

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—THE NANOOSE BAY PROBUS CLUB
Friday, September 18th, 2026

WELCOME:

Past President Brian Freestone called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

President's Comments: (delivered by Past President Brian Freestone) On behalf of President Pat Hill, Brian welcomed all in attendance with a special welcome to any guests.

First Order of Business:

Call for approval of the minutes of the Friday, August 21st, 2026 General Meeting as posted on the website. Motion: Doug Horsman. Seconded by: Leigh Randle.

There were no questions or comments. Past President Brian Freestone called for the vote to approve. Approved by all. Carried.

There were 44 members and guests in attendance.

Guest Introductions:

As Membership Chair, Vera Moore, was away, Carolyn Treger introduced three guests, plus Winter, a Guide Dog in training.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vera Moore (delivered by Carolyn Treger)

The club has 179 active members and three honorary members on the roster. There is one pending application for membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim Westinghouse (delivered by Brian Freestone)

Chequing/Community Partner Package:	\$3,827.46
Savings/GIC Community Cashable:	\$8,848.67
Total:	\$12,676.13

Sunshine: Leslie Horsman

There were four cards sent to members in late August and early September.

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes (presented by Brian Freestone)

Our trip down island on September 2nd, to Butchart Gardens, was cancelled due to predicted rain here and rain and high winds in Victoria. We will attempt to reschedule in the spring, hopefully incorporating a behind-the-scenes tour.

Friday, October 2nd at noon we are planning a free wiener roast at Englishman River Falls Park followed by a casual hike to the river or to simply sit and enjoy the surroundings. There is a covered area that has tables for 36 people, but people can also sit outside at additional tables or bring their own chairs. A sign up sheet is on the table. An email will be sent to those participating. Supplies will be purchased based on the numbers gathered.

November 6th at 10:00 am we have booked a lecture and tour with Pat Trask, Natural History Curator, at the Courtney Museum. The maximum number of people is 30 at a total cost of \$150.00, so the individual cost depends on the number of participants. Payment is due two weeks in advance. The sign up sheet at the last meeting gathered 11 members and the sheet is on the table so please sign up if you intend to attend. Payment will be calculated per head and must be paid to the treasurer by October 20th. Participants will be notified of the cost once numbers are gathered.

The Probus Christmas Party is Thursday, December 17th at the Greenview taphouse from 5:00-10:00 pm. More details and a sign up sheet will be available at the next Probus meeting, so save the date.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie (delivered by Carolyn Treger)

Carolyn reported that the security issues with the website are still being dealt with. It is a process that takes time.

The communications team will be working on updating the SIG page on the website. SIG Leaders are asked to confirm/update their group's information to communications@nbprobus.org. Provide group leader name, contact person's name (if different from leader), how often and when you meet, and a very short blurb about what the group does.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE: Gail Marlow

Gail Marlow said there was a Speaker Committee meeting on September 14th. The committee is working on booking speakers for 2027.

October's speaker will be William Litchfield, from BC Cancer Care Foundation, and who is Associate Vice President of Development, Vancouver Island. His

topic is “World Class Cancer Care, Research, and updates with a focus on Vancouver Island”.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Henry Geraedts (presented by Brian Freestone)

There was no formal report, other than that all SIGS are now well underway for the fall term. Brian reiterated that if anyone was interested in learning more about joining a specific SIG, or wished to form a new interest group, to please consult the website link, or speak with Henry Geraedts, Pat Hill or himself.

CATERING: Past President Brian Freestone thanked Carolyn Treger in covering for her real title/job as Kitchen Coordinator, as well as the other positions she covered this meeting. He thanked Vicki and Leigh Randle, Liana Haynes, and Pat Wood for organizing refreshments and snacks for today's meeting.

Carolyn said that members have volunteered for kitchen duties for the rest of 2026.

Special Recognition: Brian expressed thanks to Don and Sharon Jackson and the entire crew for set-up and take-down of chairs and tables at today's and each monthly meeting.

Key Announcements:

1. Regarding the bigger Probus picture, Past President Brian Freestone reported that on Wednesday, September 9th, he had the pleasure of chairing the quarterly Probus Speaker Network Committee (PSNC), which represents Speaker Chairs from all 10 Mid-Island PSNC member Clubs. Our Speaker Chair, Gail Marlow, attended and played an active part in representing our Nanoose Bay Probus Club.
2. On Thursday, September 10th, Brian chaired the Probus President Network (PPN), which represents all Presidents and Vice Presidents of the 10 participating Mid-Island Clubs. There were 18 Presidents/VPs in attendance,

including our own President Pat Hill. Jim McKinlay, one of our guest speakers this morning, was in attendance as well, in his official capacity as Immediate Past President of Northwest Bay Probus Club.

By all accounts, both meetings were highly successful.

COFFEE BREAK: 9:30 am – 9:50 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Speaker Chair, Gail Marlow, introduced our keynote Speakers: Ian Bray and Jim McKinlay, along with athletes Shayne and Kerri, on the topic of “What’s so Special about the Special Olympics?”

After a very informative presentation, Gail thanked all four speakers and presented the two athletes with a Probus bag.

Past President Brian Freestone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. Moved by Robyn Arnold. Seconded by Stan Wood. All in favour. Carried.