

## LANTZVILLE PROBUS CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

**Call to order:** In the absence of Keith McGregor, Phil Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 and started the meeting with a humorous story.

**Acceptance of the Minutes** of the July meeting were moved by Anne Thomas and seconded by Blaine Denesyk - Carried.

**Attendance Report** - Dan Tettamanti reported that there were 112 members present. He also introduced new members Linda and Dudley Freeman.

**Treasurer`s Report** - George Norris reported that the Barbecue had a loss of \$534.59 but the budgeted loss was \$700. We have a Cash Position of \$2,242.26 and a Net Deposit Position of \$7,242.26, which includes a GIC certificate of \$5,000.00.

**Presidents Report** - In the absence of Keith, Phil read his report as follows:

Today is an important occasion in the evolution of Lantzville Probus. It is the changing of the guard. Some of the leaders of the past Administration will step down. At this time I want to express my appreciation to those appointed to the past year's Board for all their efforts and friendships. Your Board for this past year has been:

Vice-President: Phil Wilson

Past President: Lia Van Wassenaar

Treasurer: George Norris

Secretary: Allan McAskile, Carol Halliwell and Margaret Pierce

Membership: Sharon and Dan Tettamanti

Newsletter and Webmaster: Annabel and Brendan Rogers

Sunshine Person: Dianna Bradley and Doreen Schaefer

Thanks everyone for a great contribution to our success.

**Vice-President Report** - Phil Wilson reported that the speaker for October will be Doug Slowski who will be speaking about the various WWI and WWII sites he has visited in Europe. He reported that Doug epitomizes the meaning of a volunteer and listed some of the awards Doug has received. In 2003, he received the Queen`s Golden Jubilee Medal for his volunteer efforts within the Nanaimo community. In 2008, he was awarded the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and promoted to Officer in that organization in 2013. Also, in 2008, he was the recipient of the Saint John Ambulance Provincial Chairman`s Citation. In 2012, he received Saint John Ambulance Long Service Medal and the Queen`s Diamond Jubilee Medal for his volunteer work with youth and his service to the community of Nanaimo. In 2011, LCol Slowski

was chosen as the Officer of the Year by the Air Cadet League of Canada. In June 2012, LCol Slowski was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Cadet Instructors Cadre Branch.

**Sunshine Report** – No report

**Nominating Committee Report** – Lia Van Wassenaar announced that Barry Chapman has been nominated as the Vice-President for the 2015 - 2016 term. There were no other nominations and Barry accepted the position. Margaret Pierce asked the following motion be presented `The nominating ballot become the elective ballot`. This was moved by Bill Joss and seconded by Joan Sawicki - Carried

**Induction of Club Officers** - Lia Van Wassenaar presented Phil Wilson, the new president, with the President's pin. Keith McGregor will be presented with his Past President's pin upon his return.

Margaret Pierce presented the new Management Committee members as follows:

President - Phil Wilson  
Vice President - Barry Chapman  
Past President - Keith McGregor  
Treasurer - George Norris  
Secretary - Allan McAskile  
Membership - Dan and Sharon Tettamanti  
Sunshine Convenor - Dianna Bradley  
Webmaster and Newsletter Editor - Brendan and Annabel Rogers

Margaret also gave special recognition and thanks to the outgoing President Keith McGregor and Past President Lia Van Wassenaar for their service to our members.

### **Announcements and Committee Reports**

- Barry Chapman was thanked for organizing the summer picnic at the Cottonwood Golf Course.
- Fall Fling has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales
- Christmas Party – Herman has stepped down as chair, Lynda and Pauline have stepped forward to organize it. A number of changes as follows have been made:
  - Date: Tuesday, December 15
  - Place: The Grand Hotel, on Rutherford Road
  - Price of Tickets: \$35 for Members and \$40 for Non Members
- Merv Jones reported that there was a small group that attended the Nine and Dine golf at Memorial. He will organize an October outing if the weather permits. He asked Brendan Rogers to explain how to access the website and how to sign-up for email alerts of announcements as some members were not aware of the Nine and Dine.
- Lunch following the meeting was to be held at the Lantzville Pub.

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

**Speaker:** Barry Chapman introduced Caren and Neil Powell who are both 4th generation South Africans. They lived in South Africa for 40 years during the apartheid era and the changeover to democracy and now live in Brentwood Bay. Caren is the author of the book, The Dark Side of the

Rainbow, which is about the fight for freedom in South Africa, and Neil is her illustrator. During the past 20 years they have visited South Africa frequently. They shared their observations with us, speaking about South Africa before, during and after Nelson Mandela's presidency.

**Next meeting will be October 22, 2015**

**PREPARED BY LOLA DENESYK**