Lighthouse at the Renforth Wharf, Rothesay- New Brunswick

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2025—2026 Executive Team members

President ---------- *Carl White*
Past President --------- *Paul Meier*
1st Vice President ------ *Tony Aziz*
Secretary……*Greg Langille*
Treasurer----------*Gordon Burnett*
Assistant Treasurer---------Larry Timms
& House Manager

PROBUS Members Observing Birthdays for the month of June

FRED SHILLINGTON
GARY WATSON

Due to some technical and logistical problems, the minutes from the May 2026 meeting, were not available for approval and publication in the PHOGHORN NEWSLETTER. At our September meeting , the president will entertain a motion for their acceptance.

Also, the minutes from the normal meeting in June will be up for approval.

Minutes: PROBUS Meeting 19 May 2026

President Carl White opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

Name tag was presented to new member Tom Creamer

Guest Terry Bird was introduced by Chip Lawton.

Motion by Tony Aziz to approve minutes of the Probus meeting held on April 15th seconded by David Cassidy, motion approved.

Mac Estey thanked the room for their support during his recent health issue.

Brief report from Chip about the ongoing campaign to recruit new members. He reminded everyone about the draw to win a free membership for any member that brings in and sign-up new members. Carl White congratulated the room on a recruiting job well done.

Gord Burnett gave us a treasurer's report. It was reported that we now have 75 paid up members and have $3198 in the bank. A motion to accept the report by Gord, seconded by David Salter.

Community Activities: Chip Lawton reported that we are looking into a tour of the Port of Saint John facilities, hopefully in late September.

Paul Meier and Chip Lawton shared humour with the group.

Guest Speaker: Matt Conradi, **Strescon Limited**, Saint John. Provided a very informative and well received presentation on the planning and construction of Presentation on the 99 King St. Project. This is a major 12-storey, mixed-use development located at the former Woolworth store site, with completion expected this year.

Review of upcoming meetings:
June: June meeting will be at YIP cider on the Kingston Peninsula. The PROBUS ladies' group is invited along with our spouses. Tony Aziz will prepare a member information sheet including costs and member registration process.

Acting secretary, Tony Aziz

Probus June 17th 2026 Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President **Carl White**. The Meeting was held at Hip Cider due to another Event taking place at Villa Madonna, the usual site for meetings. Carl welcome those in

attendance, which included regular Club Members, spouses and Members of the Women's Probus group. He thanked everyone for their attendance and indicated that it was great that the Men's and Women's groups were able to share events. Carl acknowledged the support and assistance that the staff of Yip had provided in making this event happen, especially Meagan.

At 11am a number of those in attendance participated in a tour of the facility in regards to the process used to create the various Ciders that were produced on site.

Following the Tour, the regular meeting was conducted. There were no Minutes on hand from the May Meeting. **Gordon Burnet,** presented a financial update. It was moved by him to accept as presented, seconded by **Brent Seely,** Motion Carried

Outgoing President, **Carl White,** stated that he enjoyed his term as President and thanked the Members to for their support throughout his term. He stated that last June they had set a goal of achieving a Membership of 75 and with the efforts of various Members we had achieved that goal! He indicated that he looked forward to continuing as a Member and he would do what he could to assist with the Club growth and development.

At this point he closed the Regular meeting and turned the meeting over to **Tony Aziz** to lead the AGM.

Annual General Meeting – June 17, 2026

Tony thanked Carl on behalf of the Members for the job he had done through his term as President. On behalf of the Nominating Committee **Tony** presented the slate of the new Executive Committee for 2026-2027:

President – Tony Aziz

Past President – Carl White

1st Vice-President – Gord Burnett

2nd Vice-President – Brent Seely

Treasurer - Sid Lodhi

Asst. Treasurer – Larry Timms

Recording Secretary – Ross Mouland

It was moved by Tony and seconded by Paul Meier that the slate of officers be approved as presented. Motion Carried

Tony also indicated that Paul has agreed to be involved with the Management Committee as a source of input and that he looked forward to having **Tom Craig** continue doing the great work with the Phoghorn Newsletter. Tony indicated that he looked forward to our September 16th Meeting.

At this point the Meeting was adjourned and everyone proceeded to have lunch as provided by Cask and Kettle.

Pictures from the PROBUS OUTING and AGM

Special thanks to *Dan Kirk* for providing the photos from this outing. I was not able to attend.

An overhead view of the main building

Beautiful grounds

Tony appears to ber addressing the members

Carl White

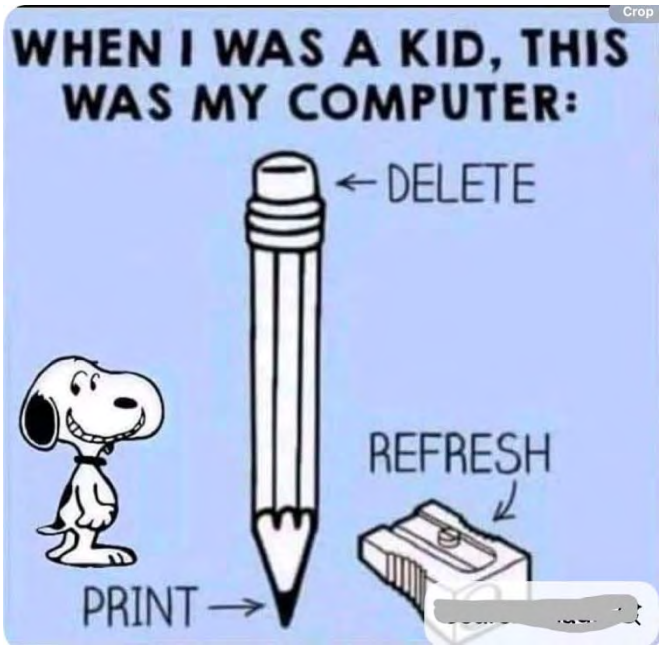
Addressing the group prior to the tour.

The group during the tour with the operator explaining the fermation process.

PROBUS members setting down for the meal and tasting the fruit of the apples?

Newly elected President TONY AZIZ addressing the group.

How true this is



PROBUS DOES NOT SCHEDULE ANY MEETINGS DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER ON THE 16TH.

As PROBUS calendar year comes to a close,

we remind our members there are no meeting in July or August.

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