal practice of reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws every three years and following input from the Members of the Board over the past few months a Review Committee was established under the Chairmanship of Director David Ricketts to bring forth any recommendations for change to these important documents. Following the deliberations of David's Committee, your Board of Directors have spent a considerable amount of time in deliberations on the proposals brought forth for recommended up-dating.

The first recommendation relates to the Constitution which is in place as a result of minor changes in 2017 and the Review Committee and the Executive agree that, other than minor grammatical adjustments, **there are no recommendations for change to the Constitution** which is current as approved by Industry Canada and it is hoped that your Club will accept this "no action" recommendation. Yes No.....

Recommendations for changes to the Bylaws include the following:

1./ Bylaw # VII – 6 (OFFICERS) --- remove reference to the position of “**Webmaster**” which is not required as we no longer have a need for this position.

2./ Bylaw # VIII–6-e-- delete “PROBUS Centre Canada.Inc.” and insert the title “**PROBUS CANADA**”

3./ Bylaw--- Bylaw # VIII – 9 --- **The Webmaster** ---- delete this section totally as it relates to the duties of the Webmaster – a position outline, which is no longer relevant and, in place of the current text insert the following....” **The PROBUS CANADA Website is now operated by a professional team and the Board of Directors will be responsible to appoint a team of no less than four PROBUS volunteers with I. T. backgrounds, headed by the Immediate Past President of the Board, to deliver support and advice to the professional operators of the Site.”**

4./ Bylaw # XII – 1 --- Delete the present text and replace with.... “**The Society shall assess each PROBUS CLUB the sum of three dollars per paid member (\$3.00 Cdn.) annually, or an amount as determined by the Board of Directors of PROBUS CANADA, to provide third party liability insurance and Directors and Officers Insurance for all PROBUS CLUBS and MEMBERS and also as support of the promotion and development of PROBUS CLUBS IN Canada”.**

We now ask you, as **Member Clubs of PROBUS CANADA**, to review the submitted changes and cast your ballot in support of the recommendations or otherwise... , in order that your **PROBUS CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS** can continue with their responsibilities and their duties in the best interest of our organization.

Your support will be very much appreciated, Best Regards, **Marlene**

Please clip and return this ballot to your PROBUS District Director by email, or otherwise, date marked no later than **April 24, 2020**.

(Name of PROBUS ClubYour name and Title

Approves (1) (2) (3) ----- (4)

Disapproves (1) (2) (3)

Gentlemen: I am forwarding a further memo from our National President about meeting protocol **RE the Covid-19- virus issues-** At this we are all at our own discretion.

I was just advised of a postponement of the **Ladies special Dinner** - to April 21st (tentative)- I am in favour of continuing with our regular meeting this month - but advising anyone who has recently travelled(internationally)- or who has any symptoms or issues should remain home. We are a relatively small group.

I attended a Masons Lodge meeting last eve as a Speaker- and their size is in our “ballpark”.

Other small fraternal and Non-Profit associations are continuing at this time. Any individual may of course, decide whether to attend. That is simply my opinion- however kindly reply to all with your vote on this issue. PS

Thomas - can you kindly forward the info about the Postponement to all members effected. Best regards a
Don L

Gentlemen: The matter is now out of our hands for any decision as **John Doyle** has been
advised & informed me this AM that **B&G Club- closed to meetings at this time, indefinitely.**

PS Thomas; Kindly forward this advice to all members. Best regards **Don L Club President**

Hello fellow Probus members.

I am passing along an offer from a fellow Rotarian-Juliana Prestes. She is at Dal Med and is organizing a group which will assist seniors who may be isolated or in need of any assistance during this Covid-19 situation.

Juliana 's contact information is Juliana.prestes@dal.ca. Ph#506 721 4509. Juliana has agreed to offer this to our groups and/or any friends& family as may be needed.

Best regard, **Don L, President PROBUS Men's Club.**

March 25/20

Gentlemen: John Doyle has cancelled the remaining speakers for this Spring such that they are aware that meetings will likely be cancelled. John will attempt a "tentative" Speaker schedule for Fall. This is just an Update regarding this topic. Everyone stay safe! PS - Tom -can you kindly ensure that this notice reaches our larger membership?

Best regards Don L, Club President

Paddy & Mick find three grenades, so they decide to take them to a police station.

Mick: *"What if one explodes before we get there?"*

Paddy: *"We'll lie and say we only found two."*

Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope: "DO NOT BEND".

Paddy spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick the bloody thing up.

Paddy was driving home, drunk as a skunk, suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over as he veers about all over the road. Paddy tells the cop about all the trees in the road.

Cop says, "For Heaven's sake Paddy, that's your air freshener swinging about!"

An old Irish farmer's dog goes missing and he's inconsolable.

His wife says: *"Why don't you put an ad in the paper?"*

The farmer does. Two weeks later the dog is still missing.

"What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks.

"Here boy" he replies.

Finnegan: *My wife has a terrible habit of staying up 'til two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her out of it.*

Keenan: *What on earth is she doing at that time?*

Finnegan: *Waiting for me to come home.*

INTERESTING FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

CAPTAIN KANGAROO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 23, 2004 AT AGE 76. HIS DEATH REMINDED ME OF THE FOLLOWING STORY.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN A BIT OFFENDED THAT THE ACTOR, **LEE MARVIN**, IS BURIED IN A GRAVE ALONG SIDE 3 AND 4-STAR GENERALS AT DARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. HIS MARKER GIVES HIS NAME, RANK (PVT) AND SERVICE (USMC). NOTHING ELSE.

HERE'S A GUY WHO WAS ONLY A FAMOUS MOVIE STAR WHO SERVED HIS TIME, WHY THE HECK DOES HE RATE BURIAL WITH THESE GUYS? WELL, FOLLOWING IS THE AMAZING ANSWER.

I ALWAYS LIKED LEE MARVIN BUT DIDN'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF HIS MARINE CORPS EXPERIENCES. IN A TIME WHEN MANY HOLLYWOOD STARS SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES OFTEN IN REAR ECHELON POSTS WHERE THEY WERE CAREFULLY PROTECTED, ONLY TO BE TROTTED OUT TO PERFORM FOR THE CAMERAS IN WAR BOND PROMOTIONS, LEE MARVIN WAS A GENUINE HERO. HE WON THE NAVY CROSS AT IWO JIMA. THERE IS ONLY ONE HIGHER NAVAL AWARD... THE MEDAL OF HONOR! IF THAT IS A SURPRISING COMMENT ON THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE MAN, HE CREDITS HIS SERGEANT WITH AN EVEN GREATER SHOW OF BRAVERY.

DIALOG FROM "THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JOHNNY CARSON": HIS GUEST WAS LEE MARVIN. JOHNNY SAID, "LEE, I'LL BET A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE THAT YOU WERE A MARINE IN THE INITIAL LANDING AT IWO JIMA AND THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THAT ACTION YOU EARNED THE NAVY CROSS AND WERE SEVERELY WOUNDED."

"YEAH, YEAH... I GOT SHOT SQUARE IN THE BOTTOM AND THEY GAVE ME THE CROSS FOR SECURING A HOT SPOT ABOUT HALFWAY UP SURIBACHI. BAD THING ABOUT GETTING SHOT UP ON A MOUNTAIN IS GUYS GETTING SHOT HAULING YOU DOWN. BUT, JOHNNY, AT IWO JIMA, I SERVED UNDER THE BRAVEST MAN I EVER KNEW... WE BOTH GOT THE CROSS THE SAME DAY, BUT WHAT HE DID FOR HIS CROSS MADE MINE LOOK CHEAP IN COMPARISON.

THAT DUMB GUY ACTUALLY STOOD UP ON RED BEACH AND DIRECTED HIS TROOPS TO MOVE FORWARD AND GET THE HELL OFF THE BEACH. BULLETS FLYING BY, WITH MORTAR ROUNDS LANDING EVERYWHERE AND HE STOOD THERE AS THE MAIN TARGET OF GUNFIRE SO THAT HE COULD GET HIS MEN TO SAFETY. HE DID THIS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION BECAUSE HIS MEN'S SAFETY WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS OWN LIFE. THAT SERGEANT AND I HAVE BEEN LIFELONG FRIENDS. WHEN THEY BROUGHT ME OFF SURIBACHI WE PASSED THE SERGEANT AND HE LIT A SMOKE AND PASSED IT TO ME, LYING ON MY BELLY ON THE STRETCHER AND SAID, "WHERE'D THEY GET YOU LEE?" "WELL BOB.... IF YOU MAKE IT HOME BEFORE ME, TELL MOM TO SELL THE OUTHOUSE!" JOHNNY, I'M NOT LYING, SERGEANT KEESHAN WAS THE BRAVEST MAN I EVER KNEW.

THE SERGEANT'S NAME IS **BOB KEESHAN**. YOU AND THE WORLD KNOW HIM AS **CAPTAIN KANGAROO**."

MR. ROGERS WAS A U.S. NAVY SEAL, COMBAT-PROVEN IN VIETNAM WITH OVER TWENTY-FIVE CONFIRMED KILLS TO HIS NAME. HE WORE A LONG-SLEEVED SWEATER ON TV TO COVER THE MANY TATTOOS ON HIS FOREARM AND BICEPS. HE WAS A MASTER IN SMALL ARMS AND HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT, ABLE TO DISARM OR KILL IN A HEARTBEAT

AFTER THE WAR MR. ROGERS BECAME AN ORDAINED PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER AND THEREFORE, A PACIFIST. VOWING TO NEVER HARM ANOTHER HUMAN, HE ALSO DEDICATED THE REST OF HIS LIFE TO TRYING TO HELP LEAD CHILDREN ON THE RIGHT PATH IN LIFE. HE HID AWAY THE TATTOOS AND HIS PAST LIFE AND WON OUR HEARTS WITH HIS QUIET WIT AND CHARM.

AMERICA'S REAL HEROES DON'T FLAUNT WHAT THEY DID. THEY QUIETLY GO ABOUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES, DOING WHAT THEY DO BEST. THEY EARNED OUR RESPECT AND THE FREEDOMS THAT WE ALL ENJOY. LOOK AROUND AND SEE

IF YOU CAN FIND ONE OF THOSE HEROES IN YOUR MIDST. OFTEN, THEY ARE THE ONES YOU'D LEAST SUSPECT, BUT WOULD MOST LIKE TO HAVE ON YOUR SIDE IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENED.

TAKE THE TIME TO THANK ANYONE THAT HAS FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM, WITH ENCOURAGEMENT, THEY COULD BE THE NEXT **CAPTAIN KANGAROO OR MR. ROGERS.**

**THEY SAID A MASK
AND GLOVES WERE
ENOUGH TO GO TO
THE GROCERY STORE**

**THEY LIED,
EVERYBODY ELSE
HAD CLOTHES ON**

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started...

