

PROBUS CLUB OF WHITBY/BROOKLIN

General Membership Meeting #84

October 27, 2021

Zoom Meeting

President: Jackie Brooks

Secretary: Evelyn Wilson

Count: 74

Call to Order: President, Jackie Brooks, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am

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

Written reports submitted also to be attached to these minutes.

Meeting Introduction:

- Jackie Brooks welcomed everyone to this meeting
- Announced that Mary Smith would be providing the annual financial report with support from John Duffy, who recently looked over the 2020/2021 financial information.
- Jackie asked that any members who had questions about the report should email them to Mary Smith after the meeting

Interest Group Report:

- Jackie Brooks provided the following, on behalf of Pat Sturch, who was absent
- Mark DeSousa needs three more members for the Men's Domino Group, which meets monthly. They currently have five members but need three more to form two teams of four members each.
- The following groups also have room for more members:
 - Men's Indoor Golf led by Don Mills and Steve Bedley
 - Tees and Queues, which will start up this month
 - Zoom Wine Group, led by Nancy Prout
 - Travel Buddies and Art Appreciation Group 2, both led by Deborah Corbett
 - Discussion Group led by Margaret Hogan
- Jackie asked members who would like to join an interest group to go to the interest group drop down on the Club's website to confirm the name of the leader, and then obtain the leader's email address from the membership list and email them directly.
- Suggestions have been put forward to have four new Interest Groups, namely, Tennis, Bird Watching, Ten Pin Bowling and Mixed Breakfast Groups. Anyone interested in leading or joining these should contact the Interest Group Chair, Pat Sturch.

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

- Claire welcomed three new members – Janet, Isabell and Ann
- She reminded members that blasts sent out by the Club are outgoing messages only, and anyone wishing to reply or ask for more information should contact the individual named in the

blast and obtain their email address from the membership list, or RSVP to the email address given in the blast.

Financial Review:

- John Duffy, a retired CPA, reported that he had looked over the 2020/2021 Probus financial documents and attested that they were accurate and complete. He commended the Treasurer, Mary Smith, on the excellent job she had performed in compiling and organizing the data.
- Mary then presented the Income Statement and Balance Sheet comparing the 2020 and 2021 figures.
- She advised the members that, if they had any questions, they could email them to her directly at her email address as recorded on the membership list.

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

- Susan provided the following information about social events:
- Mystery Night – via Zoom – next event will be on Tuesday November 9th. Anyone who wants to attend should contact Roy Pettitt at murder.mystry.2021@gmail.com
- The October 19th Bingo Night went well, and all participants won prizes.
- Upcoming events include “Trivia – Who Knew?” There are four scheduled events and they will be hosted by Alan Tibbles, who has led over 100 trivia shows in pubs and other Probus clubs. These interactive events can accommodate 24 computer connections. There is no fee, but spots should be reserved by registering via the email address in the Newsletter. They will take place on December 9th and January 13th at 7:00 pm, and February 1st and 15th at 2:00 pm.
- Also scheduled is a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday December 7th at Kedron Golf Club in Oshawa. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests, and this includes taxes and gratuities. Seating is limited.

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

- Adam Shoalts is an explorer with the Royal Geographical Society and he spoke about his trek to Labrador to search for the ruins of an abandoned settlement.
- The purpose of his expedition was to investigate reports of mysterious animals who were sighted in the neighbourhood of a remote settlement (Traverspine) in the early 1900’s, leaving strange tracks and stalking residents. There were reports of sled dogs going missing.
- Adam shared the details of his challenges travelling through the wilderness with only one companion, slashing through thick forests that covered most of the terrain, and using a canoe to travel across the icy waters.
- Adam did finally find evidence that might explain the sightings, which can be found in his book, “The Whisper on the Night Wind”
- His presentation was full of interesting anecdotes about survival in the wilderness and was well received by the members.

Next month's speaker:

The November speaker is going to be Daniel Aonso from Circles Enrichment, a company that develops and delivers a wide range of educational and entertaining presentations focussed on the arts. Daniel will be presenting the story of "White Christmas".

Adjournment: 11:20 am by the President.