



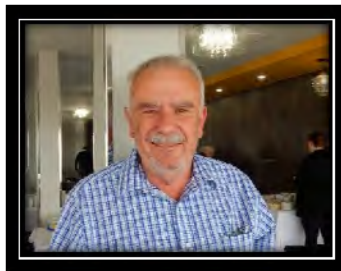
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PROBUS President

Frank McCarey

Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club

2023—2024 Executive members

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

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

PROBUS Club of Saint John – November 15, 2023

Call to 10:10 am – **Frank McCarey**, President, opened the meeting. The meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada. There were thirty-five members in attendance. The meeting was held in the cafeteria area of the Villa Madonna. **Chip Lawton** introduced Tony Aziz as a guest. Members were advised that the December 13th, Christmas Dinner, meeting would be held at the Villa at a cost of \$35, with a choice of turkey or salmon. Members were advised that there would be no speaker for the December meeting and that the String Quartet would be on hand to provide some musical selections. Discussion was held by those in attendance regarding having future meetings at the Villa. It was indicated the cost of lunch would be \$20 (cash only). It was moved by **Gordon Dempsey** and seconded by **Don Mitchener** (Passed)

Frank advised that the planned Regional Meeting of Probus scheduled for November was postponed due to lack of response and would be rescheduled for a future date.

Ed Creaser, Treasurer was available to accept Membership fees (\$35) from those who wished to pay.

Paul Meier advised that as follow-up to the Membership survey completed recently it was indicated that Members would like to participate in more field trips. Paul indicated that the intent was to attempt to organize at least three per year. He indicated that he would be organizing one and was seeking volunteers to organize others.

Ron LeBlanc advised that for those interested that they could participate in playing Bridge at the Bill McGuire Centre on Tuesdays at 1pm.

Carl White, Secretary moved that the October Minutes available in the latest edition of the Phoghorn be accepted. Seconded by **John Doyle**

Ed Creaser, Treasurer indicated that a financial report would be presented at the January meeting.

Following the Coffee Break, **Paul Meier** introduced **Mary-Eileen O'Brien, Lawyer/Mediator**

Mary-Eileen is the owner of the Carleton Law Group located on Carleton St. in uptown Saint John. She is a lifelong resident of Saint John and has served on several organizations and Boards, such as the Saint John Police Commission, the Canadian Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Law Societies of NB and NS.

She was accompanied by her Assistant, **Mary Walker**, who circulated several information documents to the Members in attendance related to preparation of Estate Planning, including "Will" preparation and the Powers of Attorney process.

Mary-Eileen shared some details related to the various processes involved regarding Estate Planning, including the preparation of Wills and Powers of Attorney. She explained that there could be times that herself and other staff would meet off site with clients due to various circumstances and even virtually as needed. She explained that when dealing with Banks as part of the processes you must be aware of the requirements that must be met for things to run smoothly. Also, that things should be clearly laid out regarding the responsibilities of a person who is identified as an Executor for a Will or being identified as an individual who has Power of Attorney. She indicated further that an awareness of any Legislations in place governing these processes must be considered as well.

Following questions from Members, **Don Connolly** thanked Mary-Elieen for the informative presentation.

Gord Burnett won the 50/50 draw of \$57.00.

Minutes presented by **Carl A. White, Secretary**

Just a note to remind everyone that our December meeting, December 13th, will also have our traditional Turkey Dinner at the Villa Madonna in Rothesay.

The meeting starts at 10:00am followed by the dinner at 11:30 or so. Tickets are still available and can be picked up at the door providing you *let Ed Creaser or Tom* know that you are coming. This way we can give an accurate account to the Villa Staff. Ed's email is [ehcreaser532@gmail](mailto:ehcreaser532@gmail.com) or 506-658-1380. Tom's is tec1942@rogers.com.

Members are welcome, encouraged, to attend the meeting even though not staying for the meal.

Also, any member that has not paid their 2024 due, \$35.00, may do so at the meeting.

Pictures from the November meeting.



President Frank McCarey opening the monthly meeting with the latest announcements.



Our Guest speaker *Mary-Eileen O'Brien* has everyone's attention during her presentation .



PROBUS member Don Connolly presents a gift to our speaker.

Do you know where this is?



This is a banner sign that was used at our meetings at the Boys and Girls Club back in 2019. It was mounted on a vertical stand and was made of nylon.

Problem is, where is it? Has anybody seen it or knows its whereabouts?

It really should be at our meetings as it identifies the Saint John Club in the pictures on the Web and the Newsletter.

The Boys and Girls Club are searching for it as I was not allowed into the premises due to regulations still in force.

Some Humor



Yesterday I purchased a world map...gave my wife a dart and said to her "throw this and wherever it lands, I'm taking you for a holiday".

Turns out we're spending three weeks behind the fridge.

- My husband cooks for me like I am a goddess—by placing burnt offerings before me.
- Where can single men over sixty-five find younger women who are interested in them? In the bookstore, under "Fiction."
- Bickering with your spouse is like trying to read the Terms of Use for a new service. In the end, you just give up and click "I agree."
- Why should you marry someone older than you?
As your looks fade, so will their eyesight.
- Why do retirees smile so much?
Because they cannot hear a word you are saying.
- Husbands are like lawn mowers: They are hard to get started, emit foul odors and don't work half the time.
- Love is like one long, sweet dream. Marriage is the alarm clock.
- Apparently saying, "Oh, this old thing?" is not an appropriate way to introduce my wife.

- You know you are getting old when your birthday cake is a fire hazard.
- If I ever decide to buy a horse ranch in my old age, I am going to name it “Pasture Prime.”
- You know you are getting old when your doctor refers you to an archaeologist.
- You are not getting old; you are becoming a classic.
- Old age is a heck of a lot better than the alternative.

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December’s meeting will be on the 13TH.

Time and place –Villa Madonna, Rothesay, 10:00 am.



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A Professional and Business Retirees Club.

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Meetings are at the *Villa Madonna Retreat House, Rothesay*, every *third Wednesday* of the month, 10:00 am.**

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*Merry
Christmas*