

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
Friday, October 16th, 2026

WELCOME:

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

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

First Order of Business:

Call for approval of the minutes of the Friday, September 18th, 2026 General Meeting as posted on the website. Motion: Bob Faulkner. 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 85 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions:

There were no guests introduced.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore

Vera Moore reported the club has 180 active members and three honorary members on the roster

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Westinghouse

Chequing/Community Partner Package:	\$4,006.35
Savings/GIC Community Cashable:	\$8,800.63
Total:	\$12,806.98

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

There were two cards sent to members in October.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes (presented by Ann Lawson)

Ann Lawson reported that the October 2nd outing to Englishman River Falls was very successful with 24 people in attendance.

On November 6th, there will be a guided tour of the Courtenay Museum with Pat Trask, Natural History Curator. There is a sign up sheet.

The Probus Christmas Party is Thursday, December 17th at the Greenview Taphouse from 5:00-10:00 pm. All the details are posted on the website. All bottles of wine, including non-alcoholic, are ½ price that night. The cost per person, including gratuity and tax, is \$78.00 and there will be assigned seating. The deadline for sign up is November 21st. There will be a sign up sheet at the October and November meetings.

Fiona Been reported on the trip, by a small group of members, to France. They had a fabulous trip and she said the “French wine is still very good!”

Barb Hunt said that the Chemainus play “Peril in the Alps” is full. There will be a play in December.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie (delivered by Carolyn Treger)

Carolyn Treger thanked the SIG leaders who have sent updates about their groups.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail Marlow said that today’s speaker is William Litchfield from the BC Cancer Foundation.

November’s speaker is John Pyrik, a former intelligence officer with experience in counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence investigations. He also worked for FINTRAC, Canada’s anti-money laundering agency, and the Privy Council Office. He retired in 2017 after 27 years in government. He now lives happily in Parksville where he rarely has to fight traffic, deal with red tape, or shovel snow.

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

There was no formal report. Pat Hill said that there is a sign up sheet for a new interest group on Photography, to be led by Henry Geraedts, for anyone interested. The only requirement is a camera.

CATERING: Carolyn Treger

Carolyn Treger said that members have volunteered for kitchen duties for the rest of 2026 and asked that members please sign up for catering in 2027. There is a sign up sheet. She thanked the kitchen crew, Anne and Erling Larson and Brian and Chriss Steane, for preparing and hosting the refreshments for today's meeting.

Special Recognition: Pat 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 today's and each monthly meeting. He, also, thanked the kitchen crew.

Key Announcements:

None

COFFEE BREAK: 9:30 am – 9:45 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Speaker Chair, Gail Marlow, introduced our keynote Speaker: **William Litchfield, Associate Vice President Development, Vancouver Island, BC Cancer Foundation.** His topic is **"World Class Cancer Care, Research, and updates with a focus on Vancouver Island."**

After a very interesting and informative talk, Gail thanked William and presented him with a Probus bag.

President Pat Hill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. Moved by Brian Freestone. Seconded by Don Jackson. All in favour. Carried.