



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF
NEWMARKET GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, 15 July 2020 - Virtual by ZOOM

President

Sunny Lau

Our IT maven *Steve Muir* once again successfully herded about 50 attendees as they signed into our meeting. We were honoured by a visitor from Australia, *Howard Massey*

President Sunny welcomed all and reviewed the agenda for the meeting

Management Committee Reports

1. Secretary:

Doug Wrigglesworth

The minutes of the May General meeting, , as well as those of the July Management meeting were summarized.

A management highlight was the announcement that, due to the current uncertainties, most of the existing Management structure will stay in place until January 2021. Beginning I September, David Elms will chair membership, with Warren MacRobie' capable assistance.

2. Treasurer:

Rob Vernon

The current Financial statement was reviewed.

3. Membership:

Warren MacRobie

Current membership of 97 was reported.

The membership renewal season is upon us. The annual dues remain at \$40, and an email will shortly be distributed, outlining how payments may be made.

Mr. MacRobie closed with his usual humorous contribution. This time – the well-worn (for Sherlockians) the Sherlock Holmes “Tent-Joke”

4. Programs:

Naqi Ahsan

Program Chair Naqi welcomed everyone on a lovely day. Programming to the end of the calendar year was confirmed.

Vice President:

Dick Furlong

- VP Dick honoured the memory of the recently passed member Murray Wilson.
- Arrangements for the November luncheon remain in development.

5. Who Am I?

New member John Parkin spoke to us from his daughter's home in Kingston. He shared his life experiences which began with training as an x-ray technician, through teaching school, then training x-ray technicians to senior roles in training and sales in medical imaging. His experiences led him to qualifications – and then training positions in Home Inspections.

6. Speaker

Naqi Ahsan introduced local Rotarian **Richard Mewhinney** speaking on a Rotary International project in Uganda: Water Collection For Sustainability.

In a skillfully illustrated and presented talk, he outlined the rationale, progress and early results as outlined in this clip from the Rotary web site:

Water Collection for Sustainability is a project in North Eastern Uganda located on the site of the Ongutoi Health Centre. The principle is easily understood, create a rainwater collections system for drip irrigation to an orange orchard where the revenue will return to the Health Centre for free health care long term. Amazing progress over the current Rotary year where the water collection platform was expanded to twice the original size and 5 additional 16,000 litre Crestanks were installed increasing water storage to 244,000 litres of water.....
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7. Adjournment Approximately 11:20