

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NANOOSE BAY  
FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024**

**WELCOME:**

President Darrell Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Seconded by Patrick Sali.

Meeting attendance – 65 members and 5 guests.

**Announcements:**

The Management Team is collecting information about member preferences regarding general meeting start times. Please email Ann Lawson with your feedback.

The Team continues to search for volunteers in a variety of positions.

St Mary's Church is having a Jumble Sale on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are requesting donations of non-clothing items.

**TREASURER:** Esther Reed

Chequing: \$3833

Savings: \$3780

Total: \$7613

**SOCIAL:** Wendy Hayes

Wendy reminded the group about our trip to Protection Island on Monday June 10, catching the 1:10 pm ferry with a reservation at the Dinghy Dock Pub at 3:30 pm. Kayakers will also be joining. If weather is inclement the event will happen on Tuesday June 11.

Tickets for the Prisma Sail to the Symphony on June 29 will be delivered in early June.

Summer Picnic July 18: The picnic is being held at Rath Trevor Campground Site G2. Volunteers are needed who can lift tables and barbeques. There will be a sign up sheet available at the June meeting.

Salt Spring Island visit July 27, and Gold River/Nootka Sound boat trip August 26-27. The hotel will be available for booking in June. Information is available on the website and sign up sheets are available at the back of the church hall.

The Milner Gardens tour and the Ammonite Falls hike were well-attended.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jane Currie

Jane announced that the new-member application form is now on the website homepage and can be downloaded.

**SPEAKERS COMMITTEE:** Brian Freestone

Speakers are in place through February 2025. A couple of new members are required for the Speakers' Committee.

**SUNSHINE:** Ethel Vincent Lambert

No cards were sent this month. Ethel asked all members to contact her if a card (sympathy/get well or condolences) should be sent to another member.

**Membership:** Mary Laudien

Our membership currently sits at 172. Eight badges remain for pick up. One storage box is still available. If no member would like to use it Mary will donate the box to the church jumble sale. Mary presented Brian with his Vice President badge.

**SIGs :** Brian Freestone

SIG organizers gave updates about recent and upcoming meetings. All SIG information is on the website, [nbprobus.org](http://nbprobus.org). Many groups are on hiatus for the summer.

The Chemainus Theatre play on August 25<sup>th</sup> is *9 to 5*. The tickets cost \$65 and Garnet Hunt is looking after reservations.

**CATERING:**

Darrell Robertson thanked Jenny Ransom our kitchen organizer and the kitchen volunteers, Fiona Been, Ethlee Koornhof, Heather Utley and Ellen Freestone for organizing the coffee and food.

Jenny Ransom asked for more members to volunteer for kitchen duty. She needs four people for August. Please contact her.

**COFFEE BREAK**

**SPEAKER PRESENTATION**

Brian Freestone introduced Dr Mark Williams, Professor of Political Studies and Global Studies at VIU. He gave a thought-provoking talk on "*Canada and the Crumbling of the Rules-Based International Order*", an examination of the past, present and future of Canada's place in the world.

President, Darrell Robertson, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. Seconded by Tony Ransom.

The next Probus Club of Nanoose Bay General Meeting will be held on Friday June 21.

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