

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -- THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, August 16, 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 June 21, 2024, as posted on website.

Motion: Bob Nelson, seconded by Linda Ingram

There were 75 members in attendance, and 4 guests present. Two guests were introduced by member France Roy. Two other guests, Leigh and Gail Dawson came to the Friday meeting on their own. They will be looking for a sponsor to join NB Probus Club.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Laudien
176 active members

TREASURER: Esther Reed
Chequing: \$4203.16
Savings: \$3790.35
Total: \$7993.51

SOCIAL: Ann Lawson, Jackie Clements, and Vicki Beazley on behalf of Wendy Hayes

Ann Lawson - thanked Wendy Hayes and the Social Committee team for organizing and running a very successful summer picnic. Well attended by members and enjoyed by all!

Ann - August 26/27 Gold River / Uchuck trip. The trip is now confirmed – hotel and restaurant bookings for two nights.

Jackie Clements - reported on an upcoming September event, Members Paint Night, Wednesday September 25th, 3:00-5:00pm
All materials will be provided. Cost pp \$35.00
A minimum of 8 people needed for this event. Please contact Jackie Clements to sign up. social@nbprobus.org

Vicki Beazley – reported on planning a trip to the Raptor Centre, Duncan,BC. October 9th. Please contact Vicki to sign up. social@nbprobus.org

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE: Brian Freestone
All speakers are now organized until May 2025.

Brian continues to search for other members to join the Speakers Committee. Any members interested in helping out please contact Brian.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ann Lawson for Jane Currie.

Jane Currie has found a person that is able to help with badly needed updating of the NB Probus Club website. The cost for this service is affordable. Jane and the Communications team will be moving forward to work with this individual to update the NB Probus website.

****JANE ASKS THAT ANY MEMBERS WITH IDEAS ON HOW TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE WEBSITE TO PLEASE CONTACT HER AT communications@nbprobus.org

SUNSHINE: Ethel Vincent Lambert
Nothing to report at this time.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Brian Freestone

In the past there was a Tech Know group that was run by Grant Krucik. Grant is no longer able to be a part of the Tech Know group but is very willing to help get a new group started.

The new Tech Know Group is being organized by Robyn Arnold. Robyn explained the need for a person to lead the group.

The group will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting to be held at Robyn Arnold's home. At this time there is space for 6 more members to sign up. ALL OTHER UPDATES TO THE SIG CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE nbprobus.org

CATERING:

Brian Freestone thanked kitchen volunteers, Mike & Marney Stephenson , Harold & Betty Allsopp for organizing the coffee and snacks.

Coffee break - 10:00 10:15 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian Freestone introduced guest speaker, Dr Marlea Clarke.

Dr Clarke spoke on "The Dirty Side of the Clothing Industry": Is Fast Fashion Sustainable?

Dr Clarke highlighted both the good and the bad associated with the worldwide clothing industry.

Vice President , Brian Freestone, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am. Seconded by Tony Ransom.

Next general meeting – SEPTEMBER 20th.