



PROBUS Club of Uxbridge
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Uxbridge Management Team and Membership

1. **WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING:** Kathy Clulow, our President, opened the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) at the Uxbridge Community & Sports Arena by welcoming members to the 6th Anniversary of the Uxbridge PROBUS Club. Kathy had the membership acknowledge June Birthdays and Anniversaries with best wishes for both. New members were invited to stand and be acknowledged as well. She also congratulated the new Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club on the first Foundation Meeting of June 5th, 2024, and the Lake Simcoe Probus Club for their upcoming Information Meeting on June 18th, 2024.

Kathy explained that a year and a half ago, the Uxbridge Club had placed a cap on the membership of 275 members, while we were actively searching for a larger and more senior friendly location to meet. Fast forwarding to today, the Club has remained very vibrant and active with Social outings and Interest Groups, and unfortunately maintaining a waiting list of over 90 proposed members trying to join. We have recently moved our cap to 300 members, which brings our waiting list down to forty-two proposed members, co-sponsored the new Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club that had almost 200 members join at their first meeting, and the following week our Club would be sponsoring the Lake Simcoe Area Probus Club, on their Information meeting. The hope is to find enough interest and volunteers to start a Club for the Beaverton, Cannington, Pefferlaw, Sunderland, Udora and Georgina surrounding areas.

Again, Kathy reminded our members to Get Connected and Stay Connected. Also, the new moniker for our Clubs is BAF - Be a Friend, Bring a Friend.

2. **WELCOME GUESTS:** The President introduced our honoured guest Chuck Heroux in his new role as District 2 Director in Ontario for Probus Canada.
3. **GREETINGS FROM CHUCK HEROUX:** Chuck welcomed the members to the 6th Annual General Meeting and gave a brief history of how the Uxbridge Probus Club came to be formed.
Our club in Uxbridge began as an idea from Uxbridge people belonging to the Port Perry and Stouffville PROBUS clubs. Discussions regarding a new club began in December of 2017, and the first joint planning meeting took place on January 24, 2018, in Uxbridge.

A meeting date of Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, was announced for the Goodwood Hall, at 10:00 a.m. Ninety people showed up, and 82 signed up that day. A management team was struck, and the legal process began. Their first meeting was April 25th at Brenda McGowan's home, and the first Management Team was struck. As they say, "The rest was history!" The Uxbridge Probus Club has become vibrant, social and strong.

4. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Members Judy Fink and Jane Butler led us in the Land Acknowledgement: "Friends, we gather today on this sacred soil of the Mississauga's of Scugog Island and other First Nations of the Williams Treaty. For thousands of years people have lived on this land, honouring the Creator. We acknowledge their stewardship and relationship with the land, its plants, animals, lakes and streams. Today, we renew our commitment to listen, learn and love our neighbours."

5. **BUSINESS:**

- **SECRETARY:** Annual General Minutes of June 14th, 2023 - Linda Abate
The Minutes of June 14th, 2023 were posted on the Club Website, in the Club Newsletter, and sent to the Membership as a pdf document for review for today's Annual General Meeting. Hard copies were available today.

The Annual General Minutes were provisionally approved on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, at the Membership Team meeting. It was prudent to approve these Minutes soon after the last Annual General Meeting as time dulls the memory of events and names, and sometimes present-day members are no longer with the Club.

Annual General Minutes are not formally and finally approved until they are brought forward for review and approval by the Membership as a whole. Once these Minutes have been approved, they will be sent to the Membership as a pdf document shortly after this Meeting as a final document.

Linda asked if there were any errors/omissions or any further questions. There were none.

MOTION: Linda Abate proposed a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated June 14th, 2023.

MOVING PARTY: Sally Kotsopoulos

SECONDED BY: Nancy Emo

MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS:

- FINANCIAL REPORT:** Margaret Blanchet reported. Bank Balance as of May 31st, 2024, was \$29,524.81. Club Income was \$10,714.74. **Note:** Income received for 2024-2025 renewals has been accrued to next year so is not showing in this club income amount. Social Event Income was \$62,551.80. Total Club Income was \$73,266.54. Club Expenses were \$11,282.63. Social Event Expenses were \$65,515.91. Total Club Expenses were \$76,798.54. The bank balance should reflect a balance of somewhere in the \$10,000.00 range. Club income balance is high as members are paying for social events coming up for which no expenses have been incurred yet.

The Budget for 2024/2025 showed an increase in the budget for:

Administrative, Advertising & Promotion:	\$2,500.00
Meeting Expenses:	\$6,000.00
Speaker Fees:	\$3,000.00
Name Badges:	\$ 700.00
Club Insurance:	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges:	\$ 100.00

Club Expenses were showing at \$9,650.06, and the new Budget will allow an increase to \$13,000.00 to help accommodate the increase in these expenses.

MOTION: Margaret Blanchet proposed a Motion to approve the Financial Statements and Budget for 2024/2025 as presented at this Annual General Meeting of June 12th, 2024.

MOVING PARTY: Gerry Bignell

SECONDED BY: Debra Lippay

MOTION CARRIED and the Financial Statements and Budget will be put on file for year-end review by an accountant.

- MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Elaine Stevenson is our Membership Chair. We currently have 300 members and a waiting list of forty-two potential members. A reminder that membership renewals are due and may be paid by mail or e-transfer to the Treasurer no later than June 30th, 2024.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ACCLAMATION:** Kathy announced the Slate of Candidates for the 2024/2025 Management Team which included three new members. The Nominating Committee introduced the slate of names at the May 10th, 2024 General Meeting and advised that no further nominations had been put forward at that time. The slate is as follows:

President:	Kathy Clulow
Past President:	Chuck Heroux
Vice President:	Robin Dhillon
Treasurer:	Margaret Blanchet
Secretary:	Joanne Binns

Social Chair:	Peggy Kennedy
Social Co-chair:	Gail Porter Heroux
Membership Chair:	Elaine Stevenson
House Chair:	Sally Kotsopoulos
Speaker Chair:	Zina Bolak
Interest Group Chair:	Jen Thorsen
Newsletter Chair:	Bernie Beales
Website Non-Management	Barrie Clulow and he was introduced.

Members at Large:

Linda Abate

Cheryl Bain

Kathy advised that the slate had been “Declared by Acclamation” and will stand for the 2024/2025 election year. Kathy had the members of the Acclaimed Slate stand to be acknowledged, as well as the retiring members for their time, dedication and support of the Management Team and Club. Chuck Heroux acknowledged the induction of the new members and presentation of awards for years of service from Probus Canada and Uxbridge Probus Club. Special congratulations were given to Sandra Will, who had recently been awarded “Senior of the Year Honours for 2024”.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

In addition to the valuable contribution you make to the community, volunteering has been proven to have many benefits for volunteering.

OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Learn new skills
- Expand horizons
- Maintain or establish a sense of belonging
- Expand social and business contacts
- Stay active

REDUCTION OF:

- Stress, anxiety, and depression
- Low self-esteem
- Social isolation
- Stress-related illness

9. INTEREST GROUPS: Betty Bignell and Jen Thorson reported.

- Golf Interest Group has seventeen members jointly with Port Perry.
- Travel Group now has twenty to twenty-five people going to Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Improv Group to be called “Laughing Matters”. April Gilkinson and Amber D’Aguiar will be the co-ordinators.

Betty encouraged the membership to bring their ideas to the new co-ordinator, Jen Thorson. She thanked all the co-ordinators that she has worked with over the past few years.

10. SOCIAL UPDATE: Gail Heroux reported.

- Timbercreek Mini-Golf on May 28th, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. Stouffville.
- Recently went to The Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake to see “My Fair Lady” with Lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel.
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride at Windreach Farm in Ashburn that afternoon of Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Preshow will be the Super Dogs. Drive yourself or carpool with an overwhelming 108 signed up. Signs on the dashboard of each vehicle will be distributed at the Walmart Parking Lot.
- Coffee and Conversation on Thursday, June 27th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Deirdre Gibson and Robert Reimer at 23 Wilson Street, Uxbridge.
- “1000 Islands Cruise” with Lunch onboard the Island Star on Thursday, July 18th, 2024. There will be a Trolley Tour of Kingston after the cruise.
- Nod to Maud Play and Dinner at the Leaskdale Church on August 15th, 2024.
- Maud Montgomery Light Lunch and Tour at Leaskdale Church on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
- Summer Barbeque has been booked for Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at Whitby’s Cullen Central Park.
- Haliburton Wolf Centre with Guide Ron Brown on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024. Lunch at Bonnie-View Inn, visit the Wolf Centre, and the Country Cottage Log Cabin Trading Company.
- Car rally for October starting at the Uxbridge Arena.
- The Royal Ashburn has been booked for Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, for our Christmas Gala Lunch.
- The Lion King by Mirvish Productions will be opening Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at the Princess of Wales Theatre. We would be attending the matinee performance on January 15th, 2025. There will be lunch before the show.

Kathy thanked Betty, Jen and Gail for their reports, and asked the membership if they would like to join in for lunch at the Cornerhouse Restaurant in Uxbridge following the meeting, and if so, please come and see her by the end of the meeting. Twenty members met for lunch.

A reminder as well to pay your membership if it was due before leaving the meeting at the Membership table.

SALLY KOTSOPOULOS OUR HOUSE CHAIR, WELCOMED EVERYONE TO COFFEE TIME AND FELLOWSHIP and REMINDER TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOS DONE AT THE PHOTO BOOTH AND

THAT THERE WERE GOING TO BE SPECIAL COOKIES AND LEMONADE, AS WELL AS COFFEE AND TEA.

11. **INTRODUCTION OF MAIN SPEAKER:** Zena Bolak introduced our key speaker, Angie Sandow. Angie was born with several congenital birth defects and has faced numerous challenges her whole life. She shared her story with passion and humour, including her battle with cancer, learning to ride a motorcycle against all odds, she is an author, and a musician. Her story touched on body image, the importance of diversity and inclusion, building confidence in oneself and overcoming life's obstacles while maintaining a positive outlook. Her strongest conviction was that no one should be judged based on their appearance.

Kathy thanked Angie for her very inspirational presentation. If anyone would like to reach out to Angie, she can be reached at www.justridin.com, email: contactus@justridin.com or telephone: 647-226-2921.

12. **SHARE THE WEALTH:** Thank you to all who participated. Angie Sandow drew the winning tickets. The Club realized a total of \$380.00, with \$190.00 going to the Club to help with coffee and refreshments, and the remaining half shared with three winning ticket members.

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