

**PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**JULY 24, 2014**

**Call to Order:** Lia called the meeting to order at 9:30 by telling two jokes.

**Minutes:** Keith McGregor moved and Barb Samarin seconded that the minutes from the June 26, 2014 meeting be adopted as distributed.

**Membership:** Dan reported we have 94 members present today. We have 3 guests, Dale & Phyllis Matthews and Joan Marsh. New member, Carol Currie was introduced and stood up and talked about herself.

**Treasurer's Report:** George reported we have a Cash Position of \$2,835.91 and a Net Deposit of \$7,835.91 which includes at GIC of \$5000.00. George also reported on the 2014-15 Budget as follows:

"A budget has been prepared and approved by the board of directors. It is anticipated that by the end of this fiscal year, our club will lose approximately \$300 which is roughly \$1,000 less than budgeted. As you may recall, we had reduced annual fees for the last 2 years in order to eliminate some of the cash surplus. The reduced deficit can be primarily attributed to subsidies for functions during the year which, with one exception, were less than budgeted. Your board of directors have decided to eliminate collection of the \$1.00 fee effective with the October meeting and adjust the annual dues to reflect the lost revenue. The rationale for this change is:

1. Eliminate the "bottle neck" line up to pay the nominal fee.
2. Reduce the disruption with the arrival of members after the meeting has started.
3. Permit the Treasurer to participate to a greater extent in the general meeting.
4. It is evident that there are a few members who object to the fee and avoid making payment. This would eliminate the problem.

On the downside, it will not be easy to determine the attendance. It could be argued that members who do not attend on a regular basis would be subsidizing those who attend regularly. It has also been mentioned that the process of collecting the fee also serves as a "greeter". The board is investigating the feasibility of assigning a greeter, particularly for new and prospective members.

We propose to adjust the annual dues to \$25.00 per member from the current \$20.00. Subsidies for club events remain unchanged from previous years and a deficit of \$1,062 has been budgeted in line with our effort to reduce the present cash surplus. If anyone wishes to review the budget, I have copies available for the asking.

On another subject, we have a need for a Secretary and a Treasurer. I believe Probus Canada suggests that no person should hold these posts for more than 3 consecutive years. If there is no volunteer, I will reluctantly continue as Treasurer. However, if there is no Secretary, what are we to do? I don't believe

the club can remain in existence without a Secretary. The requirements for this position are not onerous. Attendance at the Board meeting, recording and distribution of minutes and being an alternate signing officer for cheques are really all that is required. Please, can we have someone step up to the plate?"

**President's Report:** Lia received a letter from Don Day who reviewed the books and the financial report and indicated all was in order.

We have a new Vice President; this will be covered in the Past President's report, but we still need a Secretary, Treasurer, as well as Social Convenor.

Tickets are on sale for the Summer Barbecue on August 28<sup>th</sup>; they are \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Montana's will do the catering and it will be held at the German Canadian Club.

There is a bus tour planned for Saturna Island – date to be announced later – which will cost \$75.00 plus tax.

Sharon Tettamanti has come forward to be the next convenor for next year's Spring Luncheon.

The Suggestion box is at the back of the room for any beefs and bouquets.

**Vice President's Report:** Today's speaker will be Phil Little who will talk about being an "accompany" in Honduras. There will be no speaker in August because of the barbecue, and the speaker for September will be Bill Jones from Deerholme Farms who will talk about foraging for mushrooms.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Bradley announced she had sent Get-Well cards to Annette Mackie and Jessie Mennie.

**Past President:** Carole Bullock announced that Phil Wilson has agreed to be our Vice President next year, but we still need a Treasurer and Secretary.

#### **Committee Report:**

**Summer BBQ:** Del Haylock talked about the Summer Barbecue. Tickets are on sale now and are \$20.00. It is being held at the German Canadian Club. The games will be bocce, bean bag toss, and putting green. The barbecue will be catered by Montana's. There are chairs at the hall, so you don't have to bring your chairs, but you could if you want to. Bring your own beverages.

**Mixed Golf:** Merv Jones talked about the 9 and Dine coming up at Cottonwood Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. The cost will be \$35.00 and you can choose your meal from the menu. Sign-up sheet is on the table.

Parkville Probus are holding their Annual Golf Tournament at Memorial Golf Course August 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a 9-Hole Best Ball format. Call Merv for details if you wish to attend.

**Ladies Bridge:** Barb Myden talked about the Ladies Bridge group. She needs a few more members. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month.

**Wednesday Walking Group:** Doreen Schaefer invited members to go to Vancouver August 6<sup>th</sup> for a walk around the Seawall. We will catch the 8:30 ferry.

**Dining Out:** Will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> at Cuckoo Restaurant behind Coombs Market.

**Pub Lunch:** at Lantzville Pub.

**Coffee Break at 10:00.**

**Speaker:** Our speaker, Phil Little was introduced by Keith McGregor. Phil talked about his experiences of living in Honduras as an “accompany” and the hazardous conditions of his visit there. He also said that he is going back this fall. He was questioned by Earl Culpepper as to why he would consider going back?

He was thanked by Jim Callanan.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:30.**

**Next Meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.**