



MAY 2025

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Thursday May 22, 2025

Time:

10am - 12pm

Location:

*Western Development
Museum, NB*

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MEETING MINUTES

Gerry welcomed everyone including Roland Nordic and (Innake Night - unsure of spelling) who are presenting our Charter document. As well, he introduced the Admin. Members.

He gave an overview of what Probus is - mainly a social outlet. The Charter was presented and signed by Deb (Secretary), Gerry (President), Roland and Ineke. A framed copy was left for our group. Johanne took photos.

Roland spoke briefly following the presentation of the Charter.

Gerry gave us an update on some of the latest scams and advised that YouTube has lots of info on scams. AI is particularly scary as they can now also duplicate voices. Family scams - they pretend to be a family member asking for money. It's a good idea to have a family password to check legitimacy of requests like this. Always be a skeptic. Use a strong password - be unique, use spaces, add a symbol for example. You can find out how strong your password is on a website called Password Strength Media.

Prairie Lily - still no water release so no sailing. Will likely cancel trip. Choice for those that have already paid their \$30 - get a refund or apply it to next year's membership fees.

We have a book exchange. Bring one, take one.

Sub groups - there are a few active groups now but there is no limit to the number and variety of possibilities for new ones.

Field trip possibilities - orchard visit, Hutterite Colony visit, Sask Power Generating site. Open to suggestions.

First door prize draws made. \$15 Co-op gift card went to Dorothy Manegre. Splish Splash card to Rod Lane. Necklace made by Becky went to Elsie Karst.

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Gerry introduced Susan and Deb. Susan will be giving up her position as Special Events Coordinator so she described what her position entails. Becky was introduced and she described what her position as Attendance Coordinator involves. As well, she welcomed the new members and encouraged others to join.

When we reach 60+ members we will definitely require a new meeting space to accommodate. We meet September to June.

George, who is currently Vice President, will move to President. He spoke about the duties of the VP.

The newsletter is put out by George and Lane with the help of George's daughter for graphics. As a show of appreciation we will give her a \$50 HomeSense gift card.

The Spades card group will meet at the Pioneer Hall June 2nd at 1:00 and possibly the third Monday in June as well.

Travel Group meeting is Monday, May 26 at Beaver Grill. Everyone is asked to wear or bring something from a previous vacation.

Fred Light Museum - Bernadette Leslie is retiring and as a retirement gift is asking for donations for a special picture to be hung at the museum.

Break.

George announced that our next meeting will be on June 17, 10:00 am at the Don Ross Centre.

Chris introduced herself and outlined her duties as Guest Speaker Coordinator. She listed all the guest speakers that we have previously had before introducing our present speaker, Rob Rongve (Sask Volunteer Medal recipient). Rob spoke on his various endeavours and achievements within the community.

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He also had his newly earned Volunteer Medal passed around. A new and exciting venture he is involved with is NBIH (North Battleford Innovation Hub). This will give people the space and resources to make and market a new idea. He was open to questions afterward.

Chris thanked him and presented him with a gift from the club. She announced that the June guest speaker would be on landscaping and in September we will have someone speaking on estate planning.

The 50/50 draw was made and won by Lane Jackson \$135. The remaining door prizes were drawn and the winners were Joanne Simpson, Ramone Bru, Lorraine Belak and Sharon Spence.

Everyone was welcomed to the June 17 meeting.