

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
Friday, April 17th, 2026**

WELCOME:

President Pat Hill called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

President's Comments: Pat Hill welcomed all in attendance with a special welcome to new members and guests.

First Order of Business:

Call for approval of the minutes of the March 20th, 2026 General Meeting as posted on the website. Motion: Darrell Robertson. Seconded by: Tim Westinghouse.

There were no questions or comments. President Pat Hill called for the vote to approve. Approved by all. Carried.

There were 60 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions: Jane Currie for Vera Moore

There was one guest introduced.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore (presented by Jane Currie)

Jane Currie presented name badges to four new members: Sara Wilson and Gary De Sa; Kathy and Don Stoneedge. The club has 181 active members and 3 honorary members. President Pat Hill presented a Vice-President's name badge to Vice-President Henry Geraedts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Westinghouse

Chequing/Community Partner Package:	\$3,870.82
Savings/GIC Community Cashable:	\$8,800.63
Total:	\$12,671.45

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

One Sunshine card was sent in April.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes

Jeri McLeod reported that the March 26th Finnish Spa Experience at the Sea Edge Motel in Parksville was a success. Seven hearty souls enjoyed the experience as evidenced by the photos shared to Jane Currie. Eight members attended dinner after at Trio Restaurant in Parksville.

April 8th: “A Celebration of Spring” took place at Greenview Taphouse. The restaurant provided a separate and comfortable space with plenty of seating for all. The attentive staff looked after drinks and food orders. The 23 attendees enjoyed the event very much.

May 21st: Deep Bay Marine Station one hour guided tour at 10:30 am for a minimum of 10 people. Price is \$13.00/person. Lunch at ‘Ship & Shore Restaurant’ will follow. There is a sign up sheet.

June 20th: “Sail to the Symphony – Prisma”, organized by Ann Lawson, has 15 signed up so far and tickets have been bought, and will be mailed to Ann in early May. She will deliver them to the participants.

August 19th: Ann Lawson has organized a trip to Gold River and a tour on the Uchuck, which is booked, as are the hotel rooms. Ann will be asking people to phone the hotel to give their credit card information for the rooms when she gets the okay from the hotel. The Uchuck does e-transfers, so participants can pay in early August. Ann will notify everyone when they need to send money to the treasurer.

July 16th: Annual Picnic: Wendy is asking for Picnic Volunteers and there is a sign-up sheet, which will also be at the May and June meetings, as well as through the Website (where there are more specific details). The location is the same as last year: Site G1, Rath Trevor Provincial Park.

December 17th: the Christmas Party has been booked at Greenview Taphouse.

Chemainus Theatre: Garnet Hunt announced that “The Ladies Foursome” will be booked for Sunday, May 17th. There is a sign up sheet.

Kayaking: Fiona Been (for Graham Farstad) told us about a planned Kayak daytrip from the Nanaimo Public Docks to Protection Island on Sunday, June 21st. Those who don't want to kayak could take the ferry to the Dinghy Dock Pub and join the kayakers for lunch. There is a sign up sheet and there will be one at the May meeting, too.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

Jane Currie reported that all ongoing Website updates and maintenance are up to date.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail Marlow said our speaker today is Connie Kuramoto, on "The Secret Life of Your Garden". Gail said May's speaker will be an Indigenous women who will speak about her community.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Pat Hill

President Pat thanked all members who participated in the electronic survey on members' interests and potential interest groups. He and Vice-President Henry Geraedts projected the results on the screen for all of us to see. They encouraged members to follow up on the suggestions for new SIGs and consider putting their name forward to lead a new group. They suggested that members check out the Website for more information on different groups. VP Henry Geraedts listed the names of the groups which have openings: MOTO, 3 Book Clubs, Mah Jong, Men's Discussion Group.

Alison Westinghouse announced that the wine group, "Coastal Corkers", are looking for 8 new members and there is a sign up sheet.

Jean Russell spoke on MOTO (Members On Their Own), saying they go out for dinner once a month and take part in a variety of other social activities, which are a lot of fun, especially done with a group.

CATERING: Pat thanked Robyn and Malcolm Arnold, and Don and Jo Graham for organizing refreshments and snacks for today's meeting.

Coordinator Carolyn Treger said there is a sign-up sheet on the table for future months and that there are volunteers committed through to the August General Meeting.

Special Recognition: Pat Hill expressed thanks to Darrell Robertson and Ken Carey, and the entire crew for set-up and take-down of chairs and tables at the end of the meeting.

Key Announcements: President Pat Hill reported that the Management Committee had updated the bylaws of the Club. He thanked Darrell Robertson for leading this project and for the completed work. The Club needs a vote to approve the changes. A broadcast email will go out to all members in the next few days with the existing bylaws and the proposed changes to them highlighted in yellow. At May's General meeting we will need a quorum, 25% of membership, and will need 2/3 of the members present to approve the changes.

COFFEE BREAK: 9:40 am – 10:00 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Pat Hill called on Lori Amdam to introduce our Guest Speaker, **Connie Kuramoto, on "The Secret Life of Your Garden"**.

After Connie's presentation, Gail Marlow thanked her and presented her with a Probus bag.

President Pat Hill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Moved by Alison Westinghouse. Seconded by Wendy Hayes. All in favour. Carried.