

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Nanoose Bay**  
**St. Mary's Church Hall**  
**Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Welcome:** In the absence of the President & Vice President – Ann Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:15am

**Members with Guests:** 1 guest was introduced

**Announcements:** Ann Lawson thanked Bob & Melba Nelson and Pat & Alida Sali for today's kitchen duties and Linda & John Tosney for set up.

**Minutes:** Maureen Paterson motioned to approve the minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Meeting as posted on the website: - seconded by Ethel Vincent-Lambert – approved

**Sunshine:** Lynda Ingram reported that no cards were sent out in the past month but had received a thank you from Jay Spence. October birthdays were recognized.

**Communications:** Ann Lawson reported that the ability to pay for memberships and the Christmas party is now set up, and the membership renewal form will soon be in place to submit electronically. Ann will be sending out a newsblast with instructions shortly.

**S.I.G.s:** Ann Lawson on behalf of Ron Commander invited the various special interest groups to announce their upcoming activities -  
**full details and contact information are available on the website.**

Of note: - Family History group will tentatively have an information meeting at Nanoose Place on Monday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

**Social Committee:**

Jenny Ransom reported on the various social activities:

- positive feedback from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to Bamfield on the Francis Barkley
- Oktoberfest at Mt Arrowsmith Brewery Oct 22 – tour & tasting
- Moscow ballet at the Port Theatre Nov 11
- Linda Windrim outlined the itinerary of the November 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> trip to Victoria to visit Government House and the Legislature – payment for the breakfast \$15 pp is due
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Xmas Party- sign up and volunteers needed
- December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Port Theatre – Yellow Point Xmas – Sharon Vincent has the tickets

**Wreath Decoration Workshop:** Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Nanoose Bay Library Hall – two sessions – 9 – 11:00 (\$25 for the wreath) and 11:30 to 1:30 ( \$20 for the centre piece). Volunteers for help in setting up are required. Information and sign up is on the website – payment due – Robin Arnold is collecting.

**Treasurer:** In the absence of Randy Borger, Ann Lawson reported that our total bank balance as of October 17th, 2019 is \$5,430

**Guest Speaker:** Doug Horsman introduced our guest speaker – **Dr. David Coupland**  
**President of the Nanaimo Medical Staff Association (MSA)**

Dr. Coupland spoke to the membership regarding the future of the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and the need and efforts to make it a **Tertiary Hospital**. He explained that a tertiary hospital has all the programs (with the exception of a few specialty surgeries) to meet the needs of the community. With the help of a slide show – facts and numbers revealed that the health care to the people of Central and North Island is sadly lacking when compared to Victoria in spite of having a larger and growing population. Along with his two presenters, Dr. Coupland gave examples of the urgent need to implement the NRGH 5 year plan and the funding needed to carry it out. The membership were given a copy of a letter to the Premier of BC outlining this. It was clear that most members were dismayed to learn of the inequities of health care in our area but hopeful that, with support, NRGH will provide for our future needs.

**Attendance today:** 90 Members, 1 Guest, 3 Speakers

**Next Management Meeting:** November 7th at Ron Commander's house

**Reminder:** Please turn in your badges on the way out.

**Adjourn:** 11:00 am