



Blue Sky PROBUS Club

PROBUS Club # 268

Notes Blue Sky PROBUS Club Meeting February 9, 2021

- This meeting was held using the ZOOM meeting application.
- The start time for signing into the meeting was 9:45am. This start time was selected to allow new users of ZOOM some time to get on-line before the meeting start of 10:00am.
- There were a total of 26 participants.
- There was general chit chat as people signed on. This prequel to the meeting has become a virtual socializing time.
- The official meeting started at 10:00am. With H. Kizell President of the club presiding. Still sporting a COVID beard he had a different look with his new webcam.
- H. Kizell made a pitch for “singers” to join the choir. He led a discussion on singing and learning to sing with the choir who are singing FOLK, POP AND CLASSIC songs.
- B.Kizell our choir leader can be reached at bellekizell@gmail.com (705-474-0658) for those interested in joining the virtual choir. They meet on Wednesday afternoons on ZOOM. Currently 12 people participate. Looking for 30.
- There were no visitors.
- Name tags for new members will be distributed when we meet in person again.
- No anniversaries or birthdays among participants.
- H.Kizell is looking for two models for his line of one size fits all silk tops. If you are shy note the result will be shown from the neck down. Contact hkizell@gmail.com
- B. Newman reported on finances. He has a total of ninety members on the list who are paid. Plans on calling the year end for the middle of May right after the annual meeting. He will close off the books at that time and start a new year. B. Newman requested individuals (2) to review and certify his books.
- R. Rivers, VP reported that Lorraine has volunteered to be the “Care Bear” for the club. Also the club is in need of a Vice President designate to take over when R. Rivers takes on the Presidency.

- R. Rivers and G. Godin along with H. Kizell will be meeting at the Motherhouse before the end of the month to inspect the facilities for future meetings. The meeting notes for January 12th also reference this item.
- H. Kizell asked for activity reports.
- Knitters have postponed their meetings until COVID is over.
- The book club will meet via ZOOM on Monday February 15th @ 7:00pm to discuss the book, "This Is How it Always Is". There are currently 12 participants. If you wish to join in, contact Heli Vail. vailgh123@gmail.com
- Discussion on where to obtain books: Amazon, Indigo, friends, or inter-library loans. Also, H. Vail pointed out that the ZOOM format works very well for the book club.
- The walking group will be inactive until the end of COVID lockdown.
- G. Godin working on a speaker for March. Once again he introduced some humour into the meeting with a number of jokes. Many were in keeping with the theme of wine.
- Our guest speaker was R. Torriero a writer researcher with the knowledge resources group of the LCBO.
- His topic was "An Introduction to Wine Appreciation".
- He began with an overview of what wine is and some historical perspective. His next topic was how to taste wine and a four step process to wine tasting. He elaborated on each of the steps. He then spoke on the differing wine styles and how to interpret the bin tags in the LCBO. He went on to review many wine varieties. Next was an overview of wine and food pairings.
- A number of interesting questions were posed with vigorous discussion.
- G. Godin asked that the following message be included in the minutes of January 12th. They are included here to remind our members of the need for new management team members.
 - The Blue Sky PROBUS Club, like all PROBUS CLUBS relies on dedicated volunteer management to keep it running smoothly. Over the past few months members have been asked if they could step up and volunteer to help manage the club.
 - The current management team has made it clear that they are available to assist any new management team members during the transition period. If you aren't interested perhaps you know a member who might be.
- Next meeting is March 9th 2021. Guest speaker is not yet determined.