

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
Friday, May 15th, 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 our new member and guests.

First Order of Business:

Call for approval of the minutes of the April 17th, 2026 General Meeting as posted on the website. Motion: Darrell Robertson. Seconded by: Wendy Hayes.

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

There were 68 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions: Vera Moore

There were no guests introduced.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore

Vera Moore presented a name badge to one new member: Ruth Lamb. The club has 182 active members and 3 honorary members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Westinghouse

Chequing/Community Partner Package:	\$3,783.03
Savings/GIC Community Cashable:	\$8,800.63
Total:	\$12,583.66

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

One Sunshine card was sent in May.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes

July 16th (Thursday): the Annual Probus Picnic will be at Site G1, Rath Trevor Beach Park. Jane Currie has posted it on the website and in the recent newsletter. A volunteer list is on the table and we still need several volunteers. Also, at this meeting and next there will be a sign-up sheet for members to indicate their burger preference, and I will ask that members e-transfer \$5.00 per person to the Treasurer. In the e-transfer message box please indicate that it is for the picnic and the people that are being paid for. You will also be able to contact me through social@nbprobud.org. The deadline for sign-up and payment is July 4th. Once I have the confirmed list, Communications will email the picnic details to those members. In early June, I am planning to have a meeting of the Social Committee and any volunteers that are available, to solidify plans for the picnic. If anyone has a BBQ that we can borrow and some tables to put the salads on, please let me know.

Mark your calendars: to December 17th when the Annual Christmas Party will take place at the Greenview Taphouse.

Ann Lawson and I are hoping to organize a trip to Butchart Gardens for early September. There is an expression of interest sheet on the table and one will be out at the June meeting, as well.

Please look at the Website to keep current on planned social activities.

June 20th: "Sail to the Symphony – Prisma", organized by Ann Lawson. She will deliver tickets to the participants.

August 19th: Ann Lawson said the trip to Gold River and the tour on the Uchuck, are booked, as are the hotel rooms. Ann asks that participants phone the hotel to give their credit card information for the rooms. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie (presented by Carolyn Treger)

Carolyn Treger reported that the updated Bylaws and Constitution are on the Website. She asks that anyone running a SIG to please let Jane Currie know any updated information pertaining to the group and to name a contact person.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail Marlow said the committee is booking speakers into 2027, with a goal of having speakers and topics of interest for everyone. The Speaker Committee welcomes any suggestions for upcoming speakers. Our June Speaker will be George Takach on “Inspired by Taiwan: Why Supporting Taiwan Matters for Global Democracy”. He will, also, be doing a book signing for those interested.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Henry Geraedts (presented by Pat Hill)

President Pat Hill encouraged members to follow up on the suggestions for new SIGs and consider putting their name forward to lead a new group. He suggested that members check out the Website for more information on different groups and to see which groups have openings for new members.

Kayaking Group: Fiona Been and 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 dinner. There is a sign-up sheet.

CATERING: President Pat Hill thanked Bernie and Dolores Wiart, Dennise Ward, and Ruth Lamb for organizing refreshments and snacks for today's meeting.

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 each monthly meeting.

Key Announcements: President Pat Hill announced that the vote will be taken on passing of the revised Bylaws. Vera Moore, Membership Chair, confirmed that we have a quorum. Pat Hill stated that our Bylaws are in line with Probus Canada's Constitution. Pat Hill moved that we approve the Bylaws as revised. Vera Moore seconded. All in favour. Carried.

COFFEE BREAK: 9:40 am – 10:00 am

GUEST SPEAKER: Pat Hill called on Graham Farstad to introduce our Guest Speaker, **Erralyn Joseph of the Snuneymuxw First Nation**. After her presentation, Graham thanked her and presented her with a Probus bag.

President Pat Hill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. Moved by Don Jackson. Seconded by Frances Hill. All in favour. Carried.