

Minutes of the Committee meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc, held at the home of David & Mione Dunbar at Kincumber on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

President Mike opened the meeting at 9.30am. Those present were President Mike Ryan, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Nev Owen, Membership Officer John Orme, and Social Convenor David Dunbar.

Apologies were received from Vice President Richard Collins and Editor Barry Riley.

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting having already been circulated were taken as read on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by David Dunbar.

It was agreed to change the wording in the previous minutes reading "Certificates of Merit", to "Certificates of Long Service".

Matters Arising. A discussion took place on the concept of the Certificates of Long Service and it was felt that now is not the right time to issue these certificates in view of the ongoing Club discussions on Life Membership. It was agreed that the matter should be held in abeyance for at least 12 months and that perhaps the issue of 20 year Probus badges would be more appreciated by the members. It was agreed to record a vote of thanks to Barry Riley for his work in producing the prototype Certificates of Long Service for the committee to examine.

Correspondence Our submission was sent to the Probus Centre South Pacific concerning our proposed changes to the Model Constitution and all Committee members had previously received a copy. No acknowledgment from Probus Centre has yet been received.

Correspondence was received from East Gosford Probus complaining about the lack of time given to Probus Clubs to prepare submissions to alter the constitution and expressing concern about the wording "and other contributions" in clause 7(b) of the constitution and seeking our support. This was discussed in detail and the secretary produced an explanation from Probus Centre South Pacific for the wording of "and other contributions" that he had received two years ago and this was felt to be a satisfactory explanation. In view of the fact that we had already complained to Probus Centre South Pacific in our submission about the short time given to Probus Clubs to prepare submissions, it was decided that there was no need to support their (East Gosford Probus) request. President Mike may take up the offer from East Gosford Probus Club President Frank Cross to discuss the matter with him by phone.

Correspondence was received from Ettalong Probus Club offering to receive our newsletter by email, and after checking with Barry Riley on his return from Vietnam to see if this is possible we will contact Ettalong Probus Club to find out more details. The Secretary will also explore the history of how it was decided years ago which Probus Clubs were chosen to swap Newsletters with as there are 14 other local Probus Clubs in addition to the 12 local Probus Clubs that we now correspond with.

A resignation was received from Les Ireland who is moving to a nursing home in Camden.

A notice of motion from Gordon Taylor and seconded by Ed Board was received requesting that "Life Members shall be required to pay the same fees as all other members, and also that Life Members be excluded from voting on this proposal".

This request was discussed in detail and it was decided to proceed with the required 21 days notice of the motion in the next issue of the newsletter, exactly as it reads, however it will be pointed out by the President that the second part of the motion, viz, "that Life members be excluded from voting on this proposal" is unconstitutional and cannot be proceeded with. President Mike will highlight this at the October meeting during discussion on the notice of motion to change the By Laws to limit the number of Life Members. This is calculated to address the problem of the financial viability

of the Club with regard to the current system of Life Members not paying any fees. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Nev submitted his financial statement showing a closing balance of \$2561.72 for the Administration Account. Treasurer Nev also submitted his revised method of showing Budget Income and Expenses month by month. A short discussion took place on whether the drawing of each individual cheque needs to be approved and noted in the minute book, however it was decided this was not necessary as the secretary includes the entire financial report from the Treasurer for each month in the minute book. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Nev Owen and seconded by David Dunbar.

President's Report President Mike advised that he had nothing additional to report and proceeded with the various reports.

Membership Officer John Orme reported that we now have 69 members and advised that both Ron Baker and Colin Sheumack are requesting to go on the inactive list making a new total of 67 members with 13 vacancies. A short discussion took place on the drop in numbers, however, no conclusions were reached.

Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts was absent

Social Convenor David Dunbar advised that the October trip to Mt Penang Gardens was proceeding, however, the November trip to the Blue Mts. did not appear to be financially viable and it was decided to cancel this trip and David will investigate another picnic.

The arrangements for the Christmas Party at Davistown RSL on 14<sup>th</sup> December were proceeding and as David and Mione will be away it was agreed to take up the very kind offer of Harry Green and Ken Robson to help with the arrangements and running of the party.

David has 27 names for the Broken Hill Annual Holiday trip, however it was decided that the date should be moved from April to early May as the current date in April is in the School Holidays and returns with only one day before our general meeting. David Dunbar confirmed that he would be away from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004 to the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 and would miss the December Committee meeting.

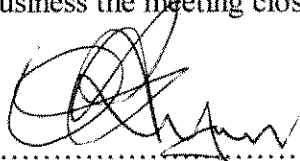
Editor Barry Riley was absent in Vietnam. The secretary requested that we ask Barry on his return to issue an updated membership list as there had been several alterations to membership classifications and addresses.

General Business A preliminary discussions took place on prospective Office bearers for 2005-2006 it was confirmed that the Secretary after 7 years in office wishes to retire as Secretary and Public Officer at the end of the current term and various members are being approached. Treasurer Nev advised that he would be happy to remain as Treasurer.

President Mike thanked David and Mione for the use of their home and the very nice morning tea provided. The next meeting would be held at the home of Vice President Richard Collins at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004 subject to confirmation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm

Confirmed by President.....



date 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004