



Membership Meeting, November 3, 2020

Kamloops Desert Hills Probus Club
Brocklehurst Seniors Centre
9A – 1800 Tranquille Road, Kamloops BC
(This is a scent-free location)

9:45 – 10:00 - (VIA ZOOM) Fellowship

1. Call to order by President, Tivola Howe
 - a. Welcome to our special guest, Inga Thomson Hilton, Director for District #3
 - b. Welcome to all Members who have tuned into our 3rd Zoom Meeting
 - c. Tivola read this special Message to commemorate Remembrance Day:

I do not know your name, nor for which battle you died
i do not know your home, nor the tears that were cried
I do not know where you rest, Nor the promises broken
I do not know your uniform, and your fears lay unspoken
But I know that your spirit exists, that your courage is admired
And your sacrifice is honoured, And I offer from my heart
Thank you to guardians unknown, for offering yourself for us all
That we make freedom our home.
2. Additions to Agenda - No additions
3. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2020 Membership Meeting
 - a. Hearing no errors or amendments - Minutes adopted as circulated.
4. Election and AGM - Tivola Howe
 - a. Thank you to the Executive for their support. It has been a very different year, but we have continued to communicate through these difficult times. To our Membership, I wish a very successful 2020/2021 Year
 - b. New Executive elected as follows:
 - i. President – Alan Kuroyama
 - ii. Vice-President – Diane Evans
 - iii. Special Events – Nancy Foster
 - iv. Hospitality Co-ordinator – Rachel Long
 - v. Speaker – Sandra Mould
 - c. Re-elected Executive
 - i. Membership – Dave Mell
 - ii. Treasurer – Sue Perry
 - iii. Newsletter – Anne Redford
 - d. Returning Executive
 - i. Secretary – Sandy Vollo
 - ii. Past-President – Tivola Howe
 - iii. Club Historian/Webmaster – Karen Wiens
 - iv. Interest Group – Irene Bazell

- e. Tivola introduced our new President, Alan Kuroyama, who will now chair the balance of the meeting.
- f. Alan provided the following introductory comments:
 “As the incoming President, I would like to make my first order of business, giving thanks to all of the Management Committee, that includes both outgoing and members who will be continuing to serve. On this committee, each of you have been very generous with your time and energy to make this club what it is. Thank you. Thank you to Tivola for serving as the President for this past year under difficult COVID times, where we have to challenge ourselves to look beyond our comfort zone and experiment with new concepts such as virtual meetings. I look forward to your continued involvement as Past President.

To the outgoing Management committee members who have completed their terms and who did not seek re-election, thank you for your contributions to the formation of this Club, and please accept our gratitude and very best wishes. These members of course, are Faye Schiller, Sandy Eastwood, Carol Lindsay and Eleanor Summers.”

5. Financial Report – Sue Perry

- a. Janice Parker did a review of 2019 and made sure everything balanced. She completed this for 11 months, as September 2020 year-end is too close to our meeting date to gather all the data. She verified that the membership numbers and fees equalled what was shown in the Financial Report and circulated.
- b. October 31, 2019 balance sheet was signed and dated by Janice Parker and circulated.
- c. Surplus is \$2,023.80 and balanced. The surplus is a result of Room Rental credit, no special events, etc. The previous year’s surplus was added.
- d. The new Budget was based on 65 members, however, we now have 71 members, therefore we will have a \$29.90 surplus based on 71 members.
- e. Thanks to all who renewed their membership. We are still receiving a few in the mail.
- f. We do not need to use funds from surplus, unless we are able to resume meetings in person, at which time the Budget would need to be reviewed and circulated.
- g. Sandy Vollo made the motion to accept the Financial Reports as circulated, Seconded by Dave Mell – All in favor – Motion carried

6. Reports

- a. Special Events – Nancy Foster – Nothing to report
- b. Interest Groups – Irene Bazell
 - i. Strollers will not be strolling until Spring.
- c. Newsletter – Anne Redford
 - i. Anne will be preparing a Newsletter and it will be sent out early next week. Please send any insertions to Anne
- d. Membership – Dave Mell
 - i. Last Year 98 paid members
 - ii. Dave has sent out two emails over the past two months. Of the 98 members – 68 responded and renewed. 3 New members – totalling 71.
 - iii. 18 members did not respond at all and 12 declined to renew.

- iv. Another email will go out to the 18 members advising the date for payment is extended to November 30th, and if no response we will suspend membership.
 - e. Club Historian/Webmaster – Karen Wiens
 - i. Coffee Chat on Friday went well and will hold another one.
 - ii. Alan encourages everyone to try and attend as there is great fellowship and socializing.
 - iii. Karen is looking for extra people to help
 - f. Speakers – Sandra Mould – Nothing to report
7. Announcement – Kamloops Desert Hills 2nd Anniversary

- a. Alan provided the following comments:
 “This is the Desert Hills Club, 2nd anniversary. Actually, it was two years ago tomorrow, November 4th, 2018, that this club conducted its Inaugural meeting. Three of the founding Steering Committee Members who formed this Club are still active members today. They are; Faye Schiller, Tivola Howe and Carol Lindsay. Well done, Ladies. Our wholehearted thanks go out to you.

There were two Kamloops Probus Clubs who were active in our formation, and they became our Sponsors; The Thompson Rivers Club and the Grasslands Club.

We are very fortunate today to be joined by Inga Thomson Hilton, who originally represented the Thompson Rivers Club and greatly assisted our Steering Committee through our formation stages. She continues to be an active mentor for some of our Club’s Executive, providing good advice based on her vast experience.

Inga is now our District Representative of Probus Canada, and she has been kind enough to join us today to share in our 2nd Anniversary. Thank you Inga, and we look forward to your continued interest and your connection to this Club.”

- b. Inga Thompson Hilton:
 Greetings from Probus Canada – our Motto is “Get connected – Stay connected”, Inga is very happy to see so many attend the Virtual meeting and that we are continuing to function. Probus Canada now has 256 Clubs, 40,000 members and there are 13 districts represented.

Inga’s journey with Probus started in 2012. In 2007 she was recently retired and recently widowed and realized she needed to become engaged in and with people, so she signed onto the Thompson Rivers Club in the Fall of 2012. She extends greetings from Thompson Rivers and Probus Canada. She has seen and is impressed by our Newsletter, and is happy to see that we are living out the Motto.

Irene asked Inga what impact COVID has had on the other clubs as far as membership renewals. Probus Canada anticipated a reduction in members. Inga’s Club waived fees as they are more financially stable – all 120 members renewed.

Probus Directors meet once a quarter so she should know later this month more on the impact. Alan will be in contact with Inga in the next week or so to try and organize another Probus 4 Meeting.

Alan thanked Inga for her message.

8. Guest Speaker Introduction – Sandra Mould thanked Carol Lindsay for organizing our Speaker and then introduced our Guest Speaker, Richard Sullivan, who is the co-founder and financial lead of Hummingbird Drones. Richard Sullivan and Robert Atwood are the Team behind Hummingbird Drones.
9. Adjournment