

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Marilyn and Richard Collins on Tuesday 7 the February 2005.

President Richard opened the meeting at 9.33 am and welcomed the Committee. Those present were President Richard Collins, Vice-President David Dunbar, Secretary Don Wiseman, Treasurer Nev Owen, Membership Officer John Orme, Editor Barry Riley, and Social Convenor David Dennison. An apology was received from Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 had previously been circulated, and were taken as read and accepted on a motion from Barry and seconded by David Dunbar.

Matters Arising: At the January General Meeting, members were informed about the new procedure for making the Draft Minutes of the previous General Meeting available for reading, and then moving that they be adopted without reading. No member had raised concerns about this procedure. However, Ed Board had subsequently asked if the Draft Minutes could be circulated by email prior to each Meeting. President Richard expressed support for this idea. Barry suggested that, in order to minimise inequities between those with and without email, this should only be done just before the Meeting. He also said that, in order to prevent alteration, the document should be circulated as a read-only pdf file. There was general support for this idea. Richard will raise the matter with members at the next Meeting.

Correspondence: A letter was received informing the Club of Jack Gentle's death. Several newsletters were received from other Probus Clubs, and were circulated around the Committee.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from Don Wiseman and seconded by John Orme.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nev Owen tabled the financial report, and advised that the Club's finances are broadly within budget. The balance of the Club's bank account on 31<sup>st</sup> February 2006 was \$2180.

Nev also reported that the balance of the Social Club account at 31<sup>st</sup> January (after payment of outstanding invoices) was \$1134.60.

Nev's report was accepted on his motion, seconded by Don.

President's Report: Richard noted that this would be the last Committee meeting that he would chair. He said that he was pleased that his Presidency had been almost free from controversy, and he was happy with the spirit of friendship and fellowship within the Club. However, he expressed disappointment with the small number of new members that he had inducted, and sadness at the six deaths that had occurred since he took office. Richard said the he felt that the Club should move to be a mixed one within the next few years, and that a useful step towards this may be to invite spouses to all meetings.

Membership: Membership Officer John reported that the Club currently has 64 active members. He noted that attendance at meetings is in decline. Barry presented a graph showing a 25% reduction in the proportion of male members that have attended General Meetings over the past few years. Richard will show this graph to members at the next General Meeting. It was also suggested that there could be instructive to analyse which meetings had higher and lower attendances than average.

Membership application forms had been received from Peter Blackwell (nominated by John Mulford, supported by Richard Collins), and Wally Tuffs (nominated by David Dennison, supported by John Orme) These applications were accepted by the Committee. These new members will be inducted at the next General Meeting. It was agreed to waive any partial fees for the previous year.

Speaker Convenor: In the absence of Stan Roberts, Richard advised that future speakers are Noel Olive in February (Human rights), Dylis Renham (Symbolism in Art) in March, and Carl Bliim (Road safety, NRMA, to be confirmed) on 2 May (the April meeting, delayed due to Anzac Day falling on the regular Tuesday). Don George, former Chair of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, will speak on nuclear power shortly.

Social Convenor David Dennison advised that in February we would meet at Pioneer Park at Point Fredrick for morning tea. The proposed March outing to the Maritime Museum has been postponed due to the absence of The Endeavour. David is working on a trip to Garden Island. He is also seeking more participants for the Tamworth trip from 14 to 19 May. He will continue to investigate the possibility of a Murray River trip in 2007.

Editor Barry Riley told the Committee that, following mention of Lionel Hughes' wedding anniversary in the last News Sheet, Ron Coleman had advised him that Lionel had died about a year ago, but that we had not known of this. Richard will inform members at the next meeting. John commented that this was the first time that such a thing had happened, so the system, while not perfect, obviously worked well.

Bushwalking: Richard advised that the March bushwalk will be at Green Point..

Theatre Convenor, Vice-President David discussed several upcoming activities

Office Bearers for next year: The Committee decided on the following nominations:

President: David Dunbar

Senior Vice-President: Ron Coleman

Junior Vice-President: No nomination at this stage

Secretary: Don Wiseman

Treasurer: George Costigan

Editor: Barry Riley

Membership: John Orme

Speaker Convenor: Stan Roberts

Budget for next year: Treasurer Nev proposed, and the Committee agreed, that the budgeted expenditure for next year should be essentially the same as for this year, and that fees should remain unchanged. This would result in a predicted deficit of approximately \$200 to \$300, which could be readily absorbed by reserves. In the longer term, if the Club were to become mixed, this would allow a complete rethink of the fee level.

General Business: David Dunbar raised the possibility of having the Christmas function return to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club. The Committee agreed that this should be considered, along with other options for this function, such as a ferry cruise.

President Richard thanked the Committee for their support during his Presidency, and for their contributions, and remarked that he had greatly appreciated their cooperation. On behalf of the Committee, Nev, thanked Richard for his contributions as President.

The next Committee meeting will be held at David Dennison's home at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006. As immediate Past President, Richard is invited to attend this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.35 am.

Confirmed by President ..... Date.....