

PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 24, 2014

Call to Order: Lia called the meeting to order at 9:30 by telling a joke.

Minutes: Trevor Cradduck moved and Lola Denesyk seconded that the minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Attendance/Membership: We have 100 members in attendance today. Geri & Chuck Reamer are new members and they stood and introduced themselves. We also had one guest, Kathy Smith.

Treasurer's Report: George Norris reported that we have a Cash Position of \$4,246.78 and a Net Deposit Position of \$9,953.17 which includes a GIC Certificate of \$5,706.39. The GIC was up for renewal this month and George has asked the bank to put the interest in our Operating Fund. Pancake Breakfast was over budget by \$40.22 and the curling had a \$11.00 surplus.

President's Report:

- Lia thanked Lola and Blaine Denesyk, Donna and Allan McAskile and Sharon Tettamanti for a fantastic Spring Luncheon in Parksville and especially Lola for keeping calm and collected when the Bayshore had made mistakes in their booking of our club.
- Lia welcomed back all our missed snowbirds. Some of them are starting up new activities. With Spring officially here other club activities are starting again.
- We are now looking for volunteers to help out at the summer barbecue.
- B.C. Summer Games is looking for volunteers this summer. Please contact Ann Judson at 250-729-0609 or www.bcgames.org. Four different positions are available: 1. Dorm Hosts 2. Hospitality 3. Site Preparation 4. Housekeeping. Athletes from ages 10 to 14 will be housed in schools around the city.
- Lia thanked Suzanne Brothers as part of the Dining Out Coordinators and she is also looking for a replacement for Suzanne to help out Helen Lemmon.
- New groups that are starting up are : Discussion Group with Ella and Del Haylock as well as a Hiking Group which is being led by them. The Rambling Group with John Halliwell has started up again with the warm weather approaching.
- The Butchart Gardens trip for tomorrow has 14 paid passengers and room for 6 more. A sign-up sheet is at the side table. On Friday, April 25th the trip includes a 2 course meal and entrance to Butchart Gardens. You can contact the bus group directly at 250-714-2855 and they have a hand held machine where you can pay by Visa, Master card or American Express.
- On June 26th a Probus Golf Tournament put on by Probus North will be held at Arrowsmith Golf Club. It costs \$58 for Golf and Dinner. Please contact Peter Reed.
- A suggestion box is on the side table for any beefs or bouquets.

Vice President: Our speaker in May will be Jeff Morris, the CEO of Angel Flight. June guest will be Anne Sison who is a falconer and will talk about falcons and will bring an eagle for display. September speaker will be someone from Deerhome Farms who will talk about mushroom farming and foraging.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Bradley reported a card was sent out to John Collett.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster Report: Apparently some members are having trouble with the announcements being all garbled on their tablets. Trevor is looking into it and hopefully will find a solution soon.

August Barbecue: Del asked for volunteers for the August barbecue.

Discussion Group: Del is organizing a discussion group. They will discuss local matters, Provincial matters and Federal matters ie – are we going to get a passenger ferry in Nanaimo? Also, internet issues could be discussed.

Helping Hands: Diane Tucker talked about Helping Hands and what they do. She needs a helper as Berta is going to retire after many years of doing Helping Hands.

Kayaking Trip: Phil Wilson talked about a kayak trip leaving from Tofino on July 28th at \$80.00 each. There are 10 spots reserved and they need a \$40.00 deposit. The deadline is May 15th and it is a 4-hour trip to Meares Island and it is a 20 minute paddle.

Walking Group: Doreen Schaefer talked about the Newcastle Hiking trip on June 25th. It leaves on the 10:00 ferry.

Nine and Dine: Will take place May 10th. \$32.50 includes \$16.00 towards your meal. 3:00 Tee time at Memorial Gold Course in Qualicum Beach.

Pub Lunch: Today's Pub Lunch will be at the Lantzville Pub.

Luncheon: The hospital auxiliary is having a luncheon on May 31st. See Joan Sawicki if you want to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 for Coffee.

Speaker: After the coffee break, we had a very energetic, informative talk from Jenn Houtby-Ferguson from Tourism Nanaimo.

Next meeting: May 22nd.

