

PROBUS CLUB of WHITBY/BROOKLIN

General Meeting #31

Westminster United Church, Whitby

Wednesday June 22, 2016

Chair: Terry Brown

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The President, Terry Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and outlined to-day's agenda.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair:

- The President welcomed 101 members and guests to the meeting.
- The President reviewed the process for the election of management positions. Specifically, all positions are open for replacement annually to any member with two exceptions: 1) the past president, which is automatically filled by the current president, and 2) the president, which is only open to members who have been on the management team for at least one year. The cut-off for nominations for the 2016-17 year is July 15, 2016, and nominations can be made known to any member of the Nominating Committee – Bob Ashdown, Terry Brown and George Hilts. Many of the current incumbents are letting their name stand for another year; exceptions are secretary, there is a candidate for this position, and House co-coordinator, a candidate is needed (note: there are no management responsibilities associated with this position). As well, Bob Ashdown has been the webmaster during his terms of President & Past-president, since these are over, a webmaster is also needed. There are two candidates for the position of vice-president, so a secret ballot will be required for this position and for any other position where there is more than one candidate. Voting occurs at the annual meeting for contested positions, otherwise the slate is accepted by acclamation at that meeting.

Social Events:

- Pat Caple & Claire DeSousa, co-chairs of the social events, announced:
 - Fun Run & Lunch - a very successful event was enjoyed by 137 participants on May 31.
 - Euchre – held on June 15, this was another success, by request this will be repeated in the Fall.
 - Wine Tour, July 13, \$75, sign-up ends to-day.
 - Westben Theatre, July 21, tickets available to-day.
 - Dinner Cruise & Musicfest, August 17, \$50, there are 80 seats available on the boat which cruises on Little Lake, Peterborough.
 - Club Anniversary BBQ & Corn Roast, September 15, Shriners' Club in Oshawa
 - Xmas Celebration – dinner at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax, more info to come.

- Please remember to have cheques ready before you line up to book an event in order to expedite the process; cheques should be made payable to Probus Club of Whitby Brooklin. Thank you.

Interest groups:

- A new Interest Board delineating activities by day of the week is posted.
- Many members enjoyed the recent presentation about Henry Ford.
- The Garden Tour on July 7 is now Lorna Ravary's 'Girls Grotto'.
- Due to construction, the Toronto Walks July 9th tour of Downtown Gardens has been changed to Hidden Secret Spaces, a few spots are left.
- The Motor Group is invited to attend a Car Show in Cobourg on July 17. Due to scheduling conflict, a group member is asked to lead for the day, please contact Terry Brown.
- For specific details of many other activities, refer to the website and newsletter.
- John Patte has obtained some cycling maps, these are available at the front.
- Jane proposed a new interest role for one or two members to keep others apprised of community events and senior opportunities, e.g. National Theatre Live showing of One Man Two Guvnors, June 25, Grandview Cineplex; Jazz Festival & BBQ at Whitby Marina, June 29; Senior's discounts – McDonald's coffee, Go Train, Toronto Zoo. Please contact Jane Brown if you are interested.

50/50 Draw:

- Guest speaker Brian Winter drew the 50/50 ticket, Judy McIntosh won \$49.75.

Presentation:

Bev Fowler, Speaker Chair, introduced to-day's speaker, Brian Winter, long-time Whitby archivist, historian, author and celebrated citizen. Brian shared many interesting anecdotes of Whitby events and responded to questions. Then he signed copies of his book Chronicles of a County Town - Whitby Past and Present.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 27th, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm.