

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Max and Ruth Newman at Henry Kendall Village at Wyoming on Tuesday, 2nd December 2003.

President Forbes opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the Committee. Those present were President Forbes Smith, Vice Presidents Mike Ryan and John Short, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Max Newman, Membership Officer John Orme, Social Convenors David Dunbar and Harry Green, and Editor Barry Riley.

Apologies were received from Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts.

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were taken as read on a motion from President Forbes and seconded by John Short.

All Matters Arising from the minutes were dealt with in the correspondence or in the various reports.

Correspondence Newsletters received from other Probus Clubs were handed to President Forbes. A letter was sent to Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club booking all our monthly meeting dates for 2004 and a reply was received from Avoca Beach Bowling Club confirming our bookings for 2004 and particularly confirming that we would be able to have the full auditorium for our School debate on 24th August 2004. The Secretary then circulated a list of meeting dates for 2004 showing which meeting dates require a profile speaker. It was noted that no booking had been made for our Annual Xmas Party in 2004 and this will be discussed again at the February or April Committee meeting next year. The Secretary has placed an order with RDU for the New President's Collar Bar and the Past President's Plaque.

A submission was received from Ed Board recommending that the Probus club of Kincumber Inc appoint a Webmaster and develop our own web site.

Ed Board's submission was discussed at length and it was felt by the Committee that the development of the Club's own website would require an enormous amount of unnecessary work and cost to the Club for the doubtful benefit to only 40% of our members. It was further felt that the main aim of the Club was fellowship not promotion of a tedious work like activity. No one on the Committee professed to have any knowledge of the setting up of websites or expressed any interest in being the Webmaster constantly updating the Club's information, which is already available in hard copy. Problems of the Privacy Laws were also raised. However the Committee acknowledges Ed Board's great enthusiasm and it was decided that the proposal should not be discarded entirely and should remain on the table for further consideration and discussion by future committees & will be reviewed again in twelve months. Enquiries will also be made as to how other Probus Clubs present and value their websites. Ed Board will be advised by the Secretary of the Committee's decision and thanked for his submission.

All correspondence was accepted and approved on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Barry Riley.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Max presented his financial statement showing a closing balance for the Administration Account of \$2299.78. Max has looked into the crystal ball and believes that we will finish the year with a small deficit of around \$150.00 and that there will probably be no need to increase our fees for next year. The

Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Max and seconded by John Orme.

President's Report President Forbes asked Editor Barry Riley to insert a notice in the December Newsletter about the recent passing of John Langley. President Forbes raised the question of procedure for the appointment of the four new Life Members at the 20th Anniversary lunch in March and it was agreed that the appointments would be presented and ratified at the February Ladies meeting and formalised at the 20th

Anniversary lunch with the presentation to the recipients of Life Member Badges. President Forbes will visit each of the proposed Life Members beforehand to advise them of their appointments. In concluding his report President Forbes wished all the Committee Merry Christmas.

Membership Officer John Orme reported that after the recent induction of new members Lawrie Lidster and Paul Harrop we have 78 members and two vacancies. The application form from Noel Richards has been mislaid and a new one has been sent to him. It was also noted that applicants have been omitting to state their previous occupations and this will be rectified in due course.

Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts was absent.

Social Convenor David Dunbar reported that he had 101 members and five guests coming to the Probus Christmas Party on 9th December 2003, entertainment would be provided by Paul Edgar and David Dufty and some coerced Probus members. David was authorised to use the surplus funds from the Bushwalk Xmas party to supplement lucky door prizes. It was decided to hold the Annual recovery picnic at the usual place at Davistown on 13th January 2004 to commence at 11 am or at the Progress hall if the weather is inclement. A champagne breakfast is being arranged at John and Anne Mulfords house at Macmasters Beach on 10th February 2004. The annual holiday to the Snowy Mountains is progressing with 51 names on the list. Final deposits of \$100.00 per person are required by 31st December 2003. David has contacted the Cooma Men's Probus to arrange a suitable get together between our two Clubs.

Editor Barry Riley issued a revised membership list with the recent changes and new positions for the phone numbers. Barry also presented a preliminary format and layout for the 20th Anniversary publication and cover photograph by President Forbes for perusal by the Committee and was authorised to proceed as required.

General Business Vice President Mike Ryan raised the subject of the programme for the 20th Anniversary lunch and suggested he organise speakers drawn from the original members to talk about the foundation of the Club and this was approved. The 20th Anniversary lunch should now be publicised in every Newsletter up to March 2004. The cost was finalised at \$27.50 per head and David Dunbar and Harry Green will commence collecting money at the January meeting. There will be no entertainment or raffles or lucky door prizes. President Forbes will write to the President of Kincumber Rotary inviting him to be our only official guest. The 20th Anniversary sub committee will visit Davistown RSL in March to finalise menus and tablecloths and a final programme for the lunch will be drawn up.

Vice President John Short issued a list of profile speakers for 2004 which will be slightly revised with the deletion of Richard Collins who has already given his life story at our November Meeting

A brief discussion took place on the forthcoming elections and it was noted that Harry Green would take over from Keith Austin as official photographer and Forbes Smith would take over from David Lester as official historian. Richard Collins has agreed to be the Junior Vice President and we are still looking for a Treasurer to replace Max Newman who wishes to retire in March 2004. David Dunbar is looking for an assistant to train to take over from him eventually and all the other positions would appear to remain unchanged.

A vote of thanks was given to Ruth and Max Newman for the use of their home and the very nice morning tea provided.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the home of Forbes and Nanette Smith at Sunny Saratoga on Tuesday, 3rd February 2004.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.07pm

Confirmed by President  date 3rd February 2004