**Probus Club of Mountain View**

**Management Committee Meeting**

**Journey’s Blend Cafe**

**Thursday April 28, 2022**

Present: Jim Theobalds, Janis Miller, Susan Theobalds, Don Godfrey, Linda Haldenby, Andja Martynuik, Dorte Hawker, Peggy Sturch, David Sturch, Duncan Bristow, Charlie Gudaitis, Hal Keiser

Meeting called to order at 1.00 pm

Review of Minutes:

Action item from March meeting to be completed by Jim Theobalds. Jim will contact Jerry McGhee, at Collingwood Probus to learn how they are handling e-transfer capability for Membership renewal. With this change minutes were approved by Susan Theobalds and seconded by Jim Theobalds. All in favor.

Past President – Andja Martynuik

At the April GM Andja presented to our members a plea asking them to join our management team. We are still in need of a Member At Large and a Social Committee Co-Chair. Unfortunately, no one came forward. It has been an ongoing issue for our club. We have the same core group stepping up. We brainstormed about how to motivate new members to join.

A “Can You Help Out” table will be set up in the lobby for new members to share ideas at the May meeting. We have experienced low membership attendance by Zoom and at the in-person meetings.

All agreed to meet at the Legion on Tuesday May 3 at 6 pm to review the membership list. Don will email the current member list to the management team.

Jim will book a room at the Legion.

Action: Management team to review the list and note who has volunteered in the past 10 years and who should be approached.

Membership Chair – Don Godfrey

As of our meeting 6 members have not renewed, there is a cross section of 135 core and new member renewals.

Discussion about reducing the maximum cap on our club membership, currently we have 294 members. The concern is we need new members to volunteer so it is a hard call. We all agreed any new members joining in 2022 must be sponsored by an active current member. We will plan a more selective way of screening potential new members to achieve more new member involvement in our club.

Once the June renewals are finalized, we will take the next steps. No waiting list will be offered.

Communications – Duncan Bristow/Hal Keiser

An email Blast for the May 10th Anniversary Meeting. The following Sunday May 8th the newsletter will be sent out. Peggy provided the details for the May meeting.

Wild Apricot is on hold for now.

Hal is taking on the role to manage Word Press our Probus Club computer program. Duncan will continue to create the club newsletter.

Social Committee Chair – Susan Theobalds

Covid once again caused some our indoor events for April to be cancelled. We are still hopeful GWCD is a go for May 12th. We are going ahead with May and June planned events and will have sign up tables at May meeting.

The 10th Anniversary Summer event was cancelled. SC was not able to source a location.

Helen Coleman and Dennis Butcher will lead our biking group this year. Paul and Anni will continue to lead Kayaking.

The SC are working on a list of upcoming events for the summer and fall, stay tuned.

2nd VP – Peggy Sturch

The May 10th Anniversary meeting is all about acknowledging the President, Past Presidents, Management Team, and volunteers over the last 10 years. The accomplishments of our club and members over that period highlights the friendships, fun and the many activities we enjoy.

Secretary – Dorte Hawker

No comments.

1st VP - Janis Miller

Action Item: Janis contacted New Life Church and has negotiated the 2022/2023 contract and provided a copy to the secretary for the club binder.

Management members leaving the role or changing roles need to swap memory cards relative to the role they are taking.

Janis attended a Probus Canada meeting. Management received a copy of the summary by email. See below.

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Summary Notes – Zoom Ontario District 7 Meeting, April 22, 2022

Chair: Bob MacNair

MVP Representatives: Jim Theobalds and Janis Miller

**Summary**

16 or the 17 clubs had representation at the meeting. Most have returned to in person meetings, and several continue to also offer hybrid attendance options.

Bob provided the following documents:

- List of 2022 Club Presidents

-A recruitment/Retention Strategy document that was prepared by a club in British Columbia. MVP does most of them.

- A Speaker Zoom Meeting data base prepared by a club in Cambridge. These speakers also present in person, but a good reference if Zoom once again must become an option. – will forward to Linda.

- The updated 2021 Constitution. All clubs must adhere to this. No exceptions.

Bob strongly promoted 2 speakers- Bruce Ross (our June speaker) and Annette Sandberg who has two presentations: 1. Early Settlers and the Indigenous story to our region. 2. An historical look at the flora and fauna of our escarpment. Both are considered excellent.

Bob sent out a survey regarding the updated Probus Canada Constitution. Jim Theobalds responded to this survey on our behalf.

Discussion/Action for Mountain View

1. Bob’s term as Probus Canada President ends in May 2022. His term as District 7 representation ends in May 2023. Nominations must be past presidents. Can we suggest anyone from our club?

2. Copy of the 2021 Constitution for Probus will be sent to all Management Committee Members.

3. October is designated Probus Month. Bob has a 35-minute presentation he has prepared. Should we invite him to present it at the October meeting.

4. Once our new management committee has been voted in (June 2022) we need to update our club information. – Action: Janis and Dorte

5. The Beaver Valley club is offering to organize a Social Director collaboration initiative. Involves an in-person meeting once or twice a year to give social chairs an opportunity to share activity ideas, committee volunteer recruitment strategies, etc. If we are interested in participating, please email

beavervalleyprobus@gmail.com - Action: Susan and ?

Take Away Recommendations from the meeting.

1. October is designated PROBUS month. Do something special at the Oct. meeting, as well as recognize Bob MacNair for his role as PROBUS CANADA President for the last year.
2. B.V.O. PROBUS Social Director collaboration initiative twice a year. Suggest Susan Theobalds and Sue Charmin to reply interest in joining.
3. Monday October 3 PROBUS CANADA is hosting an in-person meeting at the Rec Plex, Wasaga Beach. Each club can have 5 members attend from management.

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Treasurer – David Sturch

David sent out March statement to management. Bank account did not change, $21,156.60. May balance is $19,480.00. The YE balance will be 17,000.00 – 18,000.00.

We discussed using E-Transfer and the Square. There is a cost involved to the club and it appears complicated at this time. Future discussion is needed.

Speaker Chair – Linda Haldenby

June - Bruce Ross - Breaking Free of Depression

Sept. – Jessica Maish – The Roost Winery Owner/Wine Maker

Oct. – Denise Davy – A Homeless Woman named Margaret

Nov. - Barbara Dickson - Bomb Girls.

Dec. – None

Jan. – Annette Sandberg

Discussed if we should be paying mileage to our speakers. We all agreed it should be included in the Speakers fee.

Member at Large – Charlie Gudaitis

No comments.

New Business – President – Jim Theobalds

Thanked the team

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday May 26, 2022, 3 pm

at the Collingwood Legion