



APRIL 2026

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Tuesday April 21, 2026

Time:

10am - 12pm

Location:

Rm 101 Don Ross
Centre Auditorium, NB

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

George did microphone test - seems to be working.

George welcomed everyone and reviewed today's agenda.

Becky acknowledged the new people attending today's meeting. She explained the fees and put out the word that she is resigning her position next year so is looking for a replacement who she is willing to help get started. She presented 4 new name tags.

George introduced the management committee.

Groups - Travel, Walking, Book, Cards, Bridge, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (new group).

- Johanne reported on the **Travel Club**. There will be a presentation on a trip to China at the next meeting.
- Rick reported on the **Walking Group**. They will walk Finlayson Island tomorrow at 10 am and if it rains they will go to the Field House. Coffee following.
- Leeanne reported on the **Book Club**. They have had their final meeting and will start again in September.
- Leela reported on the **Card Group**. Spades is played the first and third Monday each month with up to 20 people attending at times. The time is 1 - 3 pm at the Pioneer Hall. The group finish at the end of June with a pizza party.
- Barb reported on **Bridge**. It is on the second and fourth Monday at the Pioneer Hall. There is no charge as the focus is to teach people to play and then join the club.

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- Joanne Higgs reported on the new dinner club, ***Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?***. Interested people can sign up to be either a Host or a guest. The Host chooses and makes the main dish and specifies how many guests can be accommodated at their home. The names of that many guests is then drawn from a hat and they each must bring a side dish for the meal. Neither the host or the guests will know who is going to attend. Couples would not be split up but both would bring a dish and all the dinners would take place on the same night. May 7 has been chosen as the day for the dinner. On the sign up sheets the Host will provide their address and the guests will provide their phone number. We will try it once and then decide how often we would do it. A question was raised about allergies - no solution yet.

Volunteers are needed for coffee and greeting at the next meeting. Chris and Lorne volunteered.

Field Trip to the Water Treatment Plant (802 River Valley Drive) will be on April 28. There is a maximum of 20 people. It was noted that the tour includes lots of stairs.

Field Trip to the Northland Power Station is on Wednesday, May 27 at 1:00. There is no maximum group size.

Prairie Lily - ticket sales start in May. It is dependant on water levels so it was suggested that we try to go in June when the water levels may be high. More info to come re: time, cost etc.

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Gerry asked if people were interested in space and astronomy etc. He will do a short presentation at every second meeting for about 10 minutes. He followed this with a short presentation on the Sputnik which was very interesting.

Johanne gave a short presentation on income tax particularly as it pertains to seniors. It was very interesting and informative.

Chris reminded everyone of the upcoming Mosaic Concert on May 1 at 7:00 pm at the Legion in Battleford.

An interesting event coming up - Indian Relay Race. May 17 (Sunday) at 6:00 pm, May 18 (Monday) at noon.

Our next guest speaker is Richard Pratchler from the Power Station. Our meeting will be in the foyer that day.

Lane mentioned that from April 22 - 27 will provide bags etc. for clean up of the city.

Sask. Power Energy Assistance Program - they will come and assess your house and will provide you (free of charge) with energy saving items such as light bulbs, digital thermostat etc.

Guest speaker - Lindsay Holm, Fire Chief and Director of Protective Services. He gave an excellent presentation and answered many questions. Many people thought we should have him back again.