



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

Wednesday, 17 June 2020 - Virtual by ZOOM

President

Sunny Lau

Our IT maven *Steve Muir* successfully herded about 50 attendees as they signed into our meeting. Attendees included a number of visitors from nearby PROBUS clubs in Richmond Hill and Bradford, and one from South Africa.

The meeting began with the traditional *O Canada* from our usual illustrated version.

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 June Management meeting were summarized.

Highlights included:

- Membership data collected during call-out sessions
- Budgeting in the current climate.
- Success of our web site

2. Treasurer:

Rob Vernon

The current Financial statement was reviewed. Little income or outgo in the past month. Current bank balance \$5831.

3. Membership:

Warren MacRobie

Current membership of 97 was reported.

4. Programs:

Naqi Ahsan

Programming to the end of the calendar year was confirmed.

Vice President:

Dick Furlong

- Added to our web site is a section in which we will take note of recent bereavements of members and/or their families. Dick made note of the important contributions to Club and Community made.

5. Who Am I?

Treasurer **Rob Vernon** outlined a life of service to our Town and Region. For 37 ½ years, Rob worked behind the scenes, eventually as senior clerk for the County and then the Region, with major responsibilities for the work of the elected representatives.

On retirement, he has used his skills with a number of local groups, such as VPAN, Southlake Hospital and our own Club, serving over the years in many positions.

In retirement, he has pursued an interest in the genealogy of the Vernon family. Among many most interesting connections, he believes that he is descended from William of Normandy, whom we all know as William the Conqueror, whose invasion of Anglo Saxon England in 1066 was a major turning point in History.

6. Speaker

Naqi Ahsan introduced **Phillip Solomon**, General Manager of Tourcan Vacations and who arranges tours of South Africa. In a spectacular slide show, professionally presented, the audience was treated with a splendid tour, including historical sites, introduction to local cuisine, scenery, and the experience of a wildlife safari. Dave Brisley thanked him on our behalf, and announced that Mr. Solomon asked that his honorarium be given to Food Banks Canada on his behalf.

7. Adjournment Approximately 12:20