

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

Annual General Meeting #2

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Westminster United Church, Whitby

Wednesday September 23, 2015

Chair: Bob Ashdown

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The President, Bob Ashdown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair:

The President reviewed the agenda and noted that all the items to be voted on at this second Annual General Meeting (AGM) have been shared at previous meetings and, for slate of nominees for the management team, time has expired for others to indicate their interest in a position for the 2015-16 fiscal year. As well, all items were precirculated in to-day's agenda package. Bob suggested that we could use an option that exists under Roberts Rules of Order known as the 'consent agenda'. Essentially this allows approval of all items together without discussion or individual motions providing there is unanimous agreement. Members agreed with this approach.

Annual Financial Report:

The Treasurer, Pauline Ordanis, presented the financial report from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015.

George Hilts has reviewed the financial records for the year and finding no errors or irregularities, moved the adoption of the financial report. **Carried.**

By-law amendments:

#5 - the amendment changes the timing of the AGM to August each year, the implication being that 2015-16 will be an 11-month fiscal year.

#6 – the amendment removes a specific fee structure and places responsibility for determining the fees on the management team; and removes the requirement to provide new members with copies of the Constitution for PROBUS Clubs (Canada), the Whitby-Brooklin Club By-law and a PROBUS lapel pin and refers them to the Club's website to find the required information. **Approved by consensus.**

Management Team:

The slate of nominees for the 2015-16 Management Team was finalized 14 days before the AGM as required by the by-law, with the exception of speaker chair that will be combined with the vice-president position on a temporary basis. **Approved by consensus.**

Elected members for 2015-16: Bob Ashdown, past-president; Terry Brown, president; Russ Caple, vice-president & speakers; Dorothy Ferguson, secretary; Lana Hoag, treasurer; Karen Martin, membership; Lou Clement-Hobbs, newsletter; Jane Brown, interest groups; Les Robertson, house; Pat Caple & Claire DeSousa, social.

Retiring members - Val Randall, Pauline Ordanis & Trudy Semeniuk were thanked for their significant contributions to our club over the past two years.

Retiring president, Bob Ashdown, thanked the management team for their support during the past two years and passed the gavel to the new president, Terry Brown. In accepting the position, Terry noted that we owe a huge debt of thanks to Bob for all his efforts over the past two years as the club's inaugural president and look forward to him continuing in the role of past-president.

Interest groups:

Trudy Semeniuk updated the group regarding the Interest Groups - this information can be found in the newsletter. Trudy also recognized the significant work of the Interest group leaders who assume the responsibility for planning & scheduling activities that make it so enjoyable for all participants.

Social Events:

Claire DeSousa reviewed upcoming events, details are available in the newsletter.

50/50 Draw:

Lyn Philip Hodgson drew the 50/50 ticket; \$39 won by Marilyn Thaxter.

Guest Speaker:

Author Lyn Philip Hodgson was introduced by Terry Brown and in a very well-received presentation, Lyn described and illustrated Camp X - the top secret World War II secret agent training camp on the shores of Lake Ontario between Whitby and Oshawa. He has written a number of books related to the Second World War that give first hand knowledge of many of the world's most secret stories. In recognition of his contributions, Lyn was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013.

Terry thanked Lyn for joining us and sharing intriguing stories about Camp X.

A book signing session followed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28th, at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm.