

PROBUS CLUB of WHITBY/BROOKLIN

General Meeting #32

Westminster United Church, Whitby

Wednesday July 27, 2016

Chair: Terry Brown

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

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

Introductory Remarks by the Chair:

- The President welcomed 97 members and guests to the meeting, and reminded attendees to please turn off cell phones.
- The President thanked Brian & Valerie Fredenburgh for their ongoing commitment every month to sell tickets for the 50/50 draw and for coffee. A gift was presented on behalf of the club.
- . The President announced that David Fowler has volunteered to take over the position of Club Webmaster.
- . The President reviewed the process that will occur at the Annual Meeting in August regarding the election of the 2016-17 management team. Terry noted that the cut-off for nominations for the 2016-17 year was July 15, 2016 and that by this date, all positions were non-contested except Vice-president. All non-contested positions will be declared elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting, and there will be a vote by secret ballot to elect the Vice-president.
- . The President reported that the new Port Perry Probus Club has repaid the \$500 advance we had forwarded.

Interest groups (Jane Brown):

- A new wine tasting group has been initiated, Anne Conroy will lead.
- Jane noted that members could refer to the Interest Board for new group ideas - some she has heard are current events, ukulele, scrabble, singles pot luck dinner. As always, members are needed to lead or co-lead the groups, however current leads of existing but full interest groups are willing to assist a new group leader.
- Toronto Walks continues to be enjoyed, the next walk is on Sept. 17 when Chinatown, the Garment District and Queen West shopping will be explored.
- Garden group – Recent tour of Lorna Ravary's garden was enjoyed by all; upcoming events are Whitby in Bloom (Aug 3), Christel Lake lavender farm (Aug 10).
- Sign-ups for several groups starting in September will be accepted to-day and next month.
- For specific details of many other activities, refer to the website and newsletter.

Social Events (Pat Caple & Claire DeSousa):

- Nine & Dine Golf event & Westben Theatre were enjoyed by many members.
- Mark your calendars for our 3rd Anniversary party, September 15 at Shriners' Club in Oshawa. Please indicate interest to-day since there is a minimum of 80 people required.
- To-day is the last chance to sign-up for the Cruise & Musicfest, August 17, \$50.

New Business:

The President introduced the two candidates for the position of Vice-president, Pat Caple and Karen Lambert. Each candidate was allotted 5 minutes to make a presentation to the meeting. Terry thanked Pat & Karen and noted that we are very fortunate to have such well-qualified candidates.

50/50 Draw:

- Guest speaker Sandy Hawley drew the 50/50 ticket, Ron Howard won \$45.

Presentation:

Bev Fowler introduced to-day's speaker, Sports Hall of Fame jockey Sandy Hawley. Members enjoyed his entertaining presentation that included many anecdotes from his long racing career during which he had 6450 wins. Sandy also discussed a major health challenge he experienced and also has 'beaten'.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 24th, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm.