



SEPTEMBER 2026

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Thursday Sept 10, 2026

Time:

10am - 11:30am

Location:

Smitty's Restaurant, NB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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President

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chris, Johanne, Lane, Gerry, Susan, Deb, Evelyn, George, Becky.

George called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by Chris. Seconded by Becky.

Treasurer's Report: Johanne presented Sept. - Aug. 2026 financial statement. Balance as of Aug. 31 is \$1801.85. There is an uncashed cheque from our Christmas entertainer which has not been cashed. Gerry will look into it.

Speakers: Citizens on Patrol for September. October we will invite Linda Machniak again. She is retiring so she will bring her successor with her. Marshall service for November.

Membership: Lane will be taking over from Becky.

Gerry ordered speakers which comes with a remote and 2 microphones. Amazon sent another whole system, and the old one didn't need to be returned so we actually have 2 systems for the price of one (works out to \$150 each). So, there is a microphone for the speaker and 1 or 2 for the floor when questions are asked. We will have a runner to take the microphone to the people who have questions.

We have a \$50 gift certificate for George's daughter. We will present her with it at our next meeting.

Annual General Meeting - nominations are only for President, Vice President and Treasurer. All other positions are volunteer.

We have copies of "Grey Matters" and new, updated

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Probus pamphlets to hand out at the next meeting.

Lane and George's official title will now be Webmaster, Newsletter and Communications.

Next meeting is our +1 Drive. Member's names go in the draw box for each person they bring. Chris made a motion that we purchase 2 - \$25 gift cards. Becky seconded it. Gerry will purchase them (one for men, one for women). Johanne will bring 2 buckets to put the entries in, and Becky will make the entry tickets. Louise and Leela are at the greeting table, and they will see that people with guests enter their names. Each management member will bring a dozen of some baked item for the meeting.

Memberships are due at the next meeting. Johanne, Becky and Lane will sit together and share the duties. Membership forms will be left on each table.

Becky and Gerry are stepping down. By laws say that management committee meetings are open to any member of the club which means that Gerry is welcome to attend meetings. We would just ask that if people want to come, they let us know. Evelyn welcomed Gerry to attend and said that we would be happy for his input.

Prior to Dec. 1 we must update our data on the Probus Canada site.

October is Probus month. We will celebrate with our flag raising on Oct. 5 in North Battleford and Oct. 13 in Battleford. At our meeting we will let people know to show up for flag raising pictures. The media will be contacted.

Christmas party. Evelyn suggested a committee form to organize it. We will try to book the caterer and the Wildlife

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Building for December 15 from 10:00 to 3:00. We will eat our meal at noon. We have our speaker system for background music, and we will look into some entertainment.

Yesterday's meeting with the Canadian Probus president was interesting and encouraging for those who were able to attend. He suggested that we sponsor a club...are we interested?

George mentioned getting Probus golf T shirts. Interest? Approx. cost \$40.

George is organizing a bus trip to a Riders game next year. Tickets go on sale in April. We'll have to pick a day and time and have a sign-up sheet. No commitment till December when booking needs to be confirmed.

Chris moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Becky.