

President Bob Berry opened the meeting at 9:57 am with 45 members in attendance. After welcoming the members and today's guest speaker, he announced that the total membership now stands at 74 members. There were no additional guests today. President Berry reminded members that we still need volunteer drivers to sign up to pick up other members who have need of a ride to and from meetings and activities.

Announcements

Activities – Ken Marchant

- Valentine's Day Dinner is scheduled for February 14, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at Symposium Restaurant and the sign-up sheet is on the welcome table. Sign-up will be closed off today.
- The performance of Jersey Boys is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at Drayton's Hamilton Theatre. Thanks to Warren Gregg for making the arrangements to get advanced tickets.
- There is a plan to get tickets to the Guelph Little Theatre for date in April.

Regarding Coffee mornings at the Symposium: Bob Berry announced that at last Thursday's gathering it was very noisy and members had a great deal of difficulty in hearing conversations. As a result, Martin Alderwick is going to speak to the Symposium to see if we could sit at the tables in the main part of the restaurant.

Regarding Incorporation: President Berry

- At the last meeting we introduced the idea of pursuing the intent to incorporate the Club. We informed you that the Articles of Incorporation were posted on our website for members to read. These articles have to be filed with the Province of Ontario along with a draft by-law. What we would like to propose today is to get a motion to proceed with incorporation. President Berry asked if there were any questions to which he provided an answer.

Moved by David Wallace and seconded by Ron East

That the Royal City Men's Club proceed with the intent to incorporate with an effective date of March 31, 2024.

Carried

Speaker Presentation

Jim Brown: Emergency Services in Guelph/Wellington

Bio:

Jim Brown has been a paramedic for almost 25 years, 20 of those as an Advanced Care Paramedic. He began his career with Toronto Paramedic Service and worked in many different areas of the city. After 17 years he moved on and began working for Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Service. He worked on the ambulance for several more years and was part of the Service Education Team before becoming a Field Superintendent. Recently he began a new role as Acting Commander of Training and Recruitment. He has been a resident of Guelph for 18 years and lives here with his wife and two daughters.

Presentation:

Membership Meeting
With Jim Brown – Emergency Services in Guelph/Wellington

February 1, 2024

Jim will spoke about how EMS operates, some of the challenges they face. Jim had some interesting stories, and how we as seniors can best prepare for the day we might require EMS support.

You can find Jim Brown's presentation on the Club website under Speaker's Notes for this date.

Following a question and answer period, Bob Berry thanked Jim Brown for his presentation and gave him a token of the Club's appreciation.

Adjournment @ 11:02 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings

Bio:

Presentation:

President Bob Berry thanked Ed for his presentation and presented him with a token of appreciation.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2024 with

Adjournment @11:02 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings