



**MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 21 April 2021
Virtual by ZOOM**

President

Sunny Lau

Almost 70 participants; including our members and guests from across Canada and around the world signed into the meeting.

President Sunny welcomed all and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

O Canada: Our traditional version was shared

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed, along with highlights from the 7 April Management meeting.

- **Treasurer**

Rob Vernon

A current financial report to date was shared with the attendees.

- **Membership**

David Elms

Membership chair reported that membership of 92 paid up members was reported. At least two interested contacts have also been received. A traditional humorous anecdote followed.

- **Programs**

Naqi Ahsan

Confirmed speakers until September were reported. AS it would appear we are unlikely to be back to Seton Hall, further ZOOM-enabled speakers will be sought.

In Remembrance

VP Dick Furlong spoke in honour of recent losses by two of our long-serving members:

Jean Bell - the dearly loved partner of many years of **Jim Purcell** died recently after a long illness.

Jack Vanderploeg - brother of **Peter Vanderploeg** was also remembered.

Who Am I?

Dick Furlong

John Kiteley, President of the Newmarket UK PROBUS Club told us of his small club who have been unable to meet since the COVID arrived. He spoke of reaching out to members and how the Club did operate in happier times. He looked forward to the members being once more able to gather.

Speaker:

Chris Leworthy gave a splendid talk on *The Battle of Britain 80 Years On*. As an experienced historic presenter, and docent at historic sites, Chris was able to clearly outline the many factors that contributed to the Battle – and to the way the German assault was countered. The intricacies of “The Dowding System” was explained. This system allowed incoming flights to be discovered early – and for efficient use of the resources available.

Doug Wrigglesworth followed with a short overview of the Canadian contributions to the Battle.

Adjournment: 12:15