

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, August 15th, 2025

WELCOME:

President: Brian Freestone called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

President's Comments: Brian Freestone welcomed all in attendance with a special welcome to guests. He requested that when making a motion, please identify yourself to assist the secretary in the recording of the minutes.

First Order of Business:

Call for approval of the June 20th, 2025 meeting minutes as posted on the website.

Motion: Harry Broersma. Seconded by: Ann Lawson

There were no questions or comments. President Brian Freestone called for the vote to approve.

Approved by all. Carried

There were 109 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions: Membership Chair, Vera Moore, asked Robyn Arnold to introduce her two guests and Graham Farstad to introduce his guest.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore

The club has 193 active members and 3 honorary members. Vera Moore introduced new member, Jill Rogers. Vera presented name badges to two new members, Leigh and Vicki Randle

TREASURER'S REPORT: Harry Broersma

Chequing: \$5,606.73

Savings: \$3,819.42

Total: \$9,426.15 [as of August 12th, 2025 Executive meeting treasurer's report]

President Brian Freestone asked Harry Broersma to remain standing while he made an announcement regarding Harry's immediate retirement from his role as Treasurer. Brian also acknowledged Mandy Broersma in recognizing her effort in the creation of the newly introduced **MoneyWorks Cashbook** accounting program and for having transferred all financial data and records,

dating back to the beginning of the year, to the new accounting format. Brian invited the membership to express our appreciation to both Harry and Mandy for all that they have already contributed to the Club, and will no doubt continue to do so into the future.

Newly appointed Interim Treasurer:

Brian Freestone introduced Tim Westinghouse as our interim Treasurer. Tim brings a wealth of experience to the position and we are very fortunate to have him step into the role. Tim told us a little about himself and thanked Harry and Mandy Broersma for their help and for introducing the new accounting program.

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

Flowers and a sympathy card were delivered this month.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes

Wendy reported that the July 17th- Probus Picnic was a success, with 83 members in attendance. Fiona Been has booked the same venue for our 2026 picnic. We will need two new volunteers for chefs. We thanked Darrell Robertson and Bryan Beazley for the terrific job they did at the BBQs.

The August 2nd Filberg Festival outing was cancelled.

September 24th- Vicky Beazley is heading up a hike to the Lighthouse Country Regional Trail near Qualicum.

October 7th- Grizzly Tour through Sea Wolf Adventures out of Port McNeil: Fiona Been reported that there are 4 people signed up for the tour and there is a sign up sheet for those interested. She suggests registering personally at seawolfadventures.ca. It is \$575 plus \$114 extra to cover extra fees.

October 19th: Wendy Hayes has organized a visit to the Truffle Farm in Parksville from 5:30 to 7:30pm. There is a signup sheet with a 25 person limit. If there is interest, perhaps another visit could be arranged. Attendees will make a Truffle Cheeseball, have a curated Charcuterie tasting, pairing truffles with different food groups. Wendy needs to know by October 4th. Cost is \$95.00 per person. Payment can be made by cash or card that evening.

Wendy will post a list of activities for the next 12 months on the website. Volunteers are needed for the Social Committee.

September 11th: Kerstin Fredriksson invited members to sign up for a trip to visit the B.C. Aviation Museum followed by lunch at Mary's (which was founded in 1939)

October 19th: Chemainus Theatre- Garnet Hunt reported that the next play will be "Home to Roost" and there is a sign up sheet.

December 10th: Fiona told us about the Christmas Party at Pacific Moon Rising which will accommodate 100 people.

September, 2026: Fiona told us more about the trip to France for a River Cruise and that some members will go to Bordeaux afterwards to stay in a Chateau.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

Jane thanked members who have sent in photos and write-ups for the newsletter and website.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail reported that the Speaker's Committee will meet again on August 25th to review and plan. Speakers are confirmed up to April, 2026. Please let Gail know if you have any suggestions for speakers.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Pat Hill

- Most members are aware our SIGS are mostly full.
- I have put together the following stats:
- We have 17 SIGS
- 5 are reading interest groups
- 4 are drinking groups
- 3 are games groups
- 2 are sport orientated
- 2 are social/conversational
- 1 is theatre

I have not fully compiled all the information, but most is done. If I remove the 3 groups that have no limit on members, those being Golf a Round, Kayaking, and MOTO, there is a combined total of 6 openings.

The challenge for new members and existing members is access to the SIGS. With this in mind I ask the membership as a whole if you do not participate in a SIG you are a member of, please vacate to make room for other members.

Secondly, if you are interested in starting a new SIG there are plenty of members in the club that can assist you in getting it started. Please reach out to me with your ideas.

Spread Sheet Presented: I will be putting this spread sheet out each month and we will also be putting it up on the web site showing the SIGS and availability to join at a glance. Those highlighted in green have openings.

CATERING: Brian Freestone thanked Kitchen Coordinator, Vivian Turgeon, and her team of Fiona Been and Christine and Steve Matheson for their service in organizing the coffee and snacks which is greatly appreciated. Vivian has provided a sign-up sheet for future months.

Special Recognition: Brian Freestone expressed thanks to Bob Nelson and the entire crew who are responsible for set-up and take-down of chairs/tables for each monthly meeting, with special mention to Don and Sharon Jackson and Gary Cadman and Pat Browne for taking the lead this meeting.

COFFEE BREAK: 9:45 am – 10:00 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian Freestone called on Speaker Chair Gail Marlow to introduce our Guest Speaker, Michael (Mike) Garland, a volunteer with RCMP Community Policing. His topic was **“Heads Up”...Frauds and Scams.** Gail, also, introduced RCMP Sgt. Shane Worth. The presentation was very informative regarding scams and measures that can be taken to prevent falling victim to them. Gail presented Mike with a Probus Bag with our thanks.

President Brian Freestone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am.

Moved by Ron Commander. Seconded by Don Jackson.

All in favour. Carried