

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Barry & Marie Riley on 3 June 2014

The meeting opened at 2.32pm. Those present were John Sutton (President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Yvonne Chandler (Secretary), Gloria Reid (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), and Pat Fordham (Editor). There were apologies from John (Membership Convenor) and Diane Rudd (Vice President) and Arthur Adeney (Junior Vice President).

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 1 April 2014: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: It was decided that the protocol for awarding Certificates of Appreciation would continue to be for special recognition of service to the Club.

Correspondence: Email distribution from PSPLRG of a document by a Queensland Probian outlining his understanding of the history and issues of concern in the current discussions about management of Probus Clubs by the PSPL Board.

President's Report: President John thanked Speaker Convenor Marie for arranging the visit from the Singing Hands Choir which members enjoyed at the May General Meeting. He outlined ideas to change the location of the Morning Tea area to improve the space available and diminish the noise level experienced in the current smaller space. He has spoken with officials from the church and will meet with the Morning Tea team to finalise arrangements. Better use of the sound system was discussed and improved performance implemented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts for May 2014.

<i>Cheque Account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2014	\$350.45	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>May</i>
Income	\$1691.25		Nil
Expenses	\$1267.59		\$87.84
		Balance	\$774.11
<i>Savings account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2014	\$1042.76	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>May</i>
Deposits	\$1210.00		\$710.00
Interest	\$3.48		\$8.11
Withdrawals	Nil		Nil
		Balance	\$2257.87
Combined net balance at 31 May 2014			\$3031.98

Membership Report: President John presented the names of three new applicants for membership – Phyllis Hill, Ruth Mills, and Elizabeth Long. They were approved to become members. Elizabeth will be inducted at the April meeting, Phyllis and Ruth at a later meeting. John Rudd has prepared updates of additions and deletions to the membership list on the basis of what we have reported to PSPL so that membership cards can be issued to new members. The list has been submitted to PSPL with a request that the relevant membership cards be supplied. PSPL acknowledged receipt of the list. The matter of the ratio of Male/Female members was discussed. We decided it would be monitored only if it becomes a problem.

Yvonne will follow up the issue of obtaining the current Membership Register for our Club as held by PSPL.

Editor's Report: Pat Fordham reported that Wally is producing the April edition of the Newsletter as part of her induction. Submissions for the Newsletter are due the week of the Social Event each month.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised the following speakers: April: the Singing Hands Choir, May: David Rosenberg will speak on his experiences working for NSA in the USA and Pine Gap in Australia. The Choir has asked for a payment of \$80 for their performance. A collection will be made at the door from members to defray the costs. A list of further speakers is being prepared with Assistant Convenor Hermione Dunbar contributing to the planning.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid advised that the balance in the Social Club account is \$702.19. The combined Probus Club Trivia Day at Breakers Country Club was a great success and attended by 120 from various Clubs. Congratulations for this go to Thelma with valuable help from Ruth Charlesworth and the team which prepared the questions. The potential for further such events exists and will be promoted by Thelma Leonard in her role as Liaison Officer. In April Gloria Reid will lead the Newcastle tram tour with the maximum number of 28 attending. An Art Gallery Tour of Afghanistan Treasures is scheduled for May with John Mulford providing a talk. A trip by Ferry to the Palm Beach RSL for lunch is being planned. We discussed the later planning for the Bush Picnic in November, and the possibility of including a visit to the Archibald Display at the Gosford Gallery around the same time. A location for the Christmas function is being

decided. Basic routines for the Recovery Picnic in January were discussed and the possibility of having a BBQ at some stage exists. Sub committees will be set up as necessary to assist with the organisation of larger events.

Bushwalking: Bushwalking Convenors Ruth and Reg Charlesworth are preparing the program.

Golf: Golf Organiser John Rudd absent today. Golfing activities continue.

Web site: The web site continues to operate well. New photos are being added to the site to maintain up to date images. Kincumber Probus email site set up as G Mail – a web-based account. After discussion it was decided it should be supervised by the Secretary although be available for all to use. Where the secretary identifies relevance to a particular function the email will be forwarded to the member responsible for management. A suggested protocol will be developed.

Meetings: Future meetings will include: April: John Mulford (Five minute talk) Anzac Day commemoration. John Sutton to give suitable short talk. Sprigs of rosemary available for members. May: TBC

Probus Reform Group Matters: The Committee reviewed the recent newsletter from the Probus Reform Group regarding the breakdown of communications with PSPL. The Committee agreed with the Reform Group that there are significant shortcomings in the way that PSPL is managed. The Committee is particularly concerned at the difficulties arising from the way differences are being approached on both sides. A current key point is the dispute about increases in fees without adequate consultation with Clubs. We felt our Club has addressed our concern about this in a proactive way, maintaining fees at the same level for 2014/2015 with the wise advice and management from Barry Riley (Treasurer). While being aware and having an opinion the Committee unanimously agreed that we will take no action or make any comment on this matter at this time.

General Business: The trip to Bellingen needs more numbers ASAP to confirm our involvement. Thelma Leonard (Liaison Officer) will approach interested people from other Clubs to help reach the quota. President John suggested the addition of a Music Group to our program to attend concerts etc as considered suitable. We like this idea which will be developed, linking in with concerts as advised by Richard during the year. Inter-Club Liaison Officer to advise committee of pertinent information from other Clubs, and email news sheets instead of mailing them. Membership contact details will be made available to Thelma for her contact list. The book interchange will be called Bookshare and Jenny Baker's title will be as Convenor. Thelma will continue to organise Friday night dinners – "eat out nights"- including the option of inviting other Clubs. Job descriptions for Club officers will be made available as needed via the Constitution. Discussion on the protocol needed for awarding Certificates of Appreciation will take place at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.10 PM. Thanks to John and Helen for hosting.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at Barry and Marie Riley's : 61 Lakeside Drive McMasters Beach .

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