

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #12

Westminster United Church, Whitby

September 24th, 2014

Chair: Bob Ashdown, President

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Introductory Remarks by the President:

Bob Ashdown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 1st meeting of our 2nd year, reviewed the agenda and thanked to-day's greeters Theresa Watson & Mary Betteridge.

As this was our Clubs 1st annual general meeting (AGM) the following business items were required to be addressed per the PROBUS Club of Canada Constitution and recommended Bylaws.

1. Election of the Management Committee for 2014/2015

Lorraine Veroba presented the Management Team nominees for the 2014/15 year. Motion to accept was moved seconded and approved by the membership for:

- Bob Ashdown President
- Terry Brown. Vice President
- Dorothy Ferguson Secretary
- Pauline Ordanis Treasurer
- Karen Martin. Membership
- Russ Caple. Speakers
- Trudy Semeniuk. Interest Groups
- Patricia Caple. Social Events
- TBD House

2. Approve PROBUS Club of Whitby Brooklin Bylaws

Bob Ashdown requested adoption of amended PROBUS Club of Whitby Brooklin By-Laws dated July, 2014. Motion to accept was moved, seconded and approved by the membership

3. Annual Financial Review

Lana Hoag reported on her independent review of our Clubs Finances concluding that the Financial Records are in good order and commented on the fine job performed by our Treasurer, Pauline Ordanis

Anniversary Celebration

- In recognition of our 1st year since founding our club we celebrated with Anniversary cake and refreshments for all during our Social break
- To get us into a happy mood John Cooper, who is becoming our clubs regular stand-up comedian, provided us with his usual funny "tongue in cheek" brand of wit and humour prior to the break.

Remainder of meeting as follows:

- **Interest Groups**
 - Trudy Semeniuk provided an overview of the next Toronto Walking Tour.
 - Cathy Duncan reminded members of 5 Pin Bowling at Nebs World
 - Details of above are published in the October Newsletter and Website
- **50/50 Draw** – Speaker George Laidlaw drew the ticket and was won by Nancy McDowell. Also as a bonus prize, George donated one of his books, and Brenda Lewicki drew the winning ticket.

Guest Speaker:

Russ Caple introduced our guest speaker, George Laidlaw. George is an author of over 90 books, many on Canadian History and specializes bringing a human face to historical events. His presentation was highly informative, both enlightening and entertaining. Many of his books were on display with many signed copies being purchased by members.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 10:00 am. Greeters: Diana Woolford and Connie Coker

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm