



Blue Sky PROBUS Club

PROBUS Club # 268

Notes Blue Sky PROBUS Club Meeting March 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 23 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. H. Kizell indicated that all name badges are in and can be picked up at the Odd Fellows store. This is the former Salvation Army thrift store.
- H. Kizell reminded everyone that the positions of President and Secretary will need to be filled as of May 2021.
- G. Dobbs said He would consider being Secretary. R. Dubeau to contact him and discuss.
- H. Kizell will stay on for two months following the AGM to assist whoever will be the new President.
- 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 and February 9th also reference this item.
- Anyone who has not paid dues (\$35) can send them to B. Newman. Can use Interac or cheque. The interact email is: blueskyprobus@gmail.com
- R. Rivers had a Zoom meeting with B. McNair and others. Main topic was running hybrid meetings. 37 groups from our area participated. Notion of a database of speakers was discussed. Her impression is that the Blue Sky PROBUS is doing well with ZOOM meetings. Other clubs are managing to keep their walking groups going. A number of clubs are not planning face to face meetings until next January.
- R. Rivers floated the idea of a late afternoon on-line wine and cheese meeting. There was some discussion on this idea.
- G. Godin has donated \$25 TWIGG gift card as a prize for a COVID-19 Vaccine Contest. Have to be present at May 11th ZOOM meeting. Before the meeting you must guess

how many people in our group have had the first shot of the vaccine. Only those on the ZOOM meeting are eligible.

- 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. The choir is working on two songs. Now concentrating on style rather than notes. Should be ready in a few weeks to present. New members still welcome.
- One birthday this month. R. Dubeau will celebrate his 75th birthday.
- The book club will meet via ZOOM on Monday March 15th @ 7:00pm to discuss the book, "Best Laid Plans". If you wish to join in, contact Heli Vail. vailgh123@gmail.com
- Knitters have postponed their meetings until COVID is over.
- The walking group will be inactive until the end of COVID lockdown.
- H. Kizell thanked L. Guillmette for taking on the Care Bear task.
- Peggy Bronell has picked two wines for the wine tasting. An email on this has been sent. pbbonell@sympatico.ca for questions.
- Our guest speaker was H. Wallingford a member of the Blue Sky PROBUS. She is a retired Physical and Occupational Therapist.
- Her topic was on the effects of food and sleep on our energy levels.
- She pointed out that our energy level points to what we eat and how well we sleep.
- She then went into detail on these two topics.
- Next meeting is April 13th 2021. Guest speaker is Bill Steer aka "Back Roads Bill". His topic is nature.