

PROBUS Club of Pickering – Management Meeting August 12, 2015

Present: Chuck Simmons Mary Lou Simmons Richard Szpin
 Melanie Hancock Frank Green Ulf Neidhardt
 Chris Kennedy Shirley van Putten Jackie Teevan
 Maureen Marquardt

Absent: Sue Porter Joe Sancroft Fran Sancroft

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. with President Chuck Simmons in the Chair. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Minutes of the July 8th meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Jackie Teevan reported that current account balances were not available. She is attempting to verify that the attendance at recent events coincides with the account balances.

Newsletter Mary Lou Simmons reported that she had purchased new computer equipment to produce the newsletter. It was agreed that the August edition would contain a note on the AGM; a reminder regarding wearing name badges to PROBUS events; a blurb about renewals and another stab at getting volunteers for the various Management positions. As Mary Lou will be away in November, Richard Szpin agreed to produce a combined October/November newsletter which would highlight the Christmas lunch and membership renewals.

Membership Fran and Joe Sancroft submitted a written report on membership: 157 members, including one new member in July. It was agreed that the new Membership Coordinators be invited to the September Management Meeting. New membership application forms should include the question: Are you a member of another PROBUS club. This may assist in determining event attendance. Frank Green agreed to post a “change of location” notice on the regular meeting room door for August 26th.

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Speakers Ulf Neidhardt confirmed that the Don Beer facility would provide suitable a/v equipment for our speaker. The a/v project will be tabled to the September Management meeting

Social

Melanie Hancock and Shirlie van Putten gave a rundown on all upcoming trips and events. The Christmas lunch will be held on Friday, December 11th at the Annandale Golf Club. It was unanimously agreed that PROBUS Pickering would subsidize the event in the amount of \$15.00 per member. Members would pay \$25.00; guests \$40.00. A further subsidy for decorations, etc. is to be discussed closer to the event.

Activities

Richard Szpin reported that several of the club conveners had expressed concern that their clubs were not getting the participation they had hoped for. It was agreed that after checking with Sue Porter (Chuck) regarding the speaker for the September meeting, we would alter the meeting agenda to include a Focus Group format (following a shortened business meeting); coffee break; speaker. Mary Lou will act as the coordinator and develop the Q and A session along with Richard and Chuck.

There will be a fall CPR course; date t.b.a. The First Aid Project has been completed and the kits are ready for distribution.

House

Ulf and "Deputy" Chris Kennedy will both be away for the September General meeting, coverage for registration will be required.

Other Business:

Potential candidates for the V.P. position were discussed. It is felt that because Chuck Simmons will be travelling in October and November, a strong candidate should be in place a.s.a.p. to assist Melanie Hancock who will Chair those meetings as well as

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continue with her Social responsibilities. It was agreed that Frank Green as Chair of the Nominating Committee would first approach Don Vorhees. If Don declines, then Irveen Powley would be contacted to determine interest in filling this position.

The Web Site project is to be brought forward in October. In the meantime, a sub-committee of Mary Lou, Richard and Shirlie would determine the cost of hiring a person or service to develop a site for us after defining the requirements and time lines.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

