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**PROBUS President**

***Frank McCarey***

Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club

2023—2024 Executive members

President -----Frank McCarey  
Past president -----Don Mitchener  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice president -----Paul Meier  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President -----Carl White  
Treasurer -----Ed Creaser  
Secretary -----Carl White  
Chip Lawton

## **PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Some changes that have occurred on October 10, 2023.

Our meeting place, Canadas Best Value Inn, has informed PROBUS that our meeting room is not available on the October 18<sup>th</sup> as planned.

Your executive has formed plans to meet at the Villa Madonna in Renforth, Rothesay instead. Date is still the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting time will be 10:00am with lunch being served at a cost of \$18.00 per person. There will be wraps and soup, coffee, tea, in addition to sandwiches. Please bring CASH to pay for your meal. Debit transactions are not available.

### **Messages: UPDATE MEETING ROOM.**

It has come to our attention by **Barb Lynch**, manager of the restaurant, for the **Canadas Best Value Inn**, that the newly renovated meeting room, is NOT available for the month of October. No alternative day was given.

- OCTOBER IS PROBUS MONTH.
- Speaker for the October meeting is "Ray Gracewood". His topic is on the "506 ContainerDevelopment" at the waterfront of the port.

### **MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, DATED THE 20<sup>TH</sup>.**

#### **PROBUS Club of Saint John – September 20, 2023**

Call Order a 10:00am – **Frank McCarey**, President, opened the meeting. There were twenty-four members in attendance. The meeting was held in the Restaurant area of the Hotel. There were no Guests in attendance. It was indicated that **Tom Craig** was absent due to a health issue with his wife and that **Gordon Burnett** would be away for the next two months. Members were advised that the future site for our meeting was still being worked out and they would place their individual orders for lunch following this meeting.

The group picture that was taken on the day of the **Trolley Tour** was made available for those in attendance.

It was moved by **Ed Creaser** that the Membership fee would be **\$35**, seconded by **Gordon Dempsey** – Motion Passed

**Carl White, Secretary** indicated that last minutes were available in the Phoghorn.

**Ed Creaser, Treasurer** indicated that a report would be presented at the October meeting.

**Paul Meier** provided jokes.

Following the coffee break, **Paul Meier** passed out questionnaires to the Members asking for their input regarding their opinions as to how they feel about the overall activities of the Club and asked for any suggestions to things we can do in the future that might be of interest to the Members. Discussions were held at each table and a verbal report was represented by a member from each table and Paul collected the written submissions which he would review and report the suggestions at the October meeting.

Minutes presented by **Carl White, Secretary**

[No pictures for this issue as the photographer was absent from the meeting.](#)

### *Humor by seniors.*

There is only one cure for gray hair. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine. — **P.G. Wodehouse**

"I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do." — **Phyllis Diller**

"You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It is like, 'See if you can blow this out.'" — **Jerry Seinfeld**

"I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes." — **Andy Rooney**

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." — **Mark Twain**

"So far, this is the oldest I've been." — **George Carlin**

"By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere." — **Billy Crystal**

"You know you're getting older when you're told to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police." — **Joan Rivers**

"You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing." — **George Bernard Shaw**

"You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake." — **Bob Hope**

"I'm very pleased to be here. Let's face it, at my age I'm very pleased to be anywhere." — **George Burns**

**PROBUS**  
**Summary of Member Feedback**  
**September, 2023**

**Big Picture Questions**

**What do you value/like most about the Club?**

*Socializing  
Friendships  
Getting out  
Good speakers  
Interesting topics  
Field trips*

**What do you NOT like about our current approach?**

*Very little comment here. Some reference to venue and food choice.*

**What changes would you recommend to improve our club?**

*Need to finalize meeting site.  
New location. Good food.  
Increase number of members (to 75-100).  
Better jokes.  
Increase our profile.  
More field trips. More members.*

**What new initiatives or creativity would you suggest for our club?**

*Keep things simple and allow for maximum social contact.  
Increase profile of club. Reach out to general public. Advertise?  
Place emphasis on good speakers and more tours.  
Keep recruiting as it is ongoing challenge.  
Get ideas from PROBUS National and International websites.*

*Get more members to participate in administration of club.*

**What other comments do you have for our Executive?**

*Current program meets expectations.*

*Arrange more tours and visits.*

*Doing good job. Thank you.*

*Keep Oh Canada. No sing songs without pianist and song leader.*

*Issue these questions to members not attending this meeting. Read and update the Constitution and By Laws.*

*Be receptive to suggestions.*

*Increase our excursions- golf club; curling club.*

*Is start time of 10:00 too early? Consider 11:00 and buffet style lunch.*

**Detailed "Operational" Questions**

**What new member prospects can you suggest and who should make contact?**

*Glen Tait-Frank McGarey*

*Retiring employees of major employers-Irving, NB Power, Aliant, City, SJ Energy, etc.*

*Dr. Mike Simon*

*Someone from Cooke Aquaculture*

*Direct question to each member and member should contact them*

*Ask friends and neighbours*

*Top of mind awareness*

*Tony Aziz- Greg Langille*

*Howard Pearn- Chip Lawton*

**What possible speakers can you recommend for consideration?**

*Craig Estabrooks*

*Representatives of major local employers*

*Someone from Cooke Aquaculture*

*A doctor*  
*Airport representative*  
*Ocean Steel Representative*  
*A local mayor*  
*A Lawyer*  
*Harold Wright/David Goss*  
*Someone on pros/cons of electric cars*  
*Lawyer on wills and powers of attorney*  
*David Elias (developer of Coast Guard property)*

**What topics would you suggest for future speakers to address?**

*Waterfront Development*  
*Small Modular Reactors*  
*Electric cars-pros and cons*  
*Port activities*

**What suggestions do you have for possible future field trips?**

*Fort Latour*  
*Grand Manan*  
*Winery tour on the peninsula*  
*Point Lepreau/Maquadavic(?) Hydro Project*  
*Gagetown CFB*  
*Deer Island tour*  
*Mystery tour*  
*Crosby Molasses*  
*Refinery*  
*SJ Port*  
*Airport*  
*Moncton Casino*  
*Sea Dogs- Ale House before*  
*Maple Syrup tour in Elgin*  
*Local Pulp mill*  
*Funny Trail (start in Sussex)*

**What other comments or suggestions do you have for consideration by the Executive?**

*Be proactive*

*Community involvement (manning bbq at Bobby's Hospice for a day (have banner for profile building and pamphlets for handout.*

*Advise speakers to limit amount of detail and stick to 20-30 minutes*

*Keep up the good work*

*Look into Riverside as possible meeting place*



Just a note for all, see the past information on your club from years ago. You could be surprised how some things have changed.

[Website http/www.sjprobus.ca](http://www.sjprobus.ca)

*PROBUS CANADA* website [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

**NOVEMBER'S MEETING WILL BE ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Time and place to be announced.**



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