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Meeting Highlights :

- President Bruce Taylor called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at St. Dave's Restaurant on Highway #36.
- Bruce continued by calling upon Dennis Eaton to come forward and introduce the morning's guest speaker, Geoff Coulson.
- Dennis stated that Geoff has been a meteorologist with Environment Canada for over 31 years, and has worked in a variety of capacities including weather forecasting, training, software development and outreach. For the last 11 years, he has been one of the two Warning Preparedness Meteorologists in Ontario. His primary duty is to work with key external clients to assist them in understanding the weather information provided by Environment Canada. Clients include emergency management organizations, municipalities, Provincial and Federal Ministries/Departments and the Media. He also manage the CANWARN storm spotter network in Ontario. These volunteers continue to be an integral part of Environment Canada's Severe Weather Watch/Warning Program.
- His presentation was called "Extreme Storms In Ontario", and here is a brief outline :
 - o He commenced his presentation by stating, "A continuing goal of Environment Canada, is the provision of targeted weather information to media and key clients in advance of, during and in the aftermath of severe weather in Ontario as well as the provision of training sessions to assist key clients in better understanding the weather patterns in Ontario.
 - o Geoff informed the group that there has been a slow start this season in regards to severe weather conditions /storms; because by the month of June, Ontario would have experienced a hand full of tornadoes.
 - o Ontario's Storm Prediction Centre is located at the Environment Canada building in Downsview, Ontario and it operates 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.
 - o This centre responds to emergency situations that are the direct results of weather conditions at that particular time.
 - o They issue Environment Canada messages that include :
 - o Special weather statements (two types - Short fuse (perhaps minutes) and Longer lead time (perhaps hours);
 - o Advisories;
 - o Watches for board areas;
 - o Warnings for a particular area.
 - o Our summer storms mainly consist of one these conditions :
 - o (a) Thunder storms (b) Extreme heat and humidly
 - o (c) Flash floods (d) Hail.

Health and Welfare Update

Please notify RON MORGAN, Health and Welfare, if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time....
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Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, July 14th



Andy Letham
Mayor, City of the Kawartha Lakes



Club member Chris Guillard (L) thanking Geoff Coulson for his presentation.



President Bruce (L) and Program Director, Richard Graham (M) officially welcoming new member Bob Moffatt into our Club.



President Bruce (L) and Program Director, Richard Graham (M) officially welcoming new member Steve Slack into our Club.

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- o We experience 100+ severe events a year in Ontario (late April to October) and they are broken down by percentages below :
 - o 50 to 60% winds;
 - o 20% rain;
 - o 20% hail
 - o 10% tornadoes.
- o Only 5 to 10 percent of storms are considered severe and they are labelled or determined by the following factors :
 - o Hail stones dimensions - larger than a nickel;
 - o Heavy rain – causing local flooding;
 - o Winds – greater than 90kms;
 - o Tornadoes.
- o he provided information regarding severe weather events that have taken place in : Barrie and Grand Valley (May, 1985), Angus(June,2012,) and Burlington (August, 2014) for examples,
- o he provided information regarding :
 - o summer weather safety procedures; what to do and what not to do during storms, tornados and down bursts;
 - o where to access the internet to view **Environment Canada's weather** web site that provides official **weather** warnings, current conditions, forecasts, and **weather** models, for public (weather.gc.ca);
 - o current radar view for Canada (intellcast.com);
 - o public alerts (google.org/publicalerts).
- Geoff concluded his presentation with the following statement : “Severe storms have tremendous effects on everyone’s safety, personal insurance fees/costs; therefore, whatever information that can be provided to the public prior to and during these events may prove beneficial to them.”
- Bruce called upon club member Chris Guillard to come forward and thank Geoff on behalf of the Club members, for his very informative presentation and presented him with an honorarium.
- Following a short break, President Bruce proceeded with the “Club Business” part of the meeting.
- President Bruce called upon Program Director, Richard Graham to come forward and introduce Steve Slack and Bob Moffat, who were to be become new members in our Club.
- Following their inductions, they were officially inducted by President Bruce and presented with our Probus Club's information Blue Booklet and their personal Probus name badges.
- Next Bruce presented highlights of the Management Committee meeting that was held previously on June 02nd :
 - Vice President Mike Catling presented an update on the status of the Nominating Committee. We still require volunteers to fill the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary;
 - our membership now stands at 99 members (with the two new members);
 - tickets for our trip to War Museum and Antique Automobile Museum on July 08th have gone fairly well;
 - it was a consensus of this group that entertainment wasn't required for the 2015 Christmas party, thus ticket prices for members and their guests will be reduced from \$60 to \$50;
- Next he called upon Past President Ted Abbot to present information regarding our Club's Founder's Award process.
- Ted informed the group that any member could be nominated to receive this award and the deadline for nominees this year is August 01st.
- Before adjourning the meeting and the members making their way to St. Dave's Diner Restaurant for the luncheon, Bruce read a little humorous story regarding a couple of men on a golf course.