

Probus Club of Calgary

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Probus Club is a group of enthusiastic, concerned business associates, striving to develop positive business relationships that will benefit all members.

NEXT MEETING:

April 2nd, 2009 @ 11:45am
Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club
2502 6th St. N.E.

FEES: Prospective members attending under an available category will attend their first meeting free of charge. Visitors who are not prospective members - \$26.00

- 1) Lani opened the meeting at 11.45am
- 2) Ed, Brenda, Heather, Sid, Maureen, Michelle, Chris, Paul, Erin and Beat had all sent apologies.
- 3) Lani mentioned that Rick had undergone surgery on Monday, and thanked him for still making the effort to attend.

Reports from the Board

- 1) Veralin gave Ed's financial statement. Faith asked what we do with the GIC balance, and it was suggested that we should confirm whether this balance has a purpose.
- 2) Peter confirmed that the SAIT dinner will be a go, but it cannot be booked until after April.
- 3) Rick confirmed, on behalf of Maureen, that she has booked speakers until after the summer break. He also reminded members that she is looking for people to do craft talks, and asked that anyone interested contact Maureen.
- 4) Rick asked members to let him know if they have any events or news that they would like featured on the website.
- 5) Wendy commented that attendance is steady, but pointed out that some people are still not providing advance notice to Lani that they will be unable to attend the meeting. Aside from unforeseen circumstances, members are asked to let Lani know the week prior to the meeting if they cannot attend.
- 6) Brenda had sent her report to say that the new by-laws will be a great help in attracting new members. She is planning to allocate two new industries per month to concentrate on.

By-Law Review

Lani explained that the by-law committee had met and made changes to the by-laws, and that the board had subsequently met twice to review those changes.

Members had received copies of the by-laws at the last meeting, or they had been sent in the mail.

Members were invited to ask questions or make comments. The following changes were agreed:

Under Section 2, Article VI, Nominations, it was suggested that it should read 'secretary and one other non-nominated member'. Veralin made a motion to accept this change. Rick seconded. The motion was accepted.

Peter made a motion to accept the by-laws with the above change. Netty and Ralph seconded. The motion was approved.

Lani also mentioned that she will add a copy of the Code of Conduct to new members' information with the intention that they will be asked to sign in agreement. It was suggested that existing members should also be asked to sign. As the code of conduct was not in the by-laws when our existing members originally joined, it will not be possible to make this mandatory, but it was suggested that they could be asked to voluntarily sign the code of conduct.

Other Business

- 1) Ralph asked whether it is acceptable for members to come to meetings and promote a second business under a category for which they do not have a membership. It was agreed that, as long as there is no conflict with another member, it is fine to talk about a second business in conversation. If, however a member wishes to actively promote a second business then they should have two memberships.
- 2) Veralin talked about the possibility of preparing a procedures manual for new members. A committee will be formed at a later meeting.
- 3) Ralph offered a listing of green light cameras in Calgary. Members should email him if they would like a copy.

Speaker

There was no speaker as it was a business meeting

Present

Lani Donaldson, Mike Dowling, Richard Hook, Rick Hurley, Ralph Jorgensen, Netty Palmer, Veralin Phillips-Michael, Peter Whalley, Faith Wood, Wendy Zak

Leads and Thank-you's

Thank-You's

To:	From:	For:
Probus Club	Dr Paul Semadeni Balanced Health and Sport	Birthday flowers
Lloyd Traptow Taylor Signs	Ralph Jorgensen	Lettering on antique tractor
Faith Wood Inspiring Minds	Veralin Phillips-Michael C J Campbell Insurance	The referral that turned into business
Sid Helischauer Dynamic Images	Veralin Phillips-Michael C J Campbell Insurance	The work you did at our recital
Vickie St Fort Carol Walsh & Assoc.	Veralin Phillips-Michael C J Campbell Insurance	The referral
Heather Sheppard US Multiservices	Richard Hook Assets Documented	Great referral for help with Canada Revenue Agency

Leads

To:	From	For
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Existing Categories

Accounting Services
Carpet Cleaning
Computer Specialist
Florist
Health Foods
Mortgage Broker
Photographer

Business Coach
Caterer
Evaluator
Gardener
Marketing Consultant
Reading Specialist
Promotional Products

Book Keeper
Chiropractor
Financial Planner
General Insurance
Marketing Copywriter
Realtor
Sign Printer

NEW MEMBERS:

Be sure to bring your business associates to the next open meeting and show them the advantages of belonging to the Club. If you have contacts that you would like to have invited to a meeting, pass their name and telephone number to the Membership Director, and he will follow up all leads.

**Remember, if someone you recommend joins Probus
you will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Probus to use as dues on Social Events.**

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OUR WEBSITE

Our website can be viewed at:

www.probusclubcalgary.org

If you have any changes that need to be made to your company or personal information please contact Rick Hurley at AZtech Consulting right away.

Before contacting a member either by phone or by mail be sure to check the membership listing on the website for possible address changes.