

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -- THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, October 18, 2024**

WELCOME:

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

Call for approval of last monthly meeting minutes as posted on website.

Motion: Jackie Clements Seconded by: Ethel Vincent Lamb. Approved by all.

There were 62 members in attendance.

Jackie Clements introduced one guest.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Laudien.

Now 188 active members

Mary Laudien introduced new members, Harry and Mandy Broersma and Gary and Liana Haynes, and Leigh and Gail Dawson.

TREASURER: Esther Reed absent. Brian Freestone read balances on behalf of Esther

Chequing: \$3,916.09

Savings: \$3,796.60

Total: \$7,712.69

SOCIAL: Fiona Been.

The scheduled December 6th Christmas Party at Fairwinds Golf Club has been cancelled. Fiona presented new options for the Christmas Party. After giving members detailed information on possible venues and food/drink options it was decided to hold the Christmas party at the Nanoose Bay Café on Monday November 25th. Monday has been chosen as the restaurant is closed to the public on Mondays and there will be no charge to the NB Probus Club for the venue.

The food will be a 4 course, turkey or seafood dinner. Menu details will be announced at a later date. Service will be family style served to each table. Cost is being finalized – Fiona is working on keeping cost between \$78 -- \$80.50

Guests are welcome and price will be the same as member price.

The Nanoose Bay Café will accommodate dietary requirements.

All drinks and wine will be an extra cost and must be ordered from the restaurant menu.

Music and dancing --- the same DJ as last year can be booked. DJ being paid for by the NB Probus Club. The restaurant has some restrictions around music and dancing – the music must stop at 10:00pm. If it is decided to carry on to a later hour NB Probus Club will have to pay for the accommodation that is attached to same building as restaurant. This condition may be removed and is being

discussed by the Social Committee and Nanoose Bay Café and Sea Cliff Developments representative.

Final Christmas party details will be available to all members by way of a special newsletter bulletin.

Other special event ----An Appie evening at the Nanoose Bay Café is being arranged by Wendy Hayes. Date – November 7th. Sign up sheets available.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

The NB Probus Club website is being rebuilt. Work on this project is underway now. Jane Currie invites anyone interested in working with her Communications team to contact her.

Jane also asked new members to send her a photograph of themselves. If new members are interested in doing so Jane will include the photo in the monthly newsletter.

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE: Brian Freestone

All speakers for monthly meetings are arranged until May 2025.

New member Mandy Broersma will take on the role of Speaker Committee Chairman after the March AGM. New members Leith and Gail Dawson will also join the Speakers Committee.

SUNSHINE: Ethel Vincent Lambert

A few cards have been sent to members.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Brian Freestone

UPDATES TO THE SIG CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE nbprobus.org

Brian Freestone announces the need for new Special Interest Groups. New groups are necessary as many existing SIGs are at capacity with wait lists. Brian asks members that are interested in signing up for a SIG to include their names and specific interests on sign up sheets provided at the meeting. Members of existing groups that cannot accommodate new members will assist with forming these new SIGs.

CATERING:

Brian Freestone thanked Phil & Maggie Carter and Anne & Erling Larsen for organizing the coffee and snacks.

COFFEE BREAK: 9:45am to 10:00am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian Freestone introduced guest speaker: Linda Derkach. "Garden Forecast: Hotter , Drier, Wetter: Garden Sense for a Changing Climate"

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Brian Freestone announces the need for NB Probus Club members to step up and volunteer to take on Executive Team roles. Some of the Executive Team will be stepping aside from their roles after the March 2025 AGM. Brian asks all members to consider lending their talents and interests and to show their support by taking on an Executive role to ensure the future success of the NB Probus Club.

Positions that must be filled are: Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair
Brian asks members that are interested in helping out with Executive Team work to contact any of the Executive Team members to discuss roles and responsibilities.

Vice President, Brian Freestone moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am.
Seconded by Mandy Broersma.

Next general meeting – NOVEMBER 15th.