

PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MAY 22, 2014

Call to Order: Lia called the meeting to order at 9:30. Jim Callahan told the group a number of "Newfie" jokes.

Minutes: Trevor Craddock moved and Keith McGregor seconded that the minutes from April 24th 2014 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

Attendance/membership: We had 91 members in attendance. Charles and Gail Beaulieu are new members and they stood and introduced themselves. We also had one guest, Sandra Burrows from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Treasurer's Report: George Norris reported that we have a Cash Position of \$3,212, and a Net Deposit Position of \$8,212 which includes a GIC Certificate of \$5,000. The full budget of \$500 for the Spring Luncheon was not required.

President's report:

- Our condolences go out to Val Alcock on the passing away of her spouse Roy Carter.
- Procedures/Policy manual which was designed by the Lantzville management committee states that "the duties of the newsletter editor is to be responsible for publishing the newsletter with all the pertinent information including the minutes of the past General meeting and distribute it to all members by either e-mail or postal service." The cost of a hard copy which is sent by mail is \$2. This is more than the annual dues paid by each member. Only three members do not have computers and are sent a hard copy and are grandfathered in. At our management meeting the duties of the newsletter editor were updated - Subsection b to be replaced by "be responsible for publishing the newsletter to the club website with all pertinent information, including a link to the minutes of the last General meeting."

John Halliwell pointed out that every member of our Club is entitled to a newsletter and therefore the term "grandfathered in" is not an appropriate term to be used. Lia indicated that the issue would be addressed by the Management Committee.

- Our name tags are now in alphabetical order in the box containers.
- We are looking for volunteers to help out at the summer barbeque. Cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Montana's will do the catering and it will be held at the German Canadian Club. Tickets are on sale at today's meeting as well as at the June and July meetings.
- Lia is looking for interest in a couple of bus trips for this summer. Both are overnight trips - one to Telegraph Cove for whale watching or bear watching and the other one to Quadra Island with a side trip to Cortes Island. The cost of these trips will be announced when it is determined how many sign up. Another bus trip is being considered for the fall to Whistler which includes taking the Rocky Mountaineer train from Whistler to Vancouver.
- The Nominations Committee consists of Carole Bullock as chairperson and Ron Medd and John Halliwell. For next year we will need a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The job descriptions for each of these positions is posted on the website in the Policy and Procedures document. It has been suggested

that two people may want to share the responsibility of the Secretary position since many of our members go away for the winter months. The nomination form is attached to the newsletter. Carole reminded us that a nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated and the deadline for nominations is June 30th.

- On June 26th the 2014 Probus Golf Tournament will be held at the Arrowsmith Golf Club with \$58 for Golf and Dinner. Please contact Merv Jones or Peter Reed.
- We are looking for a convener for the next year's Spring Luncheon.
- The Suggestion box is on the table with the sign-up sheets for any beefs and/or bouquets. Every item is discussed by the Management Committee.

Carol Halliwell raised the issue about a problem with the website. As was reported by Trevor Craddock at the March meeting, there are some areas of the website that can only be accessed by using a password. Carol indicated that there appears to be a problem getting access to some of these areas such as budget. Trevor will look into it.

Vice President: Our June guest will be Anne Sison who is a falconer and will talk about falcons and will bring an eagle for display. Also, Ron Neil will be presenting a slide show on his African Safari. In July our own Giselle Roeder will be discussing her new book "We Don't Talk About That". The September speaker will be Bill Jones from Deerhome Farms who will talk about mushroom farming and foraging. October's guest will be Phil Little with a talk about the political climate of Honduras.

Keith reported that an apology was sent to Jenn Houtby-Ferguson from Tourism Nanaimo for the inappropriate remarks that were directed at her during her talk at our April meeting by one of our members. That member was also contacted by Keith and was asked to send a letter of apology to Jenn as well. She did send that letter with a copy to Keith which was read out at the meeting. Larry McCafferty thanked the Management Committee on behalf of all our members, for their proactive approach in addressing this embarrassing issue.

Sunshine report: Cards were sent out to Val Alcock and Gwen Hudson. Birthday wishes were read out to all the members that had a birthday in April and May.

Committee Reports:

August Barbecue: Tickets are now on sale for the BBQ. There is a sign-up sheet out for volunteers. They are looking for people to organize the events; if there are any suggestions for new events, contact Del.

Discussion Group: The first group discussion will be held on Thursday, May 29 and the topics will be Legalizing Marijuana and Quality of Health Care in Nanaimo.

Hiking Group: The group has enjoyed the past hikes and there will be another hike next Thursday.

Helping Hands: Diane Tucker reminded people to sign up to help with this important committee. There are only a few names on the list and with so many of our members going away during the winter months they would appreciate having more people available to help when needed.

Mixed Golf: Merv announced the next Lantzville Probus golfing date is Saturday, June 14 at 3:00 for a Nine &

Dine at the Nanaimo Golf Club. The cost is \$40 of which \$20 goes toward the dinner. Saturday is Prime Rib night at the Club.

Walking Group: Doreen Schaefer is organizing the annual walk to Newcastle Island on June 25th. They will be taking the 10:00 ferry.

Drinks and Appies: Carole Bullock has a couple of items that were left behind from the last get together. A wine glass and a serving spoon.

Pub Lunch today will be at the Black Bear Pub.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 for Coffee.

Speaker: Jeff Morris, the CEO of Angel Flight was our guest speaker and gave an overview of the history of this not-for-profit organization and the tremendous transportation assistance it provides to people suffering with cancer and other ailments.

Next meeting: June 26th.

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