

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of John Rudd on 3 April 2012

The meeting opened at 2.30pm. Those present were John Rudd (President), Thelma Leonard (Vice President), John Sutton (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor) and John Pagett (Membership Officer). An apology was received from Past President Rhoda Roberts.

President John welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 7 February 2012: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: The new Constitution and Standing Resolutions were distributed at the February General Meeting.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; resignation from Kevin Finn

President's Report: John advised that he will be unable to attend the April General Meeting as he will be in the West Indies.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts with unrepresented cheques included in the figures:

Balance at 1 March 2012	\$1075.00	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>March</i>
Income	\$1020.00	\$1020.00
Expenses	\$60.00	\$60.00
Balance at 31 March 2012	\$2035.00	

Barry's report was accepted.

Barry advised that so far 36 Members had paid their fees.

Membership Report: The Committee accepted Membership applications from Anne Madin, Arthur Adeney and Yvonne Chandler. John Pagett will advise them and arrange name badges. If available, they will be inducted at the next Meeting.

The Committee decided that in the future we will ask prospective members to attend two or three meetings before they apply to join. This will to give them a better appreciation of the nature of our Club.

The Committee accepted Kevin Finn's resignation. Richard will write thanking him for his contributions to the Club.

John tabled a revised Application form. The Committee decided to continue to seek information on the name of spouse/partner, and to continue to include the spouse name in the Membership Register that is distributed to members. John will send the final form to Richard, who will arrange copies for all Committee members.

The Committee decided to remove the list of widows from the Membership Register. However, we will continue to send News Sheets to widows as in the past.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs advised that he will be unable to prepare the May News Sheet. Barry Riley agreed to handle this.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised the following future speakers: Alan Flores on recent trends in libraries (April); Bob Smith on films of the 50s and 60s (May), Tom Richmond on Ginger Meggs (June); John Sutton on the James Craig (July); Richard Collins on global warming (September); Doug Edwards on his experiences as a submariner (October).

At Marie's suggestion the Committee decided to replace the certificate currently presented to speakers with a label on the wine bottle that thanks the speaker and includes some details about the Club.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that there will be no Social event in April due to the golfing and bushwalking trip to Nelson Bay. Future social events are Kooindah Waters Sculpture on the Greens (May); the SES complex at Erina (June); and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Laycock Street Theatre (July). Lorraine and Kevin Southgate will organise the November bush picnic. Ruth advised that she had booked the Tree Tops restaurant for our December Christmas lunch.

Bushwalking Report: We will give Janet Smith a birthday cake at a forthcoming bushwalk to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Golf: John Rudd advised that 12 Probus members played golf last Friday.

Theatre: No report

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley said that the site was operating well.

Debates: Richard has not yet found a person to take over the organisation of the debates. He is about to start the process. However, he will be unavailable to Chair at least some of the debates in August.

Meetings: John Sutton will take over the organisation of Profile speakers. Thelma will pass on to him the list of possible speakers and Richard will send him a complete list of past speakers. Thelma has arranged the following speakers: Helen Sutton (April); Anne Swan (May).

John Sutton will approach John Mulford to give a "Five Minutes of Fame" talk in June.

Annual Return to Department of Fair Trading: Richard will complete this and will send it off (cost \$49.00).

Annual Return to Probus South Pacific: Richard will complete this and send it off. There were 67 members at today's date (Capitation cost \$7.00). The Committee decided that there are no non-members for whom we should be paying fees. The Committee decided to purchase 35 Probus magazines (\$7.00 each, for 6 issues during the year). The total cost of the Probus return will be \$700.00.

General Business: Barry is getting the signatories for our accounts up to date.

Thelma advised that she will be unable to attend the next Committee meeting as she will be in the UK.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 5 June 2012 at Richard Collins' place: 737 The Scenic Road MacMasters Beach.

On behalf of the Committee, Thelma thanked Diane and John for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

Signed as a correct record: John Rudd (President):