

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -- THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

WELCOME:

President: Darrell Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

Call for approval of Oct18, 2024 meeting minutes as posted on website.

Motion: Tony Ransom Seconded by: Wendy Hayes. Approved by all.

There were 62 members in attendance.

Wendy Hayes introduced one guest.

Brian Freestone reintroduces Onnig Cavoukian who will be a new member very soon.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Laudien.

Now 188 active members, soon to be 189 (Onnig Cavoukian)

Mary Laudien gave name badges to Christine & Steve Matheson

TREASURER: Esther Reed absent. Darrell Robertson read balances on behalf of Esther

Chequing: \$10,451.00

Savings: \$3,800.00

Total: \$14,251.00 (\$5630.00 is for the Christmas Party)

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes

Wendy thanked Robyn and Malcom Arnold for leading the hike into Dodd Narrows. It was enjoyed by all that went along.

The November 7th Nanoose Bay Café Appy hour was well attended. Service was very good and the appetizer foods were excellent.

Another bowling afternoon and dinner is being planned for the third week of January. More details later.

Christmas party – November 25, at NB Cafe now has 85 people attending.

Fiona Been – is working to plan and organize a Les Wineaux trip to France in September 2026. Trip could consist of two parts- first being a week long stay at a chateau or house in the countryside very close to city of Bordeaux , second part of the trip would be a river cruise. Fiona supplied sign up sheets for those who might be interested. The sign up sheets included prices for the nightly rental at a large chateau and a large house, and cost options for the cruise.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie was absent from the meeting. No report available.

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE: Brian Freestone

Brian will be Chairing the Probus Speaker Network Committee (PSNC) meeting on Tuesday November 19th. The NB Probus Club Speakers Committee will be meeting after this to discuss further planning for 2026.

SUNSHINE: Ethel Vincent Lambert was absent

One card has been sent to a member.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Brian Freestone

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

Brian has been working with existing group members to help with organizing expanding SIGs. Members are asked to contact Brian with any ideas on forming an expanded group or a new group. Members are reminded when planning a new group to be prepared to have SIG meetings at their homes.

Wendy Hayes is interested in forming a group to play Chinese Mah Jongg. Any member interested can contact Wendy.

Ann Larson suggests a new Mah Jongg group could share the space currently being rented by the group playing American Mah Jongg. Nanoose Community Centre. Mondays 1:00 – 4:00pm

Wendy Hayes is willing to meet with, and help members wanting to form a new whiskey/scotch club. This will be posted on the NB Probus website.

CATERING:

Darrell thanked Don & Jo Graham and Bo & Ulla Hankanson for organizing the coffee and snacks

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT : Darrell Robertson

Reminds members of the upcoming AGM in March 2026 and the need to fill some of the NB Probus Club Management positions.

The nominating committee is made up of the President, Vice President and Past President. This committee will complete the slate of nominees who have agreed to stand for Management Committee positions (prior to December 31, 2024) for presentation to the membership at the February general meeting (a month prior to the AGM) Positions up for election are the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A nomination sheet was available on the sign up table. Members are reminded to only nominate a member if they are agreeable. All members are encouraged to nominate agreeable candidates for these positions by notifying nominating committee members.

Darrell also mentioned the need for volunteers for the positions of membership coordinator, social club coordinator, and coffee/kitchen coordinator. Members were encouraged to get involved if they had never helped out in the past. Current volunteers for these positions are willing to assist any volunteers with becoming comfortable with these positions.

The management committee positions are listed in the drop down menu under operations on the NB Probus website, with a role description for each position.

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian Freestone introduced guest speaker: Dr. David Prud'homme
Topic – the International Space Station. “The Good , Bad, and the Ugly”

President, Darrell Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am.
Seconded by Brian Freestone.

No General Meeting in December.
The next General meeting will be held January 17th, 2026.