

**Whitby / Brooklin Probus Club  
General Meeting #4  
Westminster United Church, Whitby  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

**Chair:** Bob Ashdown, President

**Secretary:** Dorothy Ferguson

**Agenda:** The President called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., reviewed the agenda and noted the following items will be addressed:

- ⤴ a change in the use of the web page and newsletter
- ⤴ update on interest group activities
- ⤴ update on social events

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Moved by Russ Caple and seconded by Pauline Ordanis that the minutes of the November 27, 2013 meeting be approved as posted. Carried.

**Web Page:**

On an ongoing basis, the web pages will contain generic information, i.e. a general overview of the club, brief descriptions of our different interest groups and the like, while the details of the various interest group activities or social events will be available in the newsletter and/or email.

**Interest Group Activities:**

Fourteen (14) interest groups have been established, namely automotive interests, art appreciation, two book clubs, two bridge groups (marathon & duplicate), create & chat, euchre, golf, lunch, music appreciation, trains, walking & wine tasting.

Others under consideration include: biking, dancing, gardening, hiking, local theatre, movies, photography, singing, site visits to places of interest and yoga & lunch. Any further ideas from the general membership are very welcomed.

Catherine Frost introduced several members who described their initiative or idea for interest groups, inviting other club members to join them:

- Wine tasting – Pauline Ordanis (this group is now capped at 16 members)
- Dancing – Lorraine Veroba
- Music Appreciation – John Cooper
- Euchre – Marilyn Dainty
- Biking & Hiking - Bob Ashdown
- Automotive – Terry Brown.

**Social Events:**

Pat Caple described the two social events that have been scheduled since the club's inception: a wine & cheese evening and an afternoon bowling event & dinner. Both were very successful.

Carol Cadan overviewed events planned over the next several months – olive oil tasting, Live Act luncheon theatre, a spring party, a car rally and a golf tournament..

Others events under consideration include a local pub night, a travel event, a trivia night and a holiday party. Again, please submit other ideas to Pat or Carol.

**House:**

Jackie Finn thanked members who have been assisting with refreshments and outlined the new arrangement for coffee.

**Speaker Series:**

Rus Caple spoke to the overall plan for speakers at general meetings, noting that as appropriate a seasonal theme would be addressed. February's speaker will be John Arkelian, an International Affairs Analyst, and in March there will be a spring gardening theme with guest Martin Galloway.

Al Sawtell introduced the guest speaker for to-day, Dr. Chris Watt, who discussed details of the Cedar Creek Earthworks in his presentation -

'Common Themes/Uncommon Histories  
Late Woodlands Earthworks in Lower Great Lakes'.

Russ Caple thanked Dr. Watt.

**50/50 Draw:**

Peggy Primeau was the winner of \$45.

**Next Meeting:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.