

GENERAL MEETING OF THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, May 19, 2023.

WELCOME:

President, Ann Lawson, called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

There were 60 members and 2 guests present. Guests introduced by Jean Russell and Brian Freestone. Guests – Diane Ferne & Brian Harschintz

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Laudien
174 active members

TREASURER: Patrick Murray
Chequing: \$3029.70 Savings: \$3743.16

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes
Wendy reported there is still room for 3 people to take part in the boat trip, wine tasting and lunch - Saturna Island July 21. More details on the Probus website.

Patrick Murray reporting for Barb Murray. Summer BBQ July 10 at Rath Trevor Park. \$15 pp. Park in lot # 2. There are now enough volunteers for this event, no more needed to sign up.

Ann Lawson --Prisma, music concert, June 24 Powell River. Ann has received all tickets for those that have signed up for this event. She will distribute next week to members who are not at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie
Nothing to report at this time.

SUNSHINE: Judy George
Please send any requests for cards to Judy

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

Abba - 22 members, meeting 3rd Tuesday every month. They will break for summer months and resume in September.

Book Clubs 1 and 2 – all information can be found on the website

Bridge - the evening bridge group meets every 2nd Wednesday night. More information on website

Chemainus Theatre – Bev Watson

There is a large group of Probus members going next week to the play *Gaslight*.

The next performance will be on July 16. A musical based on the film “Ghost” Tickets \$64. Dinner at the Fox & Hound in Ladysmith will follow.

Bev Watson made special announcement regarding attending any of the Chemainus Theatre events. At this time Bev personally pays for all tickets that are ordered by the Probus group. Bev asks all members wanting to attend a performance to pay their money to Bev **two weeks** before the performance date. Money can be paid by e-transfer - see website for information, or by cheque dropped off to Bev Watson’s home. Cheques should be made payable to The Probus Club of Nanoose Bay

Fringe Flicks

Next film is a documentary on the life and music of Buffy St. Marie
Sunday June 4, 4:00pm

Kayaking Group

Graham Farstad - the first kayak day trip, Friday May 12, was a great success. 12 people participated. Trip was from Schooner Cove Marina to south Winchelsea Island and another small island. The next day trip will be to Southey Island slightly north of Schooner Cove Marina. Probus website will have details.

Les Wineaux

Maggie Carter was absent from the meeting. Ann Lawson mentioned the upcoming wine trip to the Okanagan in September. Look to website for more details.

Men's Book Club

Next meeting will be June 14 at Patrick Murray's home. Book to read is *How the World Really Works*

Moto

A very busy group with many upcoming activities planned. See website for more information.

Wee Drammers

Jim Watson - next meeting is May 30th

Jim reported the passing of the Wee Drammers group founder, Bill Macmillan. There will be a celebration of life held on June 3rd 2:00pm, at St Columba Presbyterian Church in Parksville.

Information on all special interest groups can be found on the website.

Other business:

Patrick Murray spoke about the Probus Canada liability coverage and each club's responsibility. A waiver form can be found on the Probus Canada website at the top of the Special Interest Groups page. This form should be signed by all members taking part for the first time in activities such a kayaking group or walking groups. Each special interest group organizer should arrange to have this done. It is important that **any guests attending or taking part in this type of group activity also sign the waiver form**

Catering:

Ann Lawson thanked Patrick Murray and Wendy Hayes for organizing refreshments for the coffee break. Ann Lawson noted it would be good idea for new-member sponsors to bring their new members to volunteer for catering duty together.

Coffee Break

Speaker Presentation

Brian Freestone introduced the speaker.
Jacques Marc.
Historic Shipwrecks of the Southern Gulf Islands

President Ann Lawson, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am
Seconded by Jim Watson