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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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Meetings are at the **Canada Best Value Inn on Main St, next to the Lord Beaverbrook Arena**, every third Wednesday of the month,
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2021--2022 Executive members



Don LeBlanc-----President
Ed O'Keefe -----Past President
Frank McCarey----- 2nd Vice President
Robert Taylor -----Treasurer
Chip Lawton –Secretary & Assistant, *Carl White*



President Don LeBlanc

President's Report.

Fellow Probus members; It was delightful to welcome so many Club members back for live meeting in Feb.!

As described so well by our roving reporter Tom Craig; we also had a nice luncheon set up by John Doyle at Union Club.- well attended and enjoyed by all! We will be opening as a Province in mid March- so we hope to "normalize" as we go into "endemic" phase of Covid. I think our level of comfort as a triple vaccinated (probably 100% group was evident at our last meeting!)

I look forward to working with everyone on our agenda of association and learning (recent talk by Paul Meir -we learned about an exciting career of one of our members!).

We will plan a great event in Sept for our 30th Celebration!

Warm best regards to all & don't forget - stay active and connected! Don LeBlanc Club President

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES.

Call to Order – 10:06am February 16, 2022 – Welcome, Don LeBlanc opened the meeting. We sang O Canada.

Memoriams for departed members - Don mentioned that **Jack Wait** had died. He was active in many organizations although not PROBUS. Bill Covert mentioned **Peter Jolly** is at home and has been isolating due to his illness. Best wishes to Peter from The Club. Hopefully at some point he will be able to attend a meeting.

Minutes of last meeting, December 15, 2021 – **Gord Dempsey** made a motion to pass the minutes as published in the Phoghorn which was seconded by **Robert Taylor**.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Taylor distributed a few copies of the Financial Report for Fall 2021, a copy of which is attached. Robert mentioned that 36 members had paid their dues. Three more paid today. When Robert paid for our Christmas Lunch at The Villa Madonna it was discovered that HST was due which had not been anticipated. Robert made a motion to pass the report as presented which was seconded by Ron Pearce. It was noted that Annual Dues are payable in September.

Membership – Guests – **Gord Dempster** introduced **Bev Harrison**. Bev was an educator finishing as Principal of Saint John High School. He was a New Brunswick MLA for 24 years, Speaker of the Legislature, Minister, Government House Leader and among other duties, Chairman of Government Caucus. For the past 12 years Bev has travelled to Africa working with a local charity (**Hampton Piggs Peak Partnership**) in **Swaziland**.

Bev has been a member of many other organizations and has travelled to almost 40 countries over the years.

Paul Meier introduced **Dennis Skidmore** a long time business associate and motorcycle enthusiast and riding partner.

Don Michener introduced **Gerry O'Brien** who had been a partner with the Law Firm of Cox and Palmer. Gerry is now retired.

Approximately 30 were in attendance most of whom planned to stay for lunch.

Upcoming Programs – **John Doyle** reported that **Barry Snodgrass and Rick Watters** will return with some Irish music in honor of **St. Patrick's Day**. The guest speakers will be **David Goss and Harold Wright**.

In April we will have **Sarah Gander**, a social Pediatrician.

In May, we will have **Emily Murphy** speaking about Rockwood Park.

In June, **Greg Estabrooks** with Port Saint John will bring us up to date on Port developments.

David Flewelling made a motion to have a meeting in June which was seconded by **Tom Craig**.

John Doyle mentioned we have been invited to tour the new **Black History Museum** in the pedway next to Tim Horton's. A show of hands indicated 20 or so would attend. John says we can have lunch after at The Union Club on Germain Street.

Allegedly Fabulous Funnies – Carl Tompkins had four groaners for us.

Break for coffee.

Speaker – **John Doyle** introduced member, **Paul Meier** who gave a very interesting compilation of his years spent with the company, **Secunda**, a Halifax based company which supplies ships and equipment for the off shore oil industry. The company was sold to a Texas company in 2007.

Paul was thanked for his presentation by **Don Michener**.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Nominating committee

The nominating committee has formed to seek out members that will serve on the various positions in our **PROBUS** club for the upcoming year 2022-2023.

We ask all members to give this their consideration for these offices. Remember, it is your club, and we need people to offer to have a robust club.

Committee members are, **ROBERT TAYLOR, PAUL MEIER, and TOM CRAIG**



FINANCIAL Report

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN FINANCIAL REPORT FALL 2021

Bank Balance 1 September 2021		\$1244.54
Plus Income:		
36 Dues at \$20	\$720	
Dinner Refunds re-deposited	100	
37 Christmas Dinners at \$25	<u>915</u>	<u>\$1735.00</u>
Equals Funds Available		\$2979.54
Less Expenses:		
PROBUS Canada: 40 members at \$3	\$ 120.00	
BMO: 200 new cheques	158.11	
Pins & Name Tags	69.06	
Postage stamps	11.34	
Phoghorn Supplies	202.94	
Speakers' Gifts & Lunches	225.42	
Memorial re Sherman Palmer	25.00	
Website Licence	23.13	
Christmas Dinners (\$165 HST owing)	<u>1180.00</u>	<u>\$2015.00</u>
Equals Bank Balance 31 December 2021		\$ 964.54

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Treasurer.

16 February 2022.



Members wait for the meals to arrive.



Guest speaker Paul Meier during his presentation.



Don Leblanc, standing, and members during the presentation.



Don Mitchner presents Paul Meier with a token from **PROBUS** for his presentation.



Two new members, during the presentation.



Good to see **Richard Burpee** back at the meetings. (blue shirt)



Fine looking group. On the left, David Jory, Ed Creaser, Robyn Humphries & Carl Tompkins



Two PROBUS MEMBERS Gary Watson on the left and Pat Gallagher on the right, during the break.

INTERESTING PICTURES and HUMOUR



My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

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EVER WONDER WHY THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE IS ALWAYS PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE SIDE?



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this is what you look like when you say we can fix the system if we just vote for the right people



Thanks to Willard Buckley for this piece on Icebergs.



Amazing striped icebergs

Icebergs sometimes have stripes, formed by layers of snow that react to different conditions. Blue stripes are often created when a crevice in the ice sheet fills up with melt water and freezes so quickly that no bubbles form.

When an iceberg falls into the lake, a layer of water can freeze to the underside. If this is rich in algae, it can form a green stripe.



**Frozen Wave Pixs - Nature is amazing!
The water froze the instant the wave broke through the**

ice. That's what it is like In Greenland where it is the coldest weather in decades. Water freezes the instant it comes in contact with the air. The temperature of the water is already some degrees below freezing.



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