

**General Meeting Thursday, October 23, 2014**  
**Lantzville Probus, Costin Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**

1. **Call to order** – Date 10/23/2014 at 9:30A.M. President Keith McGregor
2. **Minutes** of last meeting – Secretary Doreen Schaeffer at the last meeting.  
Bill Josh moved to approve the Minutes as Read, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lola Deneysk, Motion Passed
3. **Attendance**, welcome guests - Membership Chairpersons Dan & Sharon Tettamanti  
92 in attendance. No guests.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, George Norris is away and will present the annual Budget and
5. Report at the November Probus General Meeting.
6. **Membership Report**,– Membership Chairpersons, Dan and Sharon Tettamanti  
No new members or guests.
7. **President's report** – President - Keith McGregor
  - A. **A minute of silence** was held in respect for those affected by the shocking incidents in Montreal and Ottawa where 2 soldiers were killed.
  - B. **Induction to the Management Committee of the new Vice President, Phil Wilson.**  
Ron Medd (from the 2014 Nominating Committee) completed the induction for our new VP, Phil Wilson, as he was away for the September meeting.
  - C. **Secretary Search Alan McAskile** has agreed to become the permanent Secretary starting in April 2015. In the interim the position will be filled by volunteer temporary substitutes until Alan is able to assume the responsibilities. On the **Sub list** are Margaret Pierce who will take over until the end of the year 2014, Carol Halliwell will be the Secretary in Jan and Feb. 2015. Others on the list are Lawrence Johnson and Anna Reeves.

**Other Positions still open for Volunteers on the Management Committee:**

**Treasurer**

**Social Convener**

**D. Banquet Facilitators for 2014-2015**

**Christmas Banquet**- Herman and Mirta Maldonado

**Pancake Breakfast**- Phil and Barbara Wilson

**Spring Banquet**- Dan and Sharon Tettamanti

**Summer BBQ**- **Needs a facilitator**

**Oktoberfest** –**Needs a facilitator**

**Christmas Banquet for 2015**-**Needs a facilitator**

Remember that many members are willing volunteers to assist the Facilitators. Members are encouraged to volunteer as a Facilitator so that we are assured of the pleasure of the event occurring.

E. **Excursion.** Keith has proposed a Wine and Cheese Visit in the Nanaimo Art Gallery during a winter month if there is sufficient interest and someone to co-ordinate it. The Art Gallery is pleased with the idea. If you wish to coordinate this event, please see Keith.

F. **Greeters.** The mgt. committee feels that a `Greeter` at the door will be a welcome addition to our General Meetings. It is agreed that the member chosen to thank the speaker will be the greeter on that day. Marie Rickwood was our Greeter for the October meeting.

G **Attendance Assessment** has been traditionally assessed by the Treasurer while taking in coffee money. As coffee money is now included in the dues, attendance will be assessed by setting up 100-120 chairs and empty seats will be subtracted from that total to reach a close approximation of the numbers in attendance. (including counting those standing and in the kitchen!)

H. the **Deerholme Farm Feast** was cancelled for lack of interest.

8. **Vice-President's Report** – Phil Wilson

A. **The November 27<sup>th</sup> Speaker** will be Martin Spencer, a local Ophthalmologist, who also works with SEVA Canada to build vision centers in developing countries. **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE TO BRING ANY UNWANTED GLASSES WITH YOU TO THE NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING!** They will be sent to centers where glasses are needed.

B. Phil is working on speakers for 2015.

Jan. speaker is not yet confirmed.

Feb. speaker will be Steve Watson from B.C. Hydro who will speak about hydro generation on V.I.

9. **Past-President's Report** –No report.

10. **Sunshine Report** - Diana Bradley.

**October Birthday** Best Wishes go to Alan McAskile, Bob Dickie, Carolyn Fyfe, Diana Bradley, Earl Culpepper, Edie Dickie, Frank Hillier, Gerry Streader, Jessie Mennie, Jim Tucker, Joan Nolte, Lavern Hillier, Marilyn Whitcomb, Marlene Jones, Sharon Deamer, Susan Collett, Del Haylock, Judy Fraser. **November Birthday** Best Wishes go to Brenda Savage, Carmen Aziz, Don Carmichael, Hazel Whittaker, Ken Keenan, Lorraine Coumont, Pat Wimmer, Ron Neil, Roy Farrell, Sharon Tettamanti, Tessie Wallace, Ross Frazer.

## 11. Committee reports

**A. Christmas Banquet** -Diane Tucker. The Christmas Banquet will be held at the Coast Bastion Inn on Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The Cash Bar opens at 11:30, lunch is served at 12 noon (turkey will be on the menu this year), music will be provided and dancing is encouraged between 2-3 P.M. Cost is \$35.00, pp for members, \$40.00 for guests. 53 tickets were sold at the October General Meeting and tickets will be sold at the November General meeting by Dan and Sharon Tettamanti. They will be available up to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

**B. The Yellowpoint Christmas Spectacular**, Facilitator Carol Halliwell, is being held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at either 3:00 or 7:00 P.M. in the Cedar Community Hall in Cedar. Tickets are \$34.50 and were sold at the October GM meeting & will be sold at the November General Meeting.

12. Business Meeting Adjourned/Coffee 9:45 A.M.

13. **Speakers**, 10:30 A.M. – the October speakers were Jesse Birch, Interim Executive Artistic director of new Downtown/Campus Gallery joined by Deborah Zorkin President of the Board of directors of the Nanaimo art gallery. The topic, The Nanaimo Art Gallery, its present exhibit and future plans, was informative and interesting as the Nanaimo Art Gallery will be making a final move from VIU to their new home at 150 Commercial Street in 2015. The new Gallery is now open Tuesdays-Saturdays with an exhibition using multiple media art inspired by Black Diamonds (coal) and is coordinated by the talented Jess Birch. We are encouraged to visit.

14. **Meeting Adjourned** at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by, Margaret Pierce