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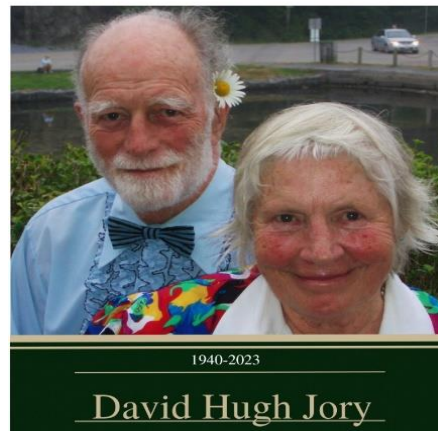
President **Donald Mitchener**
PROBUS
Saint John PROBUS Club

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 & Asst., **Chip Lawton**

PROBUS Saint John, our next meeting is on MARCH 15, 2023. The restaurant has reminder us that it does not have access to Debit or Charge cards from the 8th floor ‘Top of the Town’ room.

It is requested all members paying for their lunch, bring cash for this transaction.



Very sad to report that one of our PROBUS members, David Jory, passed away in February of 2023.



Minutes from the February 15th meeting.

PROBUS Club of Saint John – February 15, 2023

Call to Order – 11:10am – **Don Mitchener**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the signing of O Canada. There were 22 members in attendance.

Don commented on the death of David Jory.

Don indicated that the Presentation by **Liz Meier** provided the Members with some great information and reminded us that we all need to take positive steps to look after our health.

It was advised that our Website will be monitored by a new source and that the cost will be \$150-\$200 and that the proceeds from the 50/50 draw will help offset this cost.

Don advised that he will be holding a meeting with the Executive to discuss the transition of the President's position and other Executive positions as needed as we go into our AGM in April. He indicated that he will not be reoffering as President. Also, there will be discussion as to the possible meeting agenda for May and June.

A vote was held regarding the continuation of Members drawing numbers for table assignments and the majority voted to continue this practice.

Minutes of last meeting – It was moved by **Carl White** and seconded by **Chip Lawton** to accept the Minutes of January 18th as published in the latest Phoghorn. Motion Accepted.

Treasurer Report – It was moved by **Ed Creaser** and seconded by **David Flewelling** to accept the Report as published in the latest Phoghorn. Motion Accepted.

Paul Meier and **Chip Lawton** entertained with jokes.

Upcoming Speakers: It was indicated that our speaker for March would be Dean Mullin, an Accountant, who would be talking about taxes and the tax return process. An attempt will be made to seek future speakers and Members are welcome to make suggestions.

As part of the new initiative of Members sharing some details about their working careers or life experiences, **Carl White** and **Frank McCarey** shared some thoughts. It was suggested by **Paul Meier** that perhaps we could accumulate a binder containing some basic details of each Member for future reference. It was stated by Paul that an attempt would continue to recruit new Members and that currently we have 58 Members, which includes those we have been able to recruit over the last while. Paul further stated that it could be possible to conduct seminars in September, October, and November on the topic of Successful Retirement, and that a volunteer would be needed to assist in coordinating this project.

It was indicated by several Members in attendance that there was an interest in a possible 2 ½ hour Trolley tour of Saint John and that it could be scheduled for early to mid-May followed by lunch.

Coffee Break – Given time restraints, it was suggested by the President that Members grab their coffee and return to their seats in order that our guest Speaker could begin the Presentation.

The President introduced our Guest Speaker, **Alyssa Long**, Executive Director, The New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation Inc. She then explained the goals of the Foundation and her presentation was very informative. In summary, she explained that the Foundation's Mission was to attract the best Medical Students to study and practice in New Brunswick. It was also their Mission to engage and encourage, New Brunswick Medical Students studying outside the province to return to practice in New Brunswick, and that Physician retention is an important aspect of the work they do. It was indicated that through their Foundation, Scholarships were available to those wishing to enter the medical field. Alyssa acknowledged that the health system was in crisis, but that New Brunswick was holding its own against other Provinces. A few Members asked Alyssa questions at the end of her Presentation.

Copies of the Foundation's Annual Report were made available to those in attendance and as well, a full copy of her Presentation was forwarded to Members by **Tom Craig** through email.

50/50 Draw – **Alyssa** was asked to draw the winning ticket which was won by **Tom Craig** - \$27.00

She was thanked by **John Doyle** on behalf of the Members.

Minutes Presented by: **Carl White, Secretary**

The following is a copy email from JC Robert Lockhart concerning our web site for PROBUS SJ.

Gentlemen,

*I just received a call from **Garvin Smith** who hosts our website.*

As you know, he and the previous owner Greg Jewitt, have hosted our web site since 2003 for free as a corporate donation.

Garvin called me this afternoon to advise that they are making changes within their company and that he will no longer be able to be the host for the web site. When I got to talk to him about it a bit, he advised that when Greg had the company, he did do web site hosting. Garvin has not done it but kept us on along with a couple others as a corporate good will gesture. As Tom and I discussed yesterday, I have done my best to keep us below his radar so kind of comical that I got the call today, laughing.

Garvin advised that he will do some checking on our behalf to see what the cost and what would be needed to change our hosting over to Go Daddies which is a low cost web host company but once you go with them, they are always trying to upsell you.

If the decision is to keep our web site, I would suggest we go with Integrant here in Sussex. I have used them when I was the webmaster for the Sussex Rotary Club, and my son uses them for his companies as well. He is local, a computer nerd, and if we get in trouble and need support, they are someone local who you can look in the eye and ask for help which I have done in the past.

I talked to the owner Tim Locke this afternoon, and his annual fee for hosting a non-profit group such as ours is \$130.44 or \$150.00 with HST. The annual domain fee is \$35.00 for which we have always paid and I have donated the fee. If we were a For Profit company, that fee would be over \$250.00 with Integrant, and much more than that for sure from a Saint John web hosting company.

My guess would be that Go Daddy annual fee would be over \$250.00 plus your domain fee, and they are located somewhere in the world. Garvin is checking on that annual fee for me.

Not sure how your budgets are these days, but the \$185.00 annual fee is more than a fair price. The Sussex Rotary Club was paying \$235.00 annually when I was webmaster two years ago, and are paying far more than that today as they changed Hosting to the Rotary International server plus still pay Integrant something for email addresses and the Domain name.

My thoughts are that if you give up your website, you will lose all your previous history for sure, and probably will not collect any new history. That is just the simple fact about the way service clubs work with changing leaders most years!

So if the budget will stand it, I would recommend changing over to Integrant. I am looking for a quick decision & answer because Garvin has been very generous to us over the years so I want to get out of his way for his company plans, and want to get things moved over to Integrant quickly. It will take some effort on my part in testing once moved which is not an issue.

If budgets are tight this year, I would be happy to help with the fee for the year so you have time to adjust your fees next year to handle the new cost.

Thoughts?

Call if you want to discuss 506.636.2393 cell.

Best regards,

JCRL

Final EMAIL to go ahead with the transfer.

Garvin & Tim,

Just as follow up to our telephone conversations, I would ask that you two get in touch with each other and make the necessary arrangements to have the SJProbus.ca web site transferred over from Presponse to Integrant as soon as convenient for you both.

Please keep me in the loop on any emails back and forth so I understand what progress is being made and when the transfer is to be done and when completed so I can manage communication back to the club.

Tim, once you do have the website back online on your server, please contact me so I can set up necessary passwords for email and FTPing files to your server, and I will do some testing to ensure all looks good online with the transfer. I will also give you the contact / billing info for SJ Probus at that time.

SJ Probus have one email address today: anything@sjprobus.ca

Contact Info:

Tim Locke of Integrant: tim.locke@integrant.ca; 506.424.0846 cell

Garvin Smith of Presponse: garvin@presponse.com; 506.636.0134 cell

Robert Lockhart: lockharr@nbnet.nb.ca; 506.636.2393 cell

If I have missed anything, please let me know.

Best regards, Robert

Pictures for the February meeting.



Guest speaker **ALYSSA LONG** .



Carl White and his presentation to the membership.



Three PROBUS members enjoying lunch, **Peter Gaulton** on the left, followed by **Robert Taylor** and **Fred Shillington**.



Some of our PROBUS members during the presentation by Alyssa long



Our guest speaker, *Alyssa Long* was invited to stay for lunch. Seated to the left of *Alyssa* are, *Don Mitchener*, president, followed by *David Flewelling*, *Donald LeBlanc* and *Carl White*

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.



This is a distracting view from the 8th floor of our meeting location.
It is the entrance of the Harbour Bridge. Very little snow for February.

Interesting Pictures and a bit of Humour



Once a year—Tulips is Bloom--Holland

Walter summerford was struck by lightning in 1918. Six years afterward, in 1924, he was again struck by lightning. Another six years later in 1930, he was struck by lightning again. Even after his death in 1932, lightning struck his grave in 1936.



Was driving back home today, when I saw a spy balloon, until I realized it was a bird poo on my windshield.



Dogs are welcome in this hotel. We never had a dog that smoked in bed and set fire to the blankets. We never had a dog that stole our towels and played the T.V. too loud, or had a noisy fight with his traveling companion. We never had a dog that got drunk and broke up the furniture....So if your dog can vouch for you, you're welcome too. *The Management*

Never give a mechanic the job to redecorate a room!



Yesterday, I ate a clock. It was very time consuming. Especially when I went back for seconds.



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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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