



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday July 17th, 2024
Newmarket Legion Hall

- **Opening** *Paul Bath*
 - Paul opened meeting at 10:00.
 - Welcomed 4 guests.
 - Bob Crawford not feeling well, Ken Parsons to send a get well card.
 - Reminded members nominations are still open for new Management Committee Members, particularly Membership Chair, and Marketing Committee.
 - Induction of new member David Copsey.

- **Vice President** *Bob Thivierge*
 - Bob is still working on the financial summary for our recent golf event at Mill Run.
 - Graham Christopher's daughter Leanne was available to present the Graham Christopher Closest to the Pin Trophy to the winner, Paul Bath, who won with a hole in one.
 - Bob presented the Al Roeder Low Gross Trophy to Art Darnbrough, from the winning team which also included John Sale, Ken Parsons, and Dean Yeats (Lindsay Probud club).

- **Minutes & Correspondence** *Brian Keddy*
 - Minutes of the June 19th General meeting reviewed, with revised minutes now posted on the club's website.

- **Membership Report** *Warren MacRobie*
 - Membership now stands at 83, with 41 attending today's meeting, along with 4 guests.
 - Indicated that 19 shirts have been ordered to date, and that the order would be submitted shortly.

- **Marketing Report** *Dick Furlong*
 - Next Random Lunch is July 31st at Moxies.
 - Seniors Expo event was a big success, and pointed out that Kevin, one of today's guest was attending to check us out.

- **Programs Report**

Dave Brisley

- August: Karen Hurst from Canadian Snowbirds, what they do.
- September: Grace Vieira-Peacock and David Peacock, walking the Camino de Santiago.
- October: Special Jim Parks event.
- July 20th Newmakeit festival is being held from 1:30 – 8:00, we have 6 volunteers, but looking for more help.
- We have 2 tables reserved for upcoming Yuk Yuk's event in November.
- August 15th Melville Boys trip all set. We have 40 people paid, still room for more, but need to know by this Friday 19th. Bus leaving Twinney Recreation Complex at 9:30 returning approximately 6:30.

- **Past President/Newsletter**

Bill Kidd

- Bill is looking for stories of any members doing volunteer work outside of Probus that he might include in upcoming Newsletter.

- **Who Am I** Gary Leitch gave an interesting summary of his life. Born in Newmarket, he grew up on a farm of 1,000 acres on Bathurst street. Left small town living to join the Toronto Police force where he continued to work for his entire career. Told us of some interesting characters and tales during his investigations. He has been married to his wife Sherry for 57 years. In his retirement enjoys travelling and spending time with his family of 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

- **Guest Speaker** Leah den Bok gave a very thought provoking presentation on Humanizing the Homeless. Leah has spoken in Australia, Europe, and North America and talks about her experiences of approaching homeless individuals on the street getting their permission to be photographed and question them about their background and journey. Her message, "we can all help in small ways if we are willing to take a little time and treat the homeless with respect instead of ignoring them". She has written 3 books and all profits from the sale of her books are donated to organizations supporting the homeless.

- **Adjournment** Noon for Lunch at Castle Johns