BASTION CITY PROBUS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 AT COUNTRY GROCER, BOWEN ROAD

ATTENDANCE: Heather, Greg, Jim, John, Linda, Debbie, Bill, Chris, Faye, Nancy,
REGRETS: Margaret, Diny, Joanne, Elaine, Joan, Gail

Call to Order: 10:02

PRESIDENT: Heather welcomes all in attendance. She points out that the **May 13** gen. mtg. will be just after Mother's Day.
She will present Greg with his new Past President name tag. The new mgt team will be inducted. Photos by Martha or Janet Epp if Martha is unavailable.
We have rec'd an invitation to join Nanaimo Probus Club & Northwest Bay Probus club on an Okanagan Wine Tour **Sept.21-24**, will ask for interest from members.
Heather said that there is a VI Presidents' Network meeting, Wed. May 6, 1-3 pm. She asked if Bill or Linda would like to attend with her. Linda to also go.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Faye said all is well with finances to date.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Debbie presented a budget and an agenda for the Aug 12 Western Day event. Jim noted that the club subsidy was greater than the ticket revenue and said that this was a break from long standing tradition on subsidies. There was some discussion about a change in caterers since the original ticket price was established and that this was, at least in part, a reason for the newly required subsidy. Faye said she had budgeted for this and that the club has sufficient funds, at least for this one time.
Debbie said that the Ladysmith PROBUS Club was also trying to rent the same venue for virtually the same date. There was a discussion as to whether to invite them to join us to make sure the numbers worked for the venue and the caterer. It was agreed that a joint event would be fine and that Debbie would send Heather the contact's name from Ladysmith PROBUS, for her to follow up.
A discussion ensued on what Ladysmith should pay for tickets. Jim said that there should not be anyway that our club ended up subsidizing their attendance. Faye to work out what the actual cost would be for any of their members to participate. It would then be their club's role to set ticket prices and subsidies for their members, as they saw fit, should they wish to attend.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Chris said we had 136 paid members. Faye said she had money from 2 others that brought the total to 138, just 2 shy of the budget's assumption.

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NEWSLETTER/SPEAKERS – John said he hoped to finish the May newsletter later today. He also said our June speaker has had to back out so we need to find a new speaker for then He said that he has other speakers arranged for Sept and Oct.
John then informed the mtg. that he would be resigning from both his positions for personal reasons. All wished him well and thanked him for all the work he has done for the club over so many years.
Heather discussed some possibilities to fill these roles, but will try and organize a committee to help recruit replacements.

WEBSITE – Joanne, arriving back from Italy today. Report has been sent to all of us, indicating that updates will occur shortly.

ACTIVITY COORDINATORS – Nancy reported that there were some difficulties with the Lunch Bunch organization and that they would likely need to find someone to take over the lead for this activity in the future.
She also reported that there had been some issues with the lead of 2 of the Canasta groups' lead not informing members and hosts of numbers etc in sufficient time in advance of the event. She and Diny would try and find a solution.
Nancy said that Elaine Evans was planning another murder Mystery at the hotel on Quadra Is. for next March, as last year's event had been so well attended and received.

SUNSHINE: Nothing to report.

HOSPITALITY/GREETERS – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS – Heather discussed trying to have some fun things at all the general mtgs. Another round of trivia is planned the May mtg. There was also some discussion on how to get people to move tables, for at least half the mtg, so as to meet new people and welcome new members. Some pointed out that some members only met friends once a month through these mtgs and that is why they sat together. It was also pointed out that other than prior to the mtg and during the break, that members were supposed to be paying attention to the front of the room, so sitting at the table was not a really good time to meet new people.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:05