

**PROBUS CLUB OF WHITBY/BROOKLIN**

**General Membership Meeting #83**

**September 22, 2021**

**Zoom Meeting**

**President: Jackie Brooks**

**Secretary: Evelyn Wilson**

**Count: 75**

**Call to Order:** President, Jackie Brooks, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Meeting co-host: Mark DeSousa (assisting with Zoom)

Written reports submitted also to be attached to these minutes.

**Meeting Introduction:**

- Jackie welcomed everyone to this meeting, noting that this is the first one she has chaired as president.

**Membership Chair Report:** Claire DeSousa, Membership Chair, provided the following:

- Most members have now renewed their membership and have paid their dues. Those who have not paid will no longer be allowed to participate in any Interest Groups until payment is received.
- Claire welcomed our three new members – Ilia, Kay and Carol.

**Interest Groups Chair Report:** Pat Sturch, Interest Group Chair, provided the following:

- Some of the Group Leaders had asked her to speak for them
- Debra Corbett, leader of Art Group 2, has room for new members in the group. She would like any members who want to switch from Art Group 3 to Art Group 2 to call her. The group will be meeting soon at a local park to discuss activities for 2021-2022.
- Margaret Hogan, leader of the Discussion Group, advises that the group is meeting again through Zoom on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 12:00. The group discusses various issues such as current affairs, climate change, health care, etc. The topics are suggested and decided by the group. They would welcome new members. Interested individuals can contact Margaret by phone or email.
- Nancy Prout is starting a new Wine Group and is inviting members to join.
- Marilyn Thaxter is starting a Netflix Movie Group which will meet every fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 to discuss the Nexflix shows that they have enjoyed recently.
- Members who wish to join an interest group should contact the group leader.
- Pat encouraged people to join an interest group and to let her know if they want to join a group that is full. Additional groups can be formed, and Pat is always interested in hearing from people with ideas about new groups.

- Jackie also encouraged members to form new groups and said that other group leaders would help them.

**Social Events:** Susan Bruce, Social Events Co-chair presented the following:

- Susan provided the following information about upcoming social events:
- Mystery Night – via Zoom – next event will be on October 12th . Anyone who wants to attend should contact Roy Pettitt at [murder.mystry.2021@gmail.com](mailto:murder.mystry.2021@gmail.com)
- Zoom Game Night – October 13th
- Bingo – via Zoom – October 19<sup>th</sup>
- We have 20 tickets for “Christmas Comes to Mind”, presented by the 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre. This will take place at Millbrook Cathedral on Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> and all Covid restrictions will be followed. Tickets are \$40 each.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Wendy Marshall, Speaker Chair introduced today’s Speaker:

- Sue Stephenson gave a presentation called “Laugh More, Worry Less”
- Sue’s life themes and passions include laughter, trust, positive psychology, happiness and humour. Sue is a “retired” principal and staff learning expert. She is an award-winning speaker, and is the author of three books, the most recent being ‘Kidding Around: connecting kids to happiness, laughter and humour.’
- Sue is the Founder and president of “Stand Up For Student Well-Being”, a charitable organization that uses comedy to help young people deal with life’s challenges.
- Along with her colleague “Chili”, Sue spoke about the importance of laughter and related it to the challenges we have all faced throughout the Covid pandemic.
- She told some funny jokes while wearing a red “clown” nose and encouraged the Club to hold a “Bottom of the Face Unmasking Party” when we are all able to meet again without masks.
- Sue’s email address is [suestephenson@suswb.ca](mailto:suestephenson@suswb.ca) and the Stand Up For Students website is at [suswb.ca](http://suswb.ca).

Wendy expressed appreciation to Sue and “Chili”.

Next month’s speaker is Adam Shoults. Adam is an explorer with The Royal Canadian Geographical Society and on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> he will be speaking about his trek to Labrador to search for the ruins of an abandoned settlement.

**Adjournment:** 11:11 am by the President.