



## MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 20 September 2022**  
**Newmarket Legion**

#### **President's Welcome:**

In his opening comments, Dick referred to the slow decrease in membership. The need to market our Club to possible recruits was emphasised. Suggestions from current members was encouraged. The Management Team are already on the job.

#### **Vice President; (Soon to be President)**

*Bill Kidd*

Details regarding the November "Christmas" Luncheon were announced. Held once again at the Lions and Sun, entertainment will be provided live by the *Cruisin Group*, highly entertaining entertainers.

The Roxborough will be sharing the entertainment cost with us.

The cost for members will be \$70 per plate – all included: meal, tax, tip and entertainment – except bar tabs. Warren MacRobie will be managing and will be accepting payment by e-transfer or cheque.

#### **Management Reports:**

- **Secretary.**

*Doug*

*Wrigglesworth*

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed.

- **Membership**

*David Elms*

- reported that a total of 84, with an encouraging number or renewals.
- Contacts are being made to the slow pokes.

- Treasurer

Sunny Lau

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**Financial Summary**

**Fiscal 2022 (August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022)**

- Surplus of \$66.97
- Lower Rental and Speaker's Fee expenses were offset by increase in technology acquisitions to support hybrid meetings and pins/badges expenses
- Bank balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 was \$4,470.24
- Net Member's Equity was \$4,374.24

- **Long Service Pins** were distributed to those with Five year, Ten year, 15 and 20 year memberships.

**Pins for 2022**

**5 Year**

BALLARD	Michael (Mike)
BIGGS	Richard (Rick)
BRISLEY	David (Dave)
HANSEN	Edward (Chuck)
PETRY	Vern
WILSON	Kevin

**10 Year**

HICKS	John
LENNARD	David (Dave)
ROBERTSON	Brian
WRIGGLESWORTH	Doug

**15 Year**

HARRINGTON	Robert (Bob)
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**20 Year**

PARKS	Jim
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**25 Year**

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## PRESIDENTS'S YEAR END REPORT

President Dick Furlong gave a summary of his year and wished incoming President Bill Kidd best wishes.

### **Newmarket Men's PROBUS Club**

#### **Year End report**

**2021-2022**

#### **President R J Furlong**

- Restrictions due to Covid, we went from Virtual meeting to Hybrid to in person in APRIL with some technical issues following us
- Change of venue-Seaton to Sun and Lions to Royal Canadian legion was learning curve
- 28 months of Pandemic lowered attendance, recruitment new members
- Club Financials- year over year we had surplus \$66.97
- Lower rental fees offset by Technology equipment and over budget on pins and badges (12 pins this year + inventory)
- Bank balance year end-\$4,470.24, member equity was \$4,374.24
- Members status -Year end 88, 2021 year end 91(5 new members, 8 left club) A marketing team was formed to review marketing -internally and externally
- Attendance, average 34 members (total virtual or in person) 39%, Technical issues may have impact for virtual attendance recently
- This year we continue with virtual system, continue with international speakers before going domestic in November 2021
- Doug and Dave use many sources to secure (other clubs, Probus Global Speakers Corner, speaker feed back and of course, suggestions from members) the quality speakers we have used
- 33% of speaker fees donated to charity
- PMSC has been a success in contacting members who have not made it to meetings
- Newsletters are published Quarterly, and we are always looking for feedback from members, offering insight or suggestions for articles
- Our outreach program sends cards to members with health issues or condolences to family of members or past members that may have passed away
- Technology has had great moments in having system on place for our meetings, but recently with switch to Legion, we still have some kinks to work out of the system. We recently formed a task force of 3 tech literate members to support our technology chair to resolve the issues.
- A major plus on technology side, our webpage is function great and is a standard bearer for other clubs
- Each meeting has minutes recorded, reviewed and placed on website for future reference

## INDUCTION OF 2022 – 2023 MANAGEMENT TEAM

**PAST PRESIDENT ROB VERNON** read in the new(?) Management Team that will be led by President Bill Kidd.

### 2022-23 Executive

First	Surname	2022/23 Positions
Paul	Bath	Vice-President
Dave	Brisley	Programs
Bill	Docherty	Technology
David	Elms	Membership
Dick	Furlong	Past-President
Bill	Kidd	President
Sunny	Lau	Treasurer/Web Master
Warren	MacRobie	Assistant Membership
Doug	Magee	Assistant Programs
Ken	Parsons	Assistant at Large
Doug	Wrigglesworth	Secretary/Correspondance
Ted	Wilkinson	NewsLetter

**Who Am I?** Our new Tech Chair, **Bill Docherty** described an exciting carer in technology infrastructure. Concentrating on emerging technology in financial services, Bill's work involved all five major Canadian banks, as well as Bell Canada.

### COFFEE BREAK

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Dave Brisley introduced Dr. Eileen Schuller, professor of Religious Studies at McMaster University.

In a fascinating, well-illustrated and clearly presented talk, Dr Schuller explained the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery just 75 years ago this year.

Having been involved directly on site in the study of the Scrolls, as a young PhD student, then later as an academic Dr. Schuller was able to describe what historical knowledge has been learned, how the scrolls have been examined, and how the complex translation of tiny pieces continues to evolve.

A splendid talk that was greatly appreciated by all.