

PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC
MINUTES
OF THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at
THE AVOCA BEACH BOWLING CLUB
on MARCH 28TH 2006.

President Richard Collins opened the meeting at 10.30am.

Minutes of 2005 AGM

The Secretary Don Wiseman read the minutes of the last AGM on 22nd March 2005 and moved that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting

This motion was seconded by Gordon Maxwell, and accepted.

Financial Report for the year ending February 2006

Treasurer Nev Owen gave a very full report of the club's financial position over the last year. Every member was given a copy of full balance sheets of General and Social Accounts.

The Treasurer said the accounts had been audited by Gordon Maxwell in accordance with current regulations and moved that they be accepted. This was seconded by Murray Coutts and agreed by the meeting.

Fees for next year

President Richard moved that the joining fee remain at \$20.00 and the Annual Subscription remain at \$30.00 for the ensuing year. This motion was seconded by David Dunbar. In speaking to his motion, Richard reminded the meeting that the proposed web site had not become active during the year due to Geoff Veel's death, and therefore no costs had been incurred from this initiative. Even so, the Club had still only just broken even for the year due to the lower than anticipated number of new members. Richard said that the Committee had examined the likely income and expenditure for the next year, and had calculated that, if the fees remain unchanged and there is no web site, income and expenditure will be nearly equal. If the web site gets up and running during the year, a slight deficit is likely. It was on this basis that the Committee had decided to recommend that the fees remain unchanged. After some discussion, the motion was agreed unanimously.

Confirmation of signatories to cheque accounts

On the recommendation of Treasurer Nev, seconded by President Richard, the meeting resolved that signatories to the accounts would be in accordance with our By-Laws:

Administration Account: President David Dunbar, Vice President Ron Coleman, Secretary Don Wiseman, Treasurer George Costigan.

Social Account: President David Dunbar, Secretary Don Wiseman, Treasurer George Costigan, and Social Convener David Dennison.

President's Report

President Richard first stated that, during his year in office, he had intended that the Club concentrate on those things for which Probus had been formed – fellowship, fun and mutual support – and he believed that we had done this well. Richard's greatest regret was the passing of seven members during the year. Although he was pleased that we had welcomed four new members into the Club, obviously our membership is steadily declining. Richard expressed his belief that the Club must give serious consideration to becoming mixed in the longer term. As a step in this direction, Richard suggested that the incoming Committee consider inviting our ladies to all meetings. He said that there are several good reasons in favour of this idea, and that he could not think of a single reason against it. Richard thanked all of the members of the Committee, including co-opted members, for their contributions during the year, and emphasised that a Club such as ours could not function without the hard work of all of these people. He also thanked the members of the Club for their support. Richard concluded by saying that he considered it a privilege and an honour to have had the opportunity to serve the Club as President.

Election of Office Bearers for the next year

President Richard informed the meeting that the following nominations had been received for officers for the next year and, according to our By Laws, they are therefore elected.

Committee members

President	David Dunbar
Senior Vice President	Ron Coleman
Junior Vice President	Peter Moore
Secretary	Don Wiseman
Treasurer	George Costigan
Social Convener	David Dennison
Speaker Organiser	Stan Roberts
Membership Officer	John Orme
Editor	Barry Riley

Co-opted Members

Welfare Officer	Ken Robson
Bushwalking	Richard Collins
Club Historian	Ron Coleman
Club Photographer	Harry Green
Golf Organizer	Keith Tysoe
Bowls Organiser	Reg Davis
Catering Officers	John van Gelder, Laurie Gillies, Kevin Southgate

Appointment of Auditor

On the motion of Nev Owen, seconded by Mike Ryan, the meeting resolved to appoint Gordon Maxwell as Auditor for 2006/07.

Appointment of Public Officer

On the motion of Richard Collins, seconded by Bruce Dunlop, the meeting resolved to appoint Don Wiseman as Public Officer for 2006/7.

Installation of President-elect David Dunbar

President Richard then called upon President-elect David Dunbar to come forward. Richard installed David as President for 2006/07 by handing the President's chain of office. Richard then removed the Probus tie which had been presented to him a year earlier by Immediate Past President Mike Ryan. Richard remarked that the tie was still in essentially as-new condition, having been worn only eleven times through the year, and reminded President-elect David of the Club's tradition, of which he had been blissfully unaware until he was given it, that the President should wear a tie at all meetings.

Presentation to President Richard

President-elect David presented President Richard, much to his surprise, with a bound volume of the News Sheets over the last year and a photographic record of the activities of the Club during his year in office. The Past President's plaque and badge will be presented at the next meeting due to a slight hiccup in administration by Secretary Don.

Richard's final act as President was to ask Alf Billett to draw the door prize which was won by Peter Blackwell with Green F88, and who received a bottle of Red. Retiring Treasurer Nev willingly took possession of the bottle owing to Audrey Owen, and the other two outstanding owed bottles to Ken Robson and Stan Roberts were held over to the next meeting.

President Richard closed the meeting at 11.15am.

Signed as a correct record:  Date: 6-6-06