

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at Vice President Ted Johnson's home on Tuesday 4th February, 1997.

Present President Fred Leake, in the chair, VP Ted Johnson, Gordon Maxwell, Nev Owen, Lerryn Mutton, John Wallace, Ken Robson, Ron Coleman and Welfare Officer Len Fricker by invitation.

Minutes of the 12th November, 1996, meeting were read, confirmed and received on a motion proposed by Ron Coleman and seconded by Ken Robson, carried.

Matters arising, there were no matters arising.

Correspondence letter from Jim Lloyd MP thanks for the manner in which the Club received his recent address and offering to speak again if required.

News Sheet from Probus Clubs of Wamberal and Brisbane Waters (to Pres).

Letter from Group Link advertising holidays and inviting 2 person to attend a presentation in Sydney (to Social Convenor).

Moved by Nev Owen and seconded by Ted Johnson that the correspondence be received, carried.

REPORTS.

President Fred advised that applications for leave of absence had been received from Vice President Ted for May, June & July and from both Treasurer Nev and Secretary Gordon for April and May, he recommended that they be approved, carried unanimously. In his absence John Wallace agreed to carry out Ted's Vice President Ted duties until June and then, if he elected President, his Presidential duties. Jack Metcalf had indicated he was willing to be Acting Treasurer and Secretary Gordon was to approach David Kenny to see if he would act in his place.

A discussion on the amount of payment to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club occurred, the Committee was advised we were the only Club paying for the use of the auditorium. It was agreed not to vary the amount at this stage but it should be reviewed annually.

The Committee was also advised that for regular meetings we would have to use only half of the auditorium, with the partition in place the Lady Bowlers would be using the other half, however they had agreed that on Ladies day the full auditorium would be available. It was also suggested that for mens meetings only the head table be set up, members would have seating arranged (tables be folded up by Club staff who would replace them following our meeting).

The PA system has now been altered to serve each of the separated sections of the auditorium as well as the whole.

Treasurer Nev advised the Dec balance was \$ 1400.13 income since \$ 20.00 expenditure \$44.69 plus \$ 31.30 chq this morning balance \$ 1344.13. It was moved by Gordon Maxwell and seconded by Fred Leake that cheques numbered 100556 to 100465 inclusive be approved for payment and the Treasurer's report be received, carried.

Social Convenor Ron advised his current balance was \$ 1311.42.

He advised attendance at the Mystery Boat cruise was 51, a great day, especially as the boat sank 2 days later, Melbourne Cup Day 73, recommended that in future sweets be served, not self serve, Xmas lunch 90, Jan fish & chips 70.

The coach trip to Wollombi was fully booked with reserves, the March freezer filler tour now had an itinerary prepared by Central coast Tourist assoc. and the BYO picnic lunch would be at Long Jetty Rotary Park where toilets were available. He had prepared map of the route to be issued.

Cooma trip in April coach full, 21 rooms available at motel, if an extra room available can take 2 more.

April a luncheon proposed at Viglione's at Copacabana and in May a visit to Elliotts Herbal Gardens \$3 each with a lecture then onto Ourimbah RSL for lunch.

June a coach trip to Tobruk Sheep Station, Maroota entertainment and lunch \$ 36.00pp
July a tour of the Richmond Air Base.

President Fred congratulated Ron on the great job he was doing and the marvellous outing planned. Ron said it was disappointing that the same half of the members regularly attended all functions with only token representation by the others.

Guest Speaker Organiser Lerryn advised in March Ern Williams, Senior Railway Engineer, for the Pilbarra Iron Ore Industry, Pres. Fred to introduce and he would require a video, Alan Reid be approached to thank him.

In April the President of A.I.R. would be introduced by Ken Robson.

In May the previous Governor's wife Shirley Sinclair would be the guest speaker and it was suggested that Avoca Beach Probus Club be invited to attend. The Secretary to issue the invitation. The auditorium would need to be set with chairs only
It was suggested only a very short meeting take place President's welcome and short report, Treasurer state only balances and Social Convenor speak briefly.
The head table consist of both Club Presidents, our Vice President Treasurer and Secretary.

Lerryn advised he would take her to lunch.

In June John Richardson who was for 25 years Managing editor of John Fairfax.

Editor John advised he had requested both the Card and Bowls organisers submit their reports earlier to avoid delaying printing the News Sheet. He was congratulated on his good work in making our's the Best News Sheet on the Central Coast.

Welfare Officer Len suggested his telephone number be included under his name in the News Sheet (agreed) and that he would be away for 2 week in February while Esme was in hospital but would be attending the meeting.

Vice President Ted advised there were now only 3 names left on the Profile list and during discussion it was suggested we go around members again in alphabetical order, it could be both amusing and interesting.

Bushwalking Pres. Fred advised the walk in March would be along the foreshore reserve at Woy Woy with devonshire tea at Janet's the up Blackwell Mountain. He had arranged for the gate to be opened so cars could go up for those who could not walk including Ian rex & Bruce Dunlops The view is great so bring your cameras and videos.
BYO lunch on the reserve outside Janet's.

As we will be away on the Cooma holiday on usual walking 3rd Tuesday in April he proposed a walk on the fifth Tuesday ie 29th April a walk and talk around the two historic churches in Kincumber with a BYO luncheon on the foreshore at the Orphanage.
In May walk the bush track from Killcare Heights to Daleys Point and Rileys Bay across the Rip Bridge to Capt Cook Memorial Booker Bay with a BYO lunch in the adjacent park where amenities were available. A car shuttle would be necessary.

Membership Officer Ken advised we have 70 members (one who has not paid his annual fee and may due to ill health not in future attend, the Secretary was requested to investigate and advise the Committee), 3 Life Members , 1 transferree Max Newman, 7 inactive and 6 on the waiting list.

A number of members who regrettably were not attending regularly and could be below the requirements of the Constitution are Albert Date, David Georgeson, Lionel Hughes, Bill Levitt, Jack Preece and Bill White beside irregular attendance at meetings these members did not attend any social functions and it was suggested they

could be advised of the criteria for applying to be an Inactive Member. Alan Reid was also another possibility.

A long discussion followed and it was concensus of the meeting that steps in this regard should be considered. It was decided that a suitable article be published in the News Sheet informing members Inactive Members have all the rights of a full member except the right to vote at a AGM and the fee of S 10.00 ensured that in their absence a copy of the News Sheet would be mailed to them. The Secretary was requested to prepare an article. It was also suggested that the President should make reference to their transfer and that it had enabled our waiting list to be shortened. Some applicants had been regularly attending meetings and outings for over a year. It was noted Ian Rex was currently an unfinancial Inactive member, he will be asked if he wishes to continue in the Club.

A discussion on badge purchasing procedure resulted in a change in format the Membership Officer will now purchase both members and wives badges. It was decided as it is cheaper to order badges for all applicants and wives on the waiting list plus one for David Kenny (at his cost to replace his lost one).

In an endeavour to keep in touch with members who do not attend three consecutive meetings the Membership Officer was requested to advise the Office-bearers at each meeting so they could be contacted by the Welfare Officer.

The date of the next Committee meeting is the 5th May at Ken Robson's home.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.55am.

Ted and Jean Johnson were thanked for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.

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