

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
FRIDAY, September 19th, 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 August 15th, 2025 meeting minutes as posted on the website.

Motion: Harry Broersma. Seconded by: Sharon Vincent

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

Approved by all. Carried

There were 78 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions: Membership Chair, Vera Moore, asked Robyn Arnold to introduce her two guests and Lauren Sadler to introduce her two guests.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore

The club has 192 active members and 3 honorary members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Westinghouse

Chequing: \$5,642.86

Savings: \$3,800.00

Total: \$9,442.86 [as of September 17th, 2025 Executive meeting treasurer's report]

Brian Freestone informed members that Tim Westinghouse had purchased a Community Cashable GIC, which would pay 2.00%, and closed the high interest savings account.

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

One get-well card, plus flowers and a sympathy card were delivered this month.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes (presented by Vicki Beazley)

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

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. Wendy needs to know by October 4th. Cost is \$95.00 per person. Payment can be made by cash or card that evening.

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

November: Nanaimo Museum – a private tour, cost \$6.50 per person. Lunch will follow.

December 10th: Christmas party. There is a sign up sheet.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

Jane reported that the Web Site health report was good. She asks if anyone sees something wrong to please let them know. Currently, there is a committee of five members (Jane Currie, Ann Lawson, Ron Windrim, Vicki Beazley, Gary Haynes) with Probus website editing credentials that do a range of different tasks, from posting SIG updates, speaker information, special event news, creating the monthly newsletter and miscellaneous club emails and reminders. The Updates section of the web site is the busiest with 81 posts since December, 2024.

Jane thanked members for keeping activities' postings up to date.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail told us the Speaker's Committee was a wonderful group to work with. She gave a little background for Tim Schewe, our speaker today, and for Gary Sutton, a Marine Biologist, representing Ocean Wise, who will be our October speaker.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Pat Hill (presented by Brian Freestone)

As it is now the fall, it is a perfect time to consider the launch of new SIG's (Special Interest Groups) which might be of interest to you and others. If you have any thoughts for a new activity, there are members who are more than willing to assist in your project. The first step would be to have a brief conversation with VP and SIG Coordinator, Pat Hill, as he will assist in getting your project started.

Kobie Koornhof reported that the Men's Discussion group had room for 2 or 3 more members. If anyone is interested, please contact Peter Milne.

CATERING: Brian Freestone thanked Kitchen Coordinator, Vivian Turgeon, and her team of Mary Kelley, and Don and Sharon Jackson 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 and tables for each monthly meeting, with special mention to Bryan Beazley for today's meeting. Don Jackson will be taking the lead for awhile. Brian asked members to say goodbye to Harold and Betty Allsopp, who are moving to Calgary.

COFFEE BREAK: 9:30 am – 9:50 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian Freestone called on Lori Amdam to introduce our Guest Speaker, Tim Schewe, who is a retired, 25 year veteran of the RCMP and who runs **Drive Smart BC and is a Road Safety Advocate**. His topic is “**Road Safety for Seniors**” and he provided us with information on how to prepare for the Senior's Driver's License Renewal and Re-examination at age 80.

He suggested we read “Learn to Drive Smart” and “Tuning Up: a Manual for New Drivers and Co-Pilots”.

Brian thanked Tim Schewe for his informative presentation and presented him with a Probus bag.

President Brian Freestone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am.

Moved by Mandy Broersma. Seconded by Robyn Arnold.

All in favour. Carried