



SEPTEMBER 2026

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Tuesday Sept 15, 2026

Time:

10am - 12pm

Location:

*Rm 102, Don Ross
Centre Auditorium, NB*

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

George introduced himself and welcomed everyone. Reviewed the agenda. Gave an overview of what the Probus Club is all about. He thanked all the volunteers and introduced the management committee.

Gerry explained that during the first annual general meeting. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Moved by Chris, seconded by Johanne that they be accepted. All in favour, adopted as read.

Johanne presented the financial statement and explained that the fees have been lowered to \$40 from \$45. Motion to accept by Becky, seconded by Rick.

Election for president - no further nominations so Evelyn is president. No nominations for vice president. No nominations for secretary so Deb will continue.

George spoke about field trips and speakers. He went through a list of guest speakers we had last year and also went through a list of all the field trips that have been taken.

We have sub groups within our club:

Travel Club - Meet once a month, usually on the last Monday. There are currently 14 members going on a trip to Quebec City.

Walking Group - Rick heads this group. They walk Wednesday mornings and try to take a different route each time. There is currently a core group of 10 - 12 people.

Cards Group - Meet at Pioneer Hall first and third Monday. Cost of \$5 per time.

Book Club - Meet in library board room second Thursday of each month. Cost of \$5 per month. First meeting in October.

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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Joanne Higgs is in charge. People do not have to host.

George mentioned that we do take pictures, but no names or personal information is used. People can opt not to have their picture taken.

Volunteers for greeters next month. Louise and Leela did it this time and Becky and Adele volunteered for October.

Johanna, a guest from Catholic Family Services, spoke about Social Prescribing and briefly explained what it involves. Connect through Catholic Family Services to get information or to volunteer.

Flag raising - City of NB turned us down but town of Battleford is scheduled for Oct. 13 at 11:00 am. This is how we are celebrating Probus month. If Battleford should turn us down, we will invite the media to our next meeting.

Management Committee meets once a month, and any member is free to attend. We would just need notice that you are attending.

Mature driver refresher course is coming up. There is a free stethoscope test going on today.

Field trip announcement - Go to Rider game. If we get 56 people on the bus it will cost us \$45 to \$50 for the bus. Tickets are extra - \$44 up to \$200 per ticket depending on where you sit.

Linda Machniak and Greg Kwon from the Chamber of Commerce will be our next speakers. They will come at 10:00.

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Christmas lunch Dec. 15, at Battlefords Wildlife Building with Eppic Catering.

Gerry thanked George for being our President this past year. He did an excellent job.

BREAK

Chris introduced Doug Fehr our guest speaker from Citizens on Patrol. Their focus is on deterring and preventing crime. They record and report, not intercede. He gave a very interesting and informative talk and answered questions. Chris thanked him and presented him with a gift.

The prizes for +1 were made and a reminder to return name tags.

A member announced that there is a very interesting exhibit at the Art Gallery right now. Great art and a great message.

Brian announced exciting news - a blood test for Alzheimer's has been discovered.

Catriona suggested discussing possible field trips at the next meeting.

A gala at the Alex Dillabough Centre was announced for Oct. 2. All proceeds to Boys and Girls Club. Call Community Foundation Office for tickets.

George's daughter Aidan was presented with a gift card as a thank you for her work on the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned