

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Eric Waldegrave at Davistown on Tuesday 6th April, 1999.

President John Wallace opened the meeting at 9.30am. and also present were Vice President, John Orme, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Neville Owen, Social Convenor John Steanes, Editor Eric Waldegrave, and Membership Officer Ken Robson. Apologies were received from Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh. Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read as all the Committee had received a copy. The minutes were confirmed on a motion from Ken Robson and seconded by Eric Waldegrave.

Business Arising ; The Welfare Officer Colin Sheumack now seemed to be operating satisfactorily and it was suggested that he sit with Ken Robson at the entrance table in order to get to know the members.

2 The notices of motion drafted by the Secretary for the proposed alterations to the Constitution as previously discussed were presented to the Committee and seconded by Vice President John Orme. They will be placed in the Newsletter in June to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting in July 1999.

3 The Secretary noted that more accurate financial records are now being presented by the Social Convenor.

4 The secretary has ordered and received the Past Presidents Plaque and New Presidents Collar Bar and has had them engraved.

5 The Treasurer has successfully *negotiated* with the St George Bank at Erina Fair for greatly reduced bank fees.

Correspondence;

- a) the usual newsletters from other Clubs which show that all Probus Clubs have their ^{annual} meeting in March or April to coincide with the election of Executive Office bearers and that their annual fees ranged from \$10 - \$12 to \$15 maximum compared with our \$22.00 and that item was briefly discussed.
- b) A notice of resolution from RDU Pty Ltd was received that the Board of RDU reaffirms previous decisions to hold in trust the legal ownership of the Probus Trade marks, to delegate to the Probus Centre - South Pacific the authority to accredit properly formed Probus Clubs, to require payment of such fees as it deems appropriate and to ensure that all accredited clubs meet the other such requirements for accreditation, these terms of reference are for our information and no action is required by us.
- c) a request from Probus Centre - South Pacific for records and directory update and election results and confirming membership numbers.
- d) a request from Probus Centre - South Pacific for Probus News and directory requirements and it was agreed that we would continue with requesting 50 copies of Probus News each quarter at a cost \$3.00 per annum *each copy*.
- e) a request from Probus Centre - South Pacific for our Clubs Insurance/ Capitation fees and it was noted that the insurance premium had reduced from 80 cents to 50 cents per member and that our insurance cover had increased from \$10 million to \$20 Million.
- f) A copy of a recommended constitution and by-laws from Probus Centre - South Pacific which it was agreed would be examined by the incoming Committee.
- g) Probus Centre - South Pacific has sent us an amendment to the Probus Club Constitution which they request be formally adopted by all clubs and it was agreed to include this with our previous notice of motion to be presented to our annual meeting in July. The motion reaffirms the Non Political nature of Probus Clubs.
- h) Correspondence from Probus Centre - South Pacific with a list of recommended Guest Speakers and outings used by other Clubs for our use., which was passed onto the Social Secretary and Guest Speaker Convenor.

The secretary proposed that all correspondence be accepted and confirmed that they had been dealt with and invoices returned with cheques from the Treasurer as required. This was seconded by Neville Owen. Carried.

Treasurers Report Neville Owen presented his financial report and budget and a copy of these are annexed at the end of the minutes. Neville explained his budget in detail and was congratulated on his successful efforts with regard to obtaining much reduced bank fees from the St George Bank at Erina Fair.

Vice President John Orme spoke on the need to resolve venues and dates for the Xmas Party and the Club Annual Holiday. John proposed to offer a choice of *approx* 3 different locations for the annual holiday. John confirmed that the profile speaker for April would be John Steanes.

Social Convenor. John Steanes confirmed that the Cronulla cruise and the Annual holiday had been cancelled due to lack of support, John proposed a picnic at Canto Beach in April and the Cronulla cruise to be postponed to later in the year. John also expressed doubts about Melbourne Cup Day as the numbers for the event had been dropping off over recent years, and we were competing with other Melbourne Cup functions. John Orme stated the cost factor for outings was important for our members and the Secretary noted that Woy Woy Probus were doing the same Cronulla trip that we had proposed for \$10 less than ours. John Steanes confirmed that his recent survey results showed that members were concerned about costs. John had received 45 responses to his survey and would give a detailed analysis at future meetings.

John Steanes was congratulated on his arranging of the 15 year anniversary luncheon and especially the entertainment and the venue.

It was agreed that quotes would be obtained for 3 locations for the Clubs Christmas party and that it would be held on the second Tuesday in December 14th Dec in lieu of a general meeting.

Editor Eric Waldegrave was congratulated on his 15th Anniversary Reflections Supplement in the last newsletter. Nominations will now be advertised in the forthcoming issue of the Newsletter for the various sub committee positions to be filled at the annual meeting in July.

MEMBERSHIP Officer Ken Robson reported that the membership remained at 70 *members*, 3 life members and 3 transferees and approximately 7 on the waiting list. A discussion took place on some members who were not attending meetings very often and it was decided that the editor would insert a very tactful reminder to the rule 4 clause (e) of our constitution which allows for cessation of membership if member fails to attend 66% of general meetings without written apologies and this will be mentioned by the President in his address at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.37am and the Committee retired to Eric and Jills Waldegraves secluded sunny verandah overlooking Brisbane Waters and a motion of thanks was extended to Jill Waldegrave for the refreshment.

The next meeting will be held at the home of President John Wallace on Tuesday 1st June, 1999 at 9.30am

President.....*John Wallace*.....date.....*1/6/99*.....