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Meeting Highlights :

- President Bruce Taylor called our Founder's Day and Annual General meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- Bruce continued by calling upon our Past President, Ted Abbot, to come forward and introduce the morning's guest speaker, Nancy Payne.
- Nancy is the editor of Kayak, Canada's history magazine for kids, which is published four times a year by Canada's History Society. She grew on a farm south of Lindsay and attended I.E. Weldon S.S. Nancy obtained her Bachelor and Master of Journalism from Carleton University. She has freelanced for many major Canadian publications including Harrowsmith, Canadian Living, the Toronto Star and Globe and Mail, and also served as Director of Communications for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for two years. She also conducts workshops on clear communications for a Toronto firm. She presently lives northeast of Lindsay with her husband, Dennis Grignon, and their two teenaged sons.
- Her presentation was called, "Canada's National Symbols" and here is a brief outline of it.
 - o She commenced by stating, yes she is presently the editor of the Kayak magazine, which is children's magazine that presents our Canadian history in a way that they learn and enjoy at the same time. She informed the group that she had brought some samples of this magazine for membership to view and take a copy home to share one with a child they know.
 - o Their readers are mostly from about seven or eight to about 12 or 13 years old;
 - o she stated the past issue of Kayak in February was all about our national symbols, and especially the flag;
 - o the first part of her presentation, she talked about these early flags that flew over Canada :
 1. French Royal flag;
 2. Cross of St. George flag;
 3. Royal Union flag;
 4. other flags from our past and where they flew :
 - flags from countries like Spain (B.C. in 1789), Russia (B.C.'s coast from 1741 to 1784), American (trading posts in Alberta in the 1700s), and the Red Ensign (our unofficial flag on land and sea for 50 years) that were raised or displayed within Canadian's boundaries in earlier years;
 - o next she continued by providing some information regarding the Great Flag Debate that had taken place in earlier times :
 - in June 1964, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson introduced a bill to give Canada its own flag;
 - some of the country hated the idea and they wanted to keep our connection to Britain clear and didn't want to change our flag;
 - one of these individuals was John Diefenbaker, who was our previous prime minister and at that time was leader of the opposition;
 - a Parliamentary committee was formed with 15 members from the parties in the House of Commons;



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Health and Welfare Update

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Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, November 10th



Bruce Faulkner
Club Member.

"Remembrance Memories of a Lancaster"



New Treasurer Irwin Brown (R) thanking guest speaker Nancy Payne for her presentation.



Club's long time set-up crew receiving their Founder's Awards.



New President Mike Catling (R) presenting past President Bruce with gift on behalf of the membership.



The new Management Committee for 2015/2016 term.

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- the committee asked flag experts for their advice, and also requested the people of Canada to send in their design drafts, and thousands of people did;
- on December 15, 1964, the government finally just said the debate was over and it was time for a vote; the result was 163 in favour of the new maple leaf design and 78 against.
- -the maple leaf flag first flew on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on February 15, 1965
 - discussed the do's and don'ts in regards to flag display;
 - our national tree – 10 types of maples
 - we have no national flower;
 - our National colours are red and white;
 - Canada's Coat of Arms – 1868 first coat of arms;
 - talked about the Order of Canada :
 - three types of metals;
 - 6000 people have been award metals to date;
 - our National anthem :
 - originally created by two Frenchman – one the music and other the words;
 - National animals :
 - the Beaver, no National bird, and our National horse is called the "Canadian" breed;
 - National tartan :
 - four colours and named our National tartan in 2011.
- Nancy concluded her presentation by stating : "That she was very proud to be an Canadian; and that we all should be".
- Bruce called upon Treasurer Irwin Brown to come forward and thank Nancy on behalf of the Club members, for her very informative presentation.
- After a short break, our AGM meeting commenced (agenda below) :
 - Adoption of the agenda – previously circulated and carried;
 - Minutes of the 2014 AGM – previously circulated and carried;
 - Presentations of the Founder's Award to the following the members, Dick Bryan, Jim Mackey, Dave Robinson, Darcy McGee and Ron Wysynski; all long time members of our meeting set up crew;
 - President's report – Bruce elaborated on his past year as acting President. He then pass on a challenge to every member to consider their participation in some way, whether it be a member of the Management Committee, helping out special events, selling tickets or even working with our set up crew, that it certainly makes is easier to manage and operate our very special club.
 - Treasurer's report – financial statements and 2015/2016 budget – previously circulated and carried;
 - Report of the Nominating Committee/Election of Officers – previously circulated and carried;
 - Introduction of the 2015/2016 Management Committee :
 - President : Mike Catling
 - Past President : Bruce Taylor
 - Vice President : Bob Doran
 - Treasurer : Irwin Brown
 - Secretary : Harry Newton
 - Director of Membership : Brian Devan
 - Director of Programs : Richard Graham
 - Director of Club Services : Bob Barkwell
 - Director of Communications : Gerald Brown
 - Remarks from incoming President Mike Catling;
 - Remarks from Director of Programs – Richard Graham.
- Next Ron Morgan, Health and Welfare, informed the membership about the health issues concerning two of our members, Ron Fevang and Bob Puffer.
- Finally, as his last formal task as President, Bruce adjourned the AGM meeting and then he, along with the membership, was treated to a luncheon catered by the Pita Pantry.