

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -- THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, June 21, 2024**

WELCOME:

President- Darrell Robertson , absent. Brian Freestone, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

Call for approval of last monthly meeting minutes from May 17, as posted on website.

Motion: Jim Watson , seconded by Bev Watson

There were 56 members in attendance, and no guests present.

MEMBERSHIP: Ethel Vincent-Lambert on behalf of Mary Laudien

176 active members

Ethel introduces and welcomes new members Karen Butler & Peter Kawerau

ANNOUNCEMENTS: As per the President's message on the NB Probus Club website, General Meeting time will remain at 9:15am

TREASURER: Esther Reed absent. Brian Freestone offered Treasurer's report for Esther

Chequing: \$4276.65 Savings: \$3784.04 Total: \$8060.69

SOCIAL: Ann Lawson on behalf of Wendy Hayes

Summer Picnic July 18th, 3:30pm, being held at Rath Trevor Park, campsite #2. Cost- \$10.00 pp Members must indicate which type of burger they would like. Either salmon or beef.

The picnic will include a 25th anniversary of NB Probus Club

Members are reminded to bring your own plates, cutlery, and preferred beverages. Limited picnic tables – members are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

A map will be sent to those that have signed up to attend.

Saltspring Island trip July 27th

This excursion is full. A wait list is being kept by Vicki Beazley. Please contact Vicki if you want to be included on this list.

Gold River, " Uchuck " boat day excursion & overnight in Gold River August 26/27

The boat has been booked. \$98 pp

Ann Lawson is waiting for confirmation of hotel opening and ready to accept our reservations.

Prisma – Sail to the Symphony June 29

Ann recommends carpooling. A bus will take people from the ferry to lunch and concert

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

Jane notes the NB Probus Club does not accept notifications of events other than NB Probus Club events, however there are occasional exceptions. She announced the open house tomorrow, Saturday June 22nd, 10:00am – 3:00pm at the CFMETR (Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges) Base located on Fairwinds Drive.

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE - Brian Freestone introduces new member of the Speakers Committee – Gail Marlowe. Brian also announced that Jo Graham because of all the other Club activities that she is heading, has decided to step aside from the Committee, as we are fully booked well into the spring. Speakers have been booked until April 2025. Brian encourages any member interested in joining the Speaker Committee to please contact him.

SUNSHINE: Ethel Vincent Lambert

No cards have been sent to members since the last general meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Brian Freestone

ALL INFORMATION ON THE SIG's CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.

This information is regularly updated.

Brian thanks Jane Currie and Vicki Beazley for all the work they do on the website

CATERING: Brian Freestone for Jennie Ransom

Brian thanks kitchen volunteers , Randy Borger, Judy Miller and Marie Emery for organizing the coffee and snacks.

Coffee break - 9:40am – 9:55am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian Freestone introduced guest speaker, Gary Anaka, Brain Wellness Motivational Speaker and Brain Based Learning Specialist

Gary Anaka spoke on the importance of keeping the aging brain active and healthy. At the conclusion of Gary's talk he offered his books on brain health for sale.

Brian Freestone gave Gary Anaka the first new NB Probus Club speaker gift – a multipurpose carry bag. These bags can be purchased by members for \$15 for a limited time. Sign up sheet made available for purchasing bags.

Vice President , Brian Freestone, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am.

Seconded by Paula Bradner

*** no general meeting in July. Next general meeting – August 16th.