



MINUTES FROM THE PROBUS CLUB, VANCOUVER

Date: January 21, 1997
Location: Stanley Park Pavilion
In Attendance: 35

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. with Fred Cotton in the Chair. Fred welcomed the attendees and introduced Tom Calkins, President of Vancouver Rotary, who was a guest at the meeting. Fred then spoke about the progress made to date in establishing a Probud Club.

The meeting was then turned over to Brice MacDougall and his committee. Jim McPherson introduced the speaker, Mr. David Mitchell, who gave a most excellent and pertinent talk. A summary of his talk is as follows:

1. The comparative powerlessness of elected representatives today contrasted with the tremendous power and influence of the media.
2. The problems associated with no accountability for the news media.
3. The state of politics in Canada today and why we should take nothing for granted and be prepared for surprises. Political history is a catalogue of surprises.

He then discussed three possible, although unforecasted scenarios, for Canadian politics:

1. The Liberals will fail to win a majority government.
2. There will not be a Federal Election in 1997.
3. Jean Chretien will not lead the government into the next election.

Dr. Bill Ibbott then directed questions from the floor and then thanked Mr. Mitchell on our behalf.

Enclosed please find a membership application form, fee schedule, and an addressed return envelope. Please return your annual fee in the enclosed envelope or bring it to the next meeting. We are compiling a mailing list, approximately seventy names at present. When this list is completed, all members will get a copy.

The following people have agreed to serve in these areas:

President	- Fred Cotton	Membership	- Pidge McBride
Finance	- Bill Wallace	House Committee	- Doug Lambert
	- Bob Weese	Special Events	- Bill Manson
Secretary	- Al Knudsen		- Jim McPherson
Speakers	- Brice MacDougall		
	- Dick Matthews		

Our next meeting will be held:

Date: February 18, 1997
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Stanley Park Pavilion
Speaker: Phillip Eidsvik - B.C. Fisheries Survival Coalition
Topic: The B.C. Native Treaty Process: Implications for British Columbia

Refreshments for this meeting will be ~~\$3.00~~ ^{\$4.00}. We again encourage you to bring interested friends and acquaintances.

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Secretary

Enclosure