

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Nanoose Bay Probus Club  
Friday, June 17, 2022**

**Welcome:** Past President **Ron Commander** called the meeting to order at 9:16a.m. Seconder: Tony Ransom. 32 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Thank you to the kitchen volunteers: the Hunts and the Stephensons.

**Membership.** **Mary Laudien** welcomed four new members to Probus though they were not in attendance. Mary informed group that the Dodds have withdrawn their membership. Current Membership 183.

**Financial Statement.** **Patrick Murray**

Chequing \$2,726,78. Savings \$3719.21. Total \$6,445.99.

**Social Committee – Melba Nelson.** Announced that there was a sign up sheet for the **Xmas Committee** on the back table. Also a sign-up sheet for expression of interest in **Water Dance Ballet at Port Theatre on Aug 9, 2022** ( Suggested by members of MOTO) featuring Ukrainian dancers.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> The Summer Luncheon and Fancy Hat Party** sign-up sheet is on the back table and members and their guests can still sign-up and pay by June 24 (mid-night). Being held at Craig Bay Clubhouse, noon to 3p.m. \$20 per member, \$35 per guest. Bring your fancy hats! Melba asked if anyone has a drone for a group photo, or knows of anyone with a drone. Jenny Ransom volunteered to ask her contact that has a drone.

**Jenny Ransom** made a special announcement about the availability of 5 tickets to the up and coming **Prisma Festival on June 25**. The tickets are held by members that can not attend and are available for purchase. Event is in Powell River. The tickets are \$85 each including transportation and lunch. Contact Jenny if you are interested in a purchasing a ticket-they are available to both members and non-members.

**Sunshine. Judy George** No cards have been sent out this month. Please contact Judy if you know of someone who is not well.

**Probus Communications: Jane Currie** is taking over from Ann Lawson and is looking to expand backup coverage for proofreading, editing, emailing and website updates. Any members who are interested in assisting with our club's communications please contact Jane.

### **Special Interest Groups:**

**Bev Watson** announced a correction of date for the next planned event at **Chemainus Theatre** is "Country Roads Classics". It will be on July 17, not June 26. If members have purchased tickets and can not attend on the 17<sup>th</sup> please contact Bev. If you would now like to attend on the 17<sup>th</sup> there is a sign-up sheet at the back and you can also contact Bev.

**ABBA** will start up again in September

**1<sup>st</sup> Edition Book Club** meets next Tues at 2pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Book Club** met in June but not May

**BYOBook** meeting in July

**Men's Book Club** met this month and members did not read a book but discussed the situation in the Ukraine. For July they will be reading book titled 'Ruska' and meeting the third weds.

**Men's Coffee Discussion Group** will not meet in June and July but will start again in August

**Bridge** resumes in September

**MOTO** no one available to announce

**Mahjong:** Melba Nelson announced suspended until September but some members are meeting ad hoc.

**Wee Drammers** next meet June 28.

**9:30am Coffee Break**

**10:00am Guest Speakers** introduced and thanked by Keith Thompson.

Power Point Presentation on **Restorative Justice by Caryl Wylie** and **Alyssa Cota** on behalf of Arrowsmith Community Justice Society (1999). "Xwiyu'los'tel" A community in Harmony. Look after each other.

Restorative Justice was first introduced 40-50 years ago in New Zealand through the Maori Indigenous Peoples. It is not a punitive system but a restorative one and is separate from our courthouses. It relies on conferencing as a resolution and is a peacekeeping mechanism for conflict in the community. There are 30 restorative groups on Vancouver Island, over 500 across Canada. The system is based on three key components; An Offender who takes responsibility for their actions. A Victim or someone representing the victim consenting to be involved in the process. A community volunteer(s). Also there are many supportive levels of government, law enforcement and other agencies involved. For those interested in taking volunteer training can go to website at [www.acjs.ca](http://www.acjs.ca) There were many questions from the members after the presentation.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Ron Commander at 10:39am and seconded by Patrick Murray