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2022--2023 Executive members

***Don Mitchner*-----President**
***Don LeBlanc* -----Past President**
***Frank McCarey*----- 1st Vice President**
***Paul Meier*-----2nd Vice President**
***Ed Creaser*-----Treasurer**
Carl White* –Secretary & Assistant, *Chip Lawton



President *Donald Mitchner*

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN

Monthly Meeting

Call to Order – 10:06 am, May 18, 2022. Welcome: **Don LeBlanc** opened the meeting noting that May 18 is Loyalist Day in Saint John marking the landing of The Loyalists in 1783.

The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada.

Memoriams for departed members - **David Flewelling** had been in hospital and is recovering at home.

Minutes of last meeting – **Howard Pearn** made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded in The Phoghorn which was seconded by **Paul Meier**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – **Robert Taylor** prepared and presented a written Financial Report for 2021-22 showing a bank balance of \$722.28. Robert mentioned that since the Annual Dues were reduced to \$20.00 and that fact that some meals were subsidized, the balance in the bank has reduced by about \$1,000.

Robert made a motion a motion to accept the Report as presented which was seconded by **Ralph Wood**. Motion carried.

A head count revealed there were twenty-nine members in attendance.

President Don LeBlanc spoke at length about his time in office over the past three and a half years. Don found the challenge rewarding and thanked those who stepped up to assist and keep things running especially with all the pandemic restrictions. Don mentioned the teamwork, social interaction, connectivity, education, staying alert and in contact with old and new friends as positives that the membership receives from PROBUS.

Annual General Meeting – a motion to accept the minutes from The Annual Meeting of 2021 was made by **Gord Dempster** and seconded by **Frank McCarey**. Motion carried.

Robert Lockhart, our webmaster has been faithful to the Club in keeping the website up to date. It was suggested he be made an **Honorary Life Member**. A motion was made by **Willard Buckley** and seconded by **Don Tompkins**. Motion carried. It was suggested that he be invited to our special September meeting.

An election for the upcoming year for officers was held. No new nominations were made prior to the deadline as outlined in the "Rules and Regulations" of the PROBUS Club so the recommendations from the **Nomination Committee** were except.

A motion was made by **Howard Pearn**, seconded by **Gordon Dempsey**, and passed by those in attendance to accept the slate of officers as outlined on the attached sheet by the Nominating Committee.

The many members that volunteer for other positions that make our club run are listed on the Nomination sheet enclosed

The new officers for the 2022-2023 season are as follows.

President—Don Mitchener

Treasurer—Ed Creaser

1st Vice President—Frank McCarey

2nd Vice president—Paul Meier

A motion to appoint signing officers for the Club was made by Robert Taylor as follows:

Ed Creaser – Treasurer

Don Mitchener – President

Frank McCarey – 1st Vice President

The motion was seconded by **Carl White**. Motion carried.

Ralph Wood provided some entertainment with a few jokes. Thanks Ralph.

Elected President **Don Mitchener** spoke briefly, thanked **Don LeBlanc** for his term as President and mentioned that **Bob Purdy** and **Paul Meier** would begin a plan to increase Club membership.

New Business.

John Doyle mentioned that a Club outing has been planned for June 8 to St. Andrews.

A lunch has been arranged at the **Red Herring Pub**, the cost of which is to be paid by those attending.

Bev Harrison mentioned on June 12 a Freedom of the City Parade will take place and that on June 24th the unveiling of a Naval Memorial will take place, and St. Martins is celebrating Old Home Week the third week of June.

Two speakers gave presentations, the first, **Terry West**, a city employee who is helping develop the **Area 506 Festival** and Venue. The site has fifty-four sea containers which have been renovated to provide space for several vendors. The site will be used for various entertainment functions in addition to the Area 506 Festival.

While Saint John is hosting The **Memorial Cup**, several entertainment events will take place on the waterfront. Saint John will have television exposure on TSN over the 11 days of The Memorial Cup Tournament.

Terry was thanked by **Frank McCarey** and presented with a gift.

Bob Purdy was the winner of \$101.00 in the Club draw.

A short coffee break took place.

The second speaker was **Emily Murphy** who is a city employee as a **Parks Liaison Manager**.

The city received \$4.6 million in gas tax revenue which will be used to enhance Rockwood Park, Dominion Park, Market Place, North End, Arts and Culture and Sports fields. Loyalist Plaza will be rebuilt, and trees will be planted in various neighborhoods.

Emily was thanked by **Gord Dempsey** and presented her with a gift.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

The May 18th meeting was a regular meeting followed by the **AGM**. A new Executives were elected as shown below.

Your new executive for 2022—2023



On the left, 2nd Vice president **PAUL MEIER**, 1st Vice President **FRANK McCAREY**, **President DON MITCHENER**, Secretary **CARL WHITE**, Treasurer **ED CREASER**, Assistance Secretary, **CHIP LAWTON**.



PROBUS 2022-2023

Nomination Committee: *Tom Craig, Robert Taylor, Paul Meier*

<u>OFFICE</u>		<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>Volunteer Committees</u>		
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	1	Donald Mitchener	<u>House Manager</u>	1	TOM CRAIG
			<u>Handling Name Tag Boxes</u>	2	RON PEARCE
			<u>Guest Speakers</u>	1	PAUL MEIER
<u>Past President</u>	1	Don LeBlanc			
			<u>Telephone committee</u>	1	CHIP LAWTON
<u>1st Vice President</u>	1	Frank McCarey		2	PETER MORRIS
<u>2nd Vice President</u>	1	Paul Meier		3	ED CREASER
				4	DALE STEVENS
				5	GARY WATSON
<u>Treasurer</u>	1	Ed Creaser	<u>Probus Binders for new members</u>	1	DALE STEVENS
<u>Secretary</u>	1	Carl White	<u>Editor PHOGHORN</u>	1	TOM CRAIG
	2	Chip Lawton			
			<u>PROBUS PHOTOGRAPHER</u>	1	TOM CRAIG
			<u>Ticket Sales at meetings</u>	1	WILLIAM COVERT
				2	RON PEARCE
			<u>Speakers Gifts--Name Badges</u>	1	DAVID FLEWELLING
Presented to the PROBUS club monthly meeting April 20, 2022					

Pictures from the May meeting



Don Leblanc addressing the membership outlining his time as president of PROBUS SJ.



Ralph Wood passing along a few jokes.



Passing the PROBUS President's Pin



Vice President Frank McCarey thanks Terry West and Gordon Dempsey thanks **Emily Murphy** for their presentations.



WANT TO KNOW HOW BAD INFLATION IS:

My neighbor got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

CEOs are now playing miniature golf.

ExxonMobil laid off 25 Congresspeople.

I saw a Mormon with only one wife.

McDonald's are selling the one-fourth ounce.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

A picture is now only worth two hundred words.

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now must share a room.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

Called to get Blue Book Value on my car. They asked if gas tank was full or empty.

Me: I have many hidden
talents 😎

Someone: Like What?

Me: I don't know,
They're all hidden 😞



This really works!



I need those tires.

I found this interesting as you can see it was manufactured 3,300 years ago!



On June 8, 2022, PROBUS gathered for an outing with a visit to St. Andrews. About ten members were able to attend the tour of the "**HUNTSMAN MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE.**" This was followed up with lunch at the local. "**Red Herring Pub.**" A later issue of *The Phoghorn Newsletter* will feature the story on that tour. A fun time was had by all with the suggestion "**this should be done more often**"



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