



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Seton Hall, 17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket,
Ontario

Wednesday, 15 January 2020 - Seton Hall 10.00 a.m.

President

Sunny Lau

Call to Order

Oh Canada

- **Welcome:** President Sunny welcomed members as well as two guests.

- **Review of Minutes**

Doug Wrigglesworth

The secretary gave a summary of events from the December General meeting and the January Management meeting.

- **Committee Reports**

- a. Treasurer:*

Rob Vernon

- The Treasurer summarised our financial status, confirming that we are fiscally sound.

- b. Membership*

David Elms

- Membership reported a current attendance of 59 members plus 2 guests.
 - Our current membership is 94.
 - **Graham Walker** was inducted as a new member of our Club.

- c. Programs:*

Naqi Ahsan

- While speakers are arranged until April and several suggestions are in hand, suggestions from members are most welcome.
 - Members were encouraged to respond to the questionnaire regarding the November Luncheon.

- **Vice President**

Dick Furlong

- Members were once again encouraged to respond to the questionnaire regarding the November Luncheon.

- **Who Am I?:**

Dick Furlong was the first of a series of "rerun" Who Am I speakers. In the wake of the reluctance of some newer members to speak, long term members will reintroduce themselves to the club.

Dick spoke of his early life in Corner Brook, NL, from one-room school, to secondary school with the Christian Brothers, and university at St. Francis Xavier. After adventures at Expo 67, a career in the Chemical Business followed that took him all over North America. Retirement introduced him to PROBUS in our Club. His involvement has included Provincial, National, and now International PROBUS activities.

Speaker: David Forster, President, Canadian Crime Stoppers Association presented the important role that Crime Stoppers plays in combatting crime locally, nationally and internationally.

- **Adjournment** About 20 attendees retired to the Crow's Nest for lunch.



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

**Seton Hall, 17955 Leslie Street,
Newmarket, Ontario
Wednesday, 19 Feb 2020 - Seton Hall 10.00 a.m.**

President

Sunny Lau

Call to Order

Oh Canada

- **Welcome:** President Sunny welcomed members as well as four guests.
- **Review of Minutes** *Doug Wrigglesworth*
The secretary gave a summary of events from the January General meeting and the February Management meeting.
- **Committee Reports**
 - a. Treasurer:** *Rob Vernon*
 - The Treasurer summarised our financial status, confirming that we are fiscally sound.
 - b. Membership** *Warren MacRobie*
 - Membership reported a current attendance of 52 members plus 4 guests.
 - Our current membership is 94 + 1 new applicant today.
 - c. Programs:**
 - The scheduled presentation in March by the Mayor has been rescheduled for May.
- **Vice President** *Dick Furlong*
 - Members were once again encouraged to respond to the questionnaire regarding the November Luncheon. Members who had NOT attended the November Luncheon were encouraged to respond.
- **Spring Golf:** *Dave Lennard and Vern Petri*
 - Dave Lennard reported on the arrangements that he and Vern Petri have made for the June Tourney. On June 10, they will return to Innisfil Course. Tickets at \$75 will include Cart, Golf and Diner. Tickets will be on sale April and May.
- **PROBUS Walking Group** *Vic Davis*
 - Members were encouraged to join regular Thursday morning adventures for a gentle walk followed by a companionable lunch.

- **Who Am I?: Rob Lawrence** described a life cram-packed with a huge variety of adventure, experiences and learning. From Geology to Scouting and finishing with a satisfying career as teacher of special need children.
- **Speaker: Glen Arnold**, Beekeeper gave a well-illustrated and thorough explanation of the care and nurture of bees and the production of honey.
- **Adjournment** About 20 attendees retired to the Cachet for lunch.



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

**Seton Hall, 17955 Leslie Street,
Newmarket, Ontario
Wednesday, 15 April 2020 - Virtual by ZOOM**

President

Sunny Lau

Thanks to the IT wizardry of Steve Muir, assisted by several Mgt members, about 40 Club members met through ZOOM.

The meeting opened with President Sunny Lau giving members and update of how our Club is working through the current Covid 19 Crisis.

"Good morning. I would like to welcome our members and invited guests. Thank you for joining us today.

This is indeed a historic day for our club; the first ever General Meeting conducted via video conference. Thank you for your support and patience as we gain experience on this technology platform. We would very much appreciate your feedback and comments after the meeting.

The Management Committee met virtually for the first time on April 1; and that's no fool! A key decision was made to conduct a virtual General Meeting as scheduled. The team worked very hard over the subsequent days and over the weekend to get us here today.

We have a simplified agenda today. I'll give a Management Update followed by a presentation by our Secretary, Doug Wrigglesworth. The topic is Sam Steele, A Canadian Hero.

The Management Committee has been working diligently to find new ways to connect with you during this extraordinary time. We launched a Call Tree near the end of March. Volunteer Callers started calling each and every member. Feedback was universally excellent. Members were very appreciative of the calls and pleased to know that we care for their well beings. The calls will continue every 2 weeks or so until this crisis is over. You can expect a different caller after 2 calls

At this point, we really have no idea when we can meet at Seton Hall again. Our decision will always be guided by government and public health recommendations.

Since there's a real possibility that we may not be meeting in person until June, we started a little earlier on the nomination process for next year's Management Committee. This is the current state of the nomination. Please talk to me or Dick if you are interested in some of the positions. You can nominate your friends as well. The

election will be held in July.

This is the end of my update. If you have questions, please post them using the Chat function. Thank you.

*** Note - I'd like to remind you that your Audio has been muted by our host, Steve. At the end of each presentation, you can post questions by using the Chat function. You'll find the Chat function at the bottom of your screen by placing your pointer cursor there. This is what happens on a Windows PC so Mac users may have a different experience. When you type in a question, everyone on the call will see it on his screen. The speaker will respond verbally so everyone can hear the response."

President Sunny was followed by a talk given by Doug Wrigglesworth on *Sam Steele: Canada's Own Western Hero*". The illustrated presentation covered briefly the adventuresome life of the man who was a part of pivotal pieces of Canadian History from 1867 to the end of the First War.



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

Wednesday, 20 May 2020 – Virtual by ZOOM

President

Sunny Lau

Our IT maven *Steve Muir* successfully herded more than 60 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 Australia.

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 April General meeting, our first ZOOM adventure, as well as those of the May Management meeting were summarized.

2. Treasurer:

Rob Vernon

The current Financial statement was reviewed. An early version of the budget for the 2020 – 2021 was also noted. An amended version will be discussed in Management.

3. Membership:

Warren MacRobie

Current status was reported, and a humorous tale was added to warm the hearts of the audience.

4. Programs:

Naqi Ahsan

Programming to the end of the calendar year was confirmed.

5. Vice President:

Dick Furlong

- The venue for the November lunch on November 18 will be back at the original Cardinal location. Responses from the recent survey showed that there was large support for continuing the current location, menu and format of our holiday luncheon.

6. President:

Sunny Lau

President Sunny presented the current slate of nominees for the coming year.
He highlighted the need for someone to fill the Vice-President Role

**Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket
 2020/2021 Management Committee Nominees**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Nominee 1</u>	<u>Nominee 2</u>
<u>President</u>	Sunny Lau	Dick Furlong	N/A
<u>Vice President</u>	Dick Furlong		
<u>Secretary</u>	Doug Wrigglesworth	Doug Wrigglesworth	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Rob Vernon	Rob Vernon	
<u>Membership</u>	Warren MacRobie	David Elms	
<u>Programs</u>	Naqi Ahsan	Naqi Ahsan	
<u>Newsletter</u>	Ted Wilkinson	Ted Wilkinson	
<u>Technology</u>	Steve Muir	Steve Muir	
<u>Past President</u>	—	Sunny Lau	N/A

* Assistants are non-voting members of the Management Committee

- Thanks to the work of *President Sunny* our newly launched website has been an early hit!
www.mensprobustclubofnewmarket.ca
- In the few days since its release more than 100 visits have been reported.
- New features will be added as development continues,

Members were encouraged to refer potential (and current) members to the site for Club news and updates.

www.mensprobustclubofnewmarket.ca

WHO AM I?

Steve Muir

Our excellent Club IT manager told us of a remarkably varied, successful and interesting career, from his beginnings on a farm near Sundridge Ontario, starting as an apprentice Mechanic, through installing phones for Nortel, Service Station owner to a senior position in Xerox Canada.

SPEAKER:

Richard MacLeod

Richard MacLeod returned to our Club to tell us more of the history of Newmarket. Today he spoke of the transformation of the area from Agriculture to Industry. Key companies such as Office Specialties, Dixon Pencil and Davis Leather initially moved to Newmarket for access to financial advantages, transportation and raw materials, and as the decades passed their presence fades.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:10



**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



**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 1 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



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

**Wednesday, 19 August 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 visitors from Australia, Scotland and England.

President Sunny welcomed all and reviewed the agenda for the meeting

Management Committee Reports

1. Secretary:

Doug Wrigglesworth

The minutes of the July General meeting, , as well as those of the August 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

Membership renewals were flowing in, both by snail mail cheque and by handy-dandy e-transfer.

4. Programs:

Naqi Ahsan

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

5. President Sunny gave a moving tribute to the late **Aiden Furlong**, brother of Dick Furlong.

6. Vice President:

Dick Furlong

- VP Dick honoured the memory of the recently passed former long-time member **Doug McNairn**

- Also honoured the memory of **Don Andrews**, husband of our PROBUS District 2 director Brenda Andrews.
- The November luncheon has been cancelled this year and the November meeting will be a regular meeting by ZOOM.

6. Who Am I?

President **Sunny Lau** presented a fascinating tale of a successful Hong Kong family of nine, of which Sunny was the pampered son. Sunny starred both academically and athletically at his Catholic school. The family sent Sunny abroad to Canada in 1972 for study. In 1978 Sunny became a Canadian citizen as he launched a very successful career in IT with the Bank of Montreal as the bank entered the computer age.

7. Speaker

Naqi Ahsan introduced or speaker, **YRP Detective Karim** who described the many forms of fraud that faced consumers today. In an interesting Q&A session with Naqi along with informative slides, useful means of identifying and avoiding these schemes were presented.

8.. Adjournment Approximately 11:40



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, 16 September 2020
Virtual by ZOOM

President

Sunny Lau

About 35 members signed into the meeting.

President Sunny welcomed all and reviewed the agenda for the meeting

Management Committee Reports

1. Secretary:

Doug Wrigglesworth

The minutes of the August General meeting, , as well as those of the September Management meeting were summarized. The Secretary, having scanned the minutes of the past year, was reminded of times with good friends and great learning opportunities during the year.

Correspondence: A message dealing with COVID issues, and suggestions for ZOOM meetings, was received from the President of PROBUS was distributed to Management.

2. Membership:

David Elms

Membership renewals continue arriving both by snail mail cheque and by handy-dandy e-transfer. *David Elms* reported that of our current membership of 97, a total of 54 had renewed.

Phone calls will be made to those who have not yet done so.

Warren MacRobie reported how he had enjoyed making personal visits to deliver recognition pins to long time members.

3. Programs:

Naqi Ahsan

Program Chair *Naqi* reminded members that recordings of recent speakers were available on our web site.

4. Treasurer:

Rob Vernon

The annual year-end financial statement was presented to the audience and reviewed by the Treasurer. Sincere thanks were offered to John McLeary for

once again reviewing our financial records and helping to prepare the Financial Statement.

5. President Sunny

The President tabled two motions dealing with AGM issues:

First: to approve the annual Financial Report as presented. This was seconded by Warren MacRobie and there were no opposition recorded from members.

Second: to approve the temporary Management structure now in place, ie: 2020/2021 Management Committee (till end of January 2021)

President:	Sunny Lau
Vice-President:	Dick Furlong
Secretary:	Doug Wrigglesworth
Treasurer:	Rob Vernon
Membership:	David Elms
Programs:	Naqi Ahsan
Technology:	Steve Muir
Newsletter:	Ted Wilkinson
Assistants:	Dave Brisley, Warren MacRobie

This motion was seconded by Doug Wrigglesworth with no opposition recorded from members.

6. Vice President:

Dick Furlong

Dick introduced two special guests:

- a. **Jamie Doolittle**, president of PROBUS Canada and who had been standing in as temporary Region 2 Director during the absence of Brenda Andrews.

Jamie offered his congratulations on our 29th anniversary and was most impressed by how we had worked through the current COVID crisis. He was also pleased to be able to share the virtual podium with our next guest.

- b. **Shirley Roberts**, President of PROBUS Global spoke to us from her home in Sudbury in the UK. She outlined the aims of PROBUS Global to make connections among both Clubs and individuals around the world.

7. Speaker(s)

Naqi Ahsan introduced our speakers from Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Tyler Chalk described the many and varied responses to the current COVID crisis. Complex planning, organized ongoing response, community support were all part of the process.

Gayle Seddon spoke of the Southlake Ontario Health Team and how it is making it possible for a program called *Southlake @ Home* - a first initiative of its kind in Ontario, a “bundled community” approach to integrated care. The bundled community approach addresses all people with medical, social complexity and/or frailty who need significant supports to stay healthy at home after an acute stay. The program integrates primary care, hospital care and home and community care to produce one (1) point-of-care team which partners with the patients and the family to develop, implement and evaluate a unique person-centred care-plan. Each care-plan is purposefully designed to support the patient to reach their personal best functional status using the activation/re-enablement approaches to care delivery.

The speakers were warmly thanked by **Dave Brisley**

8.. Adjournment Approximately 11:50



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, 21 October 2020
Virtual by ZOOM

President

Sunny Lau

About 40 members and guests signed into the meeting. Among the guests were DR. Sukhija Kamal, founder of the PROBUS Club of India and Shirley Roberts, President of PROBUS Global, from England.

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

An unexpected recess was called when the bandwidth available at the Sharon Temple made it impossible for Steve Muir to handle the crowd of ZOOMsters attending.

After an interval, Steve arrived at home with a sufficient band width to carry on.

As a result, Management Committee Reports were set aside in favour of the remainder of the program.

Who Am I? Warren MacRobie shared his progress from a student at Leaside High School, his fascination with Bridge (the game not the structure) as he studied engineering at U of T. Through taking advantage of a series of opportunities, he embarked in a life-long career in Computer engineering, eventually as an independent consultant for banks and other large corporations as they embraced the digital age. In retirement, with his wife Karen, he has travelled the world, enjoying the experience of meeting history where it happened.

Presentation:

The Sharon Temple and the Children of Peace
With Jim Pearson and Ian Proudfoot

Naqi Ahsan introduced our speakers, both members of the Board of Directors of the Sharon Temple Society.

In a remarkable presentation, these two gentlemen provided a picture of the temple and its community when it was built, early 19th century.

Ian Proudfoot began by describing the origins of the Children of Peace, founded by David Willson as a breakaway sect of the Quakers. Under the leadership of David Willson, the Children of Peace established a co-operative economy, founding Ontario's first credit union and a land-sharing system that helped make Hope (now Sharon) one of the most prosperous farming communities of the time. They established the first co-operative – the Farmers Storehouse marketing produce and lending money to local farmers. Caring and charitable, they also built the province's first homeless shelter. The Children of Peace cultivated music wholeheartedly both in and outside of the Temple recognizing its education and community-building value. They created the first civilian band in Canada and built the first organ in Ontario

Jim Pearson appeared in the character of his great, great, great grandfather, David Willson. Standing in the Temple, he responded to interview questions about the structure, the symbolism and the importance of the Temple.

Even for those such as this writer, who lived in the area and has visited the temple often, this presentation left us with a much clearer understanding of this important historic site.

Adjournment: about the noon hour.



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, 18 November 2020
Virtual by ZOOM

President

Sunny Lau

About 55 members and guests from around the world signed into the meeting.

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

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.** *Doug Wrigglesworth*
The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed, with attention paid to the excellence of the Sharon Temple presentation as well as the sterling performance in difficult circumstances by our own Steve Muir.
- **Treasurer** *Rob Vernon*
A current financial report to date was shared with the attendees. (see attached)
- **Membership** *David Elms*
A membership of 90 paid up members was reported, with thanks to all those who have responded to the call. A traditional humorous anecdote followed.
- **Programs** *Naqi Ahsan*
Confirmed speakers until March were reported. Members were encouraged to visit our web site to find more information. Our webmaster was complimented on the amazing enhancements he has introduced. Recorded versions of recent presentations are readily available online.

Who Am I?

Dick Furlong

In a small turn change from the usual, a member of PROBUS Global was introduced. **Stan Thomson**, representing the PROBUS club of Banchory, Aberdeenshire in Scotland was introduced. We were given a lovely tour of the area, along with a fine introduction to their local PROBUS Club..

SPEAKERS

Naqi introduced Nick Faieta representing METROLINX, who gave a detailed review of the coming developments in Public Transit in the GTA.

Adjournment c 1130:

MONTHLY STATEMENT 2020 - 2021 October 31, 2020

	August 1 - 30-Sep-20	October	YEAR TO DATE	2020-2021 BUDGET
REVENUE				
INITIATION FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,800.00
DUES - LATE PAYMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
50/50 DRAW PROCEEDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.00
SPRING GOLF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,550.00
EXPENDITURES				
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
RENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,560.00
SPEAKERS HONORARIUM	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,650.00
COMPUTER & EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
NEWSLETTER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00
COFFEE BREAK	\$ 41.03	\$ -	\$ 41.03	\$ 200.00
INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 50.00
PAST PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PROBUS NATIONAL DUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
PINS & BADGES	\$ -	\$ 241.50	\$ 241.50	\$ 125.00
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
WEB SITE	\$ 273.95	\$ -	\$ 273.95	\$ 100.00
	\$ 622.98	\$ 395.50	\$ 1,018.48	\$ 4,900.00
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES			\$ 2,381.52	
BANK BALANCE			\$ 7,708.92	



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING
SPECIAL SEASONAL CELEBRATION

Wednesday, 16 Dec 2020
Virtual by ZOOM



Sunny Lau

President

About 50 members and guests from around the world signed into the meeting.
(See attached list of guests)

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

O Canada: A special "Christmas in Canada" version of our Anthem was played.

A Christmas Card from a Belgium PROBIAN was shared

Management Reports: There were no such reports in this special gathering

Lucky Draws: There were a total of 5 gift cards from local coffee shops plus a grand prize floral arrangement available for lucky winners. Using a miraculous spinning wheel containing the names of all members, President Sunny made random selections during the meeting.

Winners of gift cards were:

Gordon Forbes, Ron Botham, Phil Lennard, Bob Crawford, Mike Bennett

Grand Prize Winner:

Barry Wheeler

Small Group Chats: In a trial run, Steve Muir divided the ZOOM meeting randomly into small groups of 4-5 with a few minutes to chat and get to know each other. Those of us who shared a group with one of our overseas guests found the opportunity most interesting.

Entertainment:

Naqi Ahsan then introduced to the gathering the talented **Deidrey Francois** whose songs, bander and message of Christmas Hope and Joy brought a grand holiday spirit to the assembled.

Adjournment: about 11:30

Our Guest List

PROBUS Clubs

International	
<i>Belgium - Vlaanderen</i>	Roger Leppens (Webmaster, Probus Vlaanderen)
<i>England - Dunmow</i>	Patrick Whittick
<i>England - Hampshire</i>	Jim Watson (Secretary)
<i>England - Sudbury</i>	Shirley Roberts (President, Probus Global)
<i>France</i>	Jacques P. Nollett (International Relations Officer, Probus France)
<i>Scotland - Banchory, Aberdeenshire</i>	Stan Thomson (Secretary) Dick Jennings (Treasurer) Ron Bird (Committee Member) Bill Coutts
<i>South Africa</i>	Zoltan de Rosner (President, Probus Council of Southern Africa) Ann Foster (Chairlady, Probus Association of Gauteng South) Nick French (Chairman, Probus Association of Western Cape) Rob Sproul (Secretary, Probus Association of Western Cape)
<i>Wales</i>	Robert Scott
Canada	
Bradford, Ontario	Dave McMillan (President, Probus Club of Bradford) Brenda Andrews (Director, Ontario District Two) June Chambers
Moncton, New Brunswick	Marlene Pearce (Past-President, Probus Canada)
Newmarket, Ontario	Sharon Bird (Newmarket Women's Club)
Port Perry, Ontario	Brian Davidson (Vice President)
St Catharines, Ontario	Peter Jennings (Webmaster)

OTHERS:

- Jean Bell, Kate Elms, Shari Elms Chris Leworthy