

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Richard Collins on 1 June 2010

The meeting opened at 9.30 am. Those present were David Dennison (President), Rhoda Roberts (Senior Vice President), John Rudd (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), and Reg Davis (Membership Officer).

President David welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 6 April 2010: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and several changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were accepted.

Business arising from Minutes: Reg Davis advised that Ron Sinclair would not be attending meetings in the future. The Committee agreed to record him as having resigned.

Richard apologised for not having written to George Costigan in response to his letter concerning Ed Board as asked at the last meeting. He will do this as a matter of urgency.

Richard has submitted the Annual Return to the Department of Fair Trading, and the Annual Update to Probus South Pacific.

The list of Office Bearers of the Club has been circulated to Committee members and Members have been advised that it is available.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; letter of Resignation from Stan Hannaford: proposal from Probus Centre that the all clubs might consider donating to a specific charity. (The Committee decided not to proceed with this.)

President's Report: President David had nothing to report.

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

Balance at 1 March 2010	\$1,064.01		
		<i>Year to date</i>	<i>May</i>
Income	\$1710.00		\$330.00
Expenses	\$1008.46		\$44.99
Balance at 31 May 2010	\$1765.55		

Barry advised that 55 Members have paid their annual fees. Fees are still outstanding from Roy Bird, Ern Williams, Kevin Gosby and Ken Jones. Barry said that he expected all of them to pay and the Committee decided that they will be in this year's Membership list. The Club therefore currently has 59 Members plus 4 Life Members. John Rudd's list agrees with this. The Committee accepted Barry's report.

Membership Report: The Committee accepted Stan Hannaford's resignation. Richard will write to him. With this resignation, the Club now has no Non-Active Members.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs will distribute a new Membership list at the next General Meeting. Barry mentioned that he had learnt that a country Probus club was having its monthly newsletter printed without charge at the office of the local MP. The Committee asked Wally to decide whether he wants to look into this possibility for our News Sheet.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick Leonard advised that speakers were as at the last General Meeting. (On the day following day, the Police speaker promised for the June meeting cancelled. Patrick is arranging an alternative speaker.)

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth said that she preferred not to proceed with the proposal discussed at the last meeting that we have a self-catered Christmas lunch at the MacMasters Beach Surf Clubhouse. She suggested an alternative outdoor spit roast lunch. Anne and John Mulford had offered their place for this lunch. Barry said that he can borrow a tent. The Committee enthusiastically supported this proposal. Ruth has 22 starters for the 8 June morning tea at the Ken Duncan Gallery. In July Ruth and Reg will be away, and she thanked Mione and David Dunbar for volunteering to organise a soup and damper day at MacMasters Beach Surf Clubhouse and, if it rains, at their place. In August we will have a day at Wyong races.

Bushwalking Report: Richard advised that the following are organising bushwalks: June – Kevin and Lorraine Southgate at Dingledei Reserve; July – Barry and Marie Riley from Edogawa Gardens; August – Rhoda Roberts at Fagans Bay, West Gosford; and September – John and Anne Mulford.

Bowls: Reg said that there is essentially no bowls activity at this time. The Committee decided to remove bowls as a Club activity from the News Sheet for the time being.

Golf: John Rudd said that golf numbers were also small at times. However, the activity will be maintained.

Theatre: Because there was little support for the theatre program at present, the Committee decided to investigate the possibility of amalgamating our theatre activities with those of another organisation, such as the Ladies Social Club. David Dunbar will be consulted in this process.

Web site: Barry is looking for more comment and content for the web site. Barry received a poor response to his enquiries to Probus South Pacific about having our web site hosted on the Probus server. The Committee decided not to pursue the idea.

Meetings: In June, Thelma Leonard will give a Profile talk. In July, Fred Leake will give a Historical presentation. Richard said that arrangements for the debating competition in August are proceeding well. He will be away all of August, and Rhoda offered to Chair the final debate of the competition.

General Business: The Committee will reschedule its next meeting because of Richard's August absence. Rhoda sought advice on how she should manage her responsibility to oversight the activities of the co-opted members. The Committee agreed to continue the present informal system. However, Rhoda needs to be informed of any unusual or out-of-normal-schedule activities, such as the recent Gloucester trip. The Committee agreed with a suggestion from Barry that there is no need for Ruth to present financial information in her reports because the amount in the Social account varies up and down depending on the timing of payments and receipts for each function.

In the ring around following the death of Norm Walsh there was some confusion over which list should be used. The correct list was issued on 5 April 2010.

The next meeting will be held at 3.00pm on Tuesday 20 July at Barry Riley's place, 61 Lakeside Drive MacMasters Beach.

On behalf of the Committee, David thanked Richard for hosting this meeting. The meeting closed at 10.45am.

Signed as a correct record: David Dennison (President)