



OCTOBER 2025

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Tuesday October 21, 2025

Time:

10am - 12pm

Location:

*Rm 101 Don Ross
Centre Auditorium, NB*

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

George Plews

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MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions:

George welcomed everyone and provided an overview of Probus — its purpose, meeting activities, and sub-groups. Current activity groups include Spades, Walking, Scrabble, and Travel.

• New Initiatives:

- Leanne Meiers announced the formation of a Book Club.
- Lane Jackson expressed interest in starting a Genealogy Group.

Introductions of the new and continuing Management Committee members followed. Adele Wiegers has kindly agreed to serve as Sunshine Volunteer.

Christmas Lunch Announcement

The Probus Christmas Lunch will be held on December 16, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Battlefords Wildlife Building.

- **Menu:** Traditional turkey lunch
- **Entertainment:** Live music
- **Cost:** \$20 for members | \$30 for non-members
- **RSVP & Payment Deadline:** November 18, 2025
- **Food Bank Donations:** Non-perishable food items will be collected.

Presentation: Online Safety

Gerry discussed the importance of online safety, highlighting common digital traps such as:

- Harmful or misleading URLs
- Malware downloads
- Deceptive pop-up messages
- Phishing emails that appear legitimate until you check the sender's address

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Club Updates

George explained the use of 50/50 proceeds — half to the winner and half to the club to help subsidize name tags and club events (such as the Christmas lunch).

Becky provided an update on name tag orders.

Guest Speaker

Chris Pollard introduced Loralie Raiche, CPA, CA, CFP, who delivered an informative presentation on “What Your Accountant Needs When You Pass Away.” Her talk generated many thoughtful questions. Chris presented Loralie with a stained-glass tiger lily and a thank-you card on behalf of the club.

50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Kim Berger, winner of this month’s 50/50 draw! Kim went home with \$115.

Next Meeting

The next Battlefords Probus meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Don Ross Centre, Room 101.