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# The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay Probus Banner Newsletter

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## October Meeting

The club held its October meeting on Tuesday 8th. After a 30 minute social time, Club President, John Sale opened the meeting at 10:30am; John announced the sad news that Bert Blackwood, our immediate past president, was killed in a road accident on Thursday of last week. After the singing of 'Oh Canada' members were invited to remain standing for a moment in Bert's memory and to remember Lee his wife and their family.

Two **new members** were inducted. **Mike Green**, proposed by Jim Buchanan, **Bill Thompson**, proposed by Bob Coleman. **John Coxon** rejoined the club and needed no introduction to those present. Our new members received a warm welcome into the club.

**Health and Welfare** – President John reported that Bert Blackwood's wife Lee is in St Michaels Hospital, Toronto with serious injuries, but is now reported as stable and may shortly be returning home. An old school girl friend has offered to support Lee in her own home until she is able to cope on her own. President John has sent a note of condolence to their son Todd on behalf of the members. Arrangements will be made to deliver some flowers to Lee when she is home in Lindsay.

**Rich Graham** reports he is improving. He doesn't anticipate being back to Probos for some time, but appreciates being kept in the picture with our monthly reports.

**Ted Abbot** is recovering after damaging his hip in a cycling mishap.

Ron Morgan reported that **John Hunter** is also improving after his accident.

**"Share the Wealth"** – John Saunders reported sales of \$160 worth of tickets prior to the meeting starting.

John Sale then introduced the **speaker Peter Schlieffenbaum** primary owner of Hali-burton Forest. Peter talked about the pre- second world war days of timber production, and later acquisition of the first areas of forest by his German father after the war. He described more recent developments under his management into tourism with dog sledding, snowmobiling, canoeing, tree canopy walks, music festivals, submarine tours, a wolf pack enclosure etc..

Peter refused an honorarium, but accepted a cheque to be applied to his own choice of charity; and finally drew the ticket for "share the wealth", which was won by **Ken Harrison**. (\$80)

**Next Meeting: Tuesday Nov 12th 2019**

**Ellin Bessner**

**" Double Threat: Canadian Jewish Soldiers in  
World War II "**

### Health and Welfare

Please notify **Ron Morgan (705) 324-2318**  
If you have knowledge of a member who is  
experiencing health issues at any time.

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The regular meeting was adjourned at approx. 11:45am and after a short break the **Annual General Meeting** was convened and followed the pre-circulated agenda.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Sal Polito, seconded by Harry Newton, that the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Carried

**Minutes of 2018 AGM**

Moved by Sal Polito, seconded by John Saunders, that the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 AGM be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Moved by Don Willis, seconded by Wayne Klein that the membership approve the actions of the Management Committee over the past year. Carried.

**President’s Report:**

President John Sale said he was thankful for the opportunity to serve the club. He thanked the Management Committee members individually for their contributions over the year. He also thanked Dennis Eaton for maintaining our website, and the financial reviewers.

Moved by Harry Newton, seconded by Ron Wallace, that the President’s Report be received. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Financial Statements for 2018-2019 and the Budget for 2019-2020

Treasurer Eric Lansdell reviewed the financial report for the past year, noting a significant improvement from the previous year. Eric focused on the insurance saving of \$300 and the two new revenue sources, Share the Wealth and advertising.

For 2019-2020, the Budget shows a surplus. Self-catering will save about \$120 per month. Eric emphasized the need to rebuild our assets to a more comfortable level.

Bank signatories for 2019-2020 will be the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Moved by John Sale, seconded by Hans deVisser, that the Financial Statements for 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020 Budget be adopted and that the bank signatories be approved. Carried.

**Membership Report**

Current membership stands at 105. In the past year, the club had 17 new members, but 14 have left. The club is open to applications from new members.

**Remarks from the Director, Programs:**

Ron Wallace acknowledged the contributions of the Program Committee. Ron announced that the speaker’s lineup for 2020 is finalized. The Committee is looking for suggestions (in writing) from the Membership for future speakers.

**Founders Award**

In respect for the recent tragic passing of immediate Past President Bert Blackwood, an announcement with respect to the Founders’ Award for the past year has been deferred to a later date.

**Introduction of 2019-2020 Management Committee:**

Sal Polito – President	John Sale – Past President	TBA – Vice-President
Eric Lansdell – Treasurer	Harry Newton – Secretary	Hans de Visser – Club Services
Ron Wallace – Program	Bob Whitfield – Membership	John Saunders – Communications

**Remarks from the Incoming President:**

Incoming President Sal Polito said it was a pleasure to assume the role of President and looks forward to the challenge. He thanked President John Sale for his leadership. He also recognized Bert Blackwood who served as a mentor. Bert will be sadly missed by all.

Sal stated that he would like to see the club have more social activities, whether it is a small group going to a Muskies game or a larger group at a wine and cheese party. He asked that members come forward with ideas.

Sal thanked the members of the Management Committee and the other volunteers (set-up team, catering, audio-visual and ticket sales) for their contributions to the club. He also noted that the club relies on volunteers coming forward to serve the club.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30 p.m. on a motion by Wayne Brumwell, seconded by Milt Battersby. Carried.

*Thanks go to Club Secretary, Harry Newton, for recording the AGM proceedings.*

## PHOTO's



Jim Buchanan introduces new member Mike Green



Bob Coleman introduces new member Bill Thompson



John Sale welcomes new members with their sponsors.



John Sale thanks our guest speaker.



John Sale hands over to our new President, Sal Polito

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