

PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPT. 25, 2014

Call to Order: In the absence of Lia Van Wassenaar, Keith McGregor called the meeting to order at 9:30.

Ron Medd told an Irish joke.

Minutes: Bill Joss moved and Margaret Pierce seconded that the minutes from the July 24 meeting be adopted as distributed. All in Favour.

Attendance/Membership: Dan Tettamanti reported that there were 91 members present. Patrick McGuire was a guest today.

Treasurer's Report: The Barbecue had a loss of \$881.04 with \$1000.00 budgeted. We have a Cash Position of \$2,525.87 and a Net Deposit Position of \$7,525.87, which includes a GIC certificate of \$5000.00.

President's Report: In the absence of Lia, Keith read her report as follows:

Today is an important occasion in the life of Lantzville Probus. It is the changing of the guard. It is the time when some of those who have carried the responsibility of leadership for the past administration to step down and return to other positions. At this time I want to express my appreciation to those appointed to the board for their untiring efforts and friendships. Your board for this year has been: Vice President Keith McGregor, Past President Carole Bullock, Treasurer George Norris, Secretary Doreen Schaefer, Membership Sharon and Dan Tettamanti, Newsletter and Webmasters Annabel and Brendan Rogers and Trevor Craddock, and Sunshine person Dianna Bradley. Thank you all for a job well done.

Most board members will be staying except Doreen Schaefer. We are still in the need of a secretary. It was pointed out that the role of secretary is not limited to female members.

Vice-President Report: Keith reported that he has speakers organized to the end of the year. Today's speaker is Bill Jones from Deerholme Farms who will talk about foraging for mushrooms. October 23rd will be Bernie Dumas who is CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority. November 27th will be Dr. Martin Spencer, a local optometrist who also works with Seva Canada to build vision centres in developing countries. Please bring any unwanted used eye glasses to the meeting.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Bradley announced all the August and September birthdays. She also announced she had sent Get-well cards to Carole Bullock, Marg Carmichael and Judy Reid.

Nominating Committee Report: Carole Bullock, John Halliwell and Ron Medd are on the Nominating Committee. Ron Medd announced Phil Wilson will be our next new Vice President. Phil will be formally installed in October, as he was not present today. He also indicated that we have not filled the secretary position.

Installation of Officers:

Ron presented Keith McGregor as our new President and Margaret Pierce, as a past president, presented Keith with the President's pin.

Keith presented the new Management Committee members as follows and they were asked to stand:

Keith McGregor - President, George Norris -Treasurer, Sharon and Dan Tettamanti - Membership.
Dianna Bradley - Sunshine, Annabel and Brendan Rogers - Newsletter/ Webmaster, Lia Van Wassenaar - new Past President

Keith thanked Ron for helping out with the Nominating Committee and installation of officers.

New President's Report

My vision –

- Excited – want to have fun
- Listen to members
- Want to meet everyone
- Encourage volunteers to come forward
- Need new blood
- Why volunteer? Keep club running, challenge, develop skills, provides recognition and feedback, get to know people and bond with members. You have to want to volunteer, gives you a say in matters of the club.
- Lastly, I want to make a difference
- I will be emphasizing fun and volunteers and I would like to add 1 or 2 more events eg. An Octoberfest or Karaoke night
- We will have a good year and I am looking forward to it.

Keith introduced all the Activity Convenors and back-ups and asked them to stand to be acknowledged as well. Keith then said a huge thank you to the board, convenors and back-ups and all those other folks who have helped out throughout the year. A Big hand for everyone.

The secretary job is unfilled and Keith indicated that we are instituting a sub list, which is on the sign-up table, which could help get a full-time secretary since they could travel and have a sub fill in.

The social convenor position is also unfilled and we have been operating with a volunteer heading up each social function.

Committee Reports:

Christmas Luncheon: Herman Maldonado, who is co-ordinating the Christmas Luncheon, needs more volunteers. The Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 16th at the Coast Bastion.

Men's Bridge: Lawrence Johnson who coordinates Men's Bridge, reminded the meeting that additional regular and spare players are always welcome to join.

Keith thanked the Haylocks for the wonderful barbecue.

Pub Lunch: Lunch is at Lantzville Pub today.

Coffee Break: We broke for coffee at 10:00.

Speaker: Our speaker today was Bill Jones from Deerholme Farms who gave a very interesting and informative talk on mushroom foraging. He was introduced and thanked by Keith McGregor.

Next meeting will be October 23rd.