

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
Friday, March 20th, 2026

WELCOME:

President Pat Hill called the meeting to order at 9:25 am

President's Comments: Pat Hill welcomed all in attendance with a special welcome to new members and guests. As our new President, Pat said he will do his best for this wonderful club and is available to all members if anything is on their mind. Pat thanked Henry Geraedts for allowing his name to stand for Vice President and looks forward to working with him in the coming term. President Pat extended a huge "thank you" to Past President Brian Freestone for guiding our club for the last 12 months and for the many ways he contributes to our club.

Pat expressed thanks to Darrell Robertson, who has served as Vice President, President, and Past President, contributing in a myriad of ways to the success of the club.

President Pat thanked Leslie, Tim, Wendy, Vera, Jane, Gail, Brian and Carolyn, along with all the support people working with them, for staying on or recently joining the management team. He expressed a particular thank you to Jane Currie, now in her 6th year with Communications for the club.

First Order of Business:

Call for approval of the minutes of the February 20th, 2026 General Meeting as posted on the website. Motion: Jenny Ransom. Seconded by: Lynda Ingram. There were no questions or comments. President Pat Hill called for the vote to approve. Approved by all. Carried.

There were 90 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions:

There were four guests introduced.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore (presented by Jane Currie)

Jane Currie presented name badges to two new members: John and Pat Wood. The club has 179 active members and 3 honorary members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Westinghouse

Chequing/Community Partner Package:	\$8,127.15
Savings/GIC Community Cashable:	\$5,300.63
Total:	\$13,427.78

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

Three sunshine cards were delivered in March.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes (presented by Vicki Beazley)

March 26th: from 4:00 – 5:30 pm: a Finnish Spa Experience at the Sea Edge Motel in Parksville is planned with dinner following at “Trio”. \$40 per person, or \$37 for 12 people (maximum number). There is a sign up sheet.

April 8th: “A Celebration of Spring” is being held at Greenview Taphouse from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Food and drink will be individually ordered and paid for by attendees. This event is full, but please let Paula Bradner know by March 31st if you can't go because she has to provide final numbers to the venue.

May 21st: Deep Bay Marine Station 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. There might be room for more people.

August 19th: trip to Gold River and a tour on the Uchuck. Price is \$108 per person. There is a sign up sheet.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

Jane Currie thanked members for sending in SIG reports. She said everything is current on the Website.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail thanked Lori Amdam for arranging today's Keynote Speaker, Dr. W. David Robertson. She thanked her committee of Lori Amdam, Leigh Dawson, Graham Farstad, and Brian Freestone and welcomed members who might be interested in joining. Gail said that speakers have been booked into the Fall.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Pat Hill

Pat thanked all members who participated in the electronic survey on members' interests and potential interest groups. This will be discussed at the April 17th meeting.

CATERING: President Pat Hill thanked Kitchen Coordinator, Carolyn Treger, for stepping into the coordinator position. He, also, thanked Jenny Ransom for covering the last few meetings, stepping up on very short notice. Pat thanked Andy and John Vallis and Bill and Linda Hamilton for organizing refreshments and snacks for today's meeting.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table for future months.

Special Recognition: Pat Hill expressed thanks to Don and Sharon Jackson and Bryan Beazley, and the entire crew for set-up and take-down of chairs and tables at the end of every monthly meeting.

Key Announcements: none

COFFEE BREAK: 9:35 am – 10:00 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Pat Hill called on Lori Amdam to introduce our Guest Speaker, **Dr. W. David Robertson, M.A., M.B., FRCPC, Medical Director of Island Health MAID program.**

After Dr. Robertson's presentation, Gail Marlow thanked him and presented him with a Probus bag.

President Pat Hill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Moved by Tony Ransom. Seconded by Ryan Laudien. All in favour. Carried.