

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Richard Collins on 5 June 2012

The meeting opened at 2.30pm. Those present were John Rudd (President), John Sutton (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor) and John Pagett (Membership Officer). An apology was received from Thelma Leonard (Vice President).

President John welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 3 April 2012: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: Richard has written to thank Kevin Finn for his service to the Club. The Committee thanked Barry Riley for handling the final stages of preparation and printing the News Sheet in Wally's absence.

The Committee thanked Marie Riley for the new card that will accompany the presentation to speakers. Richard has sent the Annual Returns to the Department of Fair Trading and Probus South Pacific.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Invitation to attend a Probus information day at Gosford Leagues Club on 8 June. Richard will go – the cost to the Club will be \$20.00

President's Report: John said that he had heard that Broadwater Probus Club was also discussing moving from Avoca Beach Bowling Club to Kincumber Uniting Church.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts with unrepresented cheques included in the figures:

Balance at 1 March 2012	\$1075.00	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>May</i>
Income	\$1560.00	\$270.00
Expenses	\$1236.50	\$68.70
Balance at 31 May 2012	\$1398.50	

Barry's report was accepted.

Barry advised that fees are expected shortly from George and Jan Costigan, Colin and Rhonda Laybutt, Sid Holmes, Judith Blight and Pat Fordham. Except where noted below, all other fees have been paid. Ken Bailey is unable to attend meetings. The Committee granted him Non Active status for 12 months. Amber Byrne has moved to Sydney. The Committee decided to record her resignation from the Club. Lerryn Mutton is unable to attend meetings at present. Subject to his agreement, the Committee granted him Non Active status for 12 months. (John Rudd subsequently advised that this is acceptable to him.) Don Blight has advised that he will resign from the Club.

Change of meeting venue: On 14 May the Avoca Beach Bowling Club advised Richard of their decision to prohibit access to the Club before 10.00am and to impose significant charges to hold our meetings. At the bushwalk the following day, the Committee convened informally and, in consultation with other Members present, decided to relocate the 22 May meeting to Kincumber Uniting Church. Over the next few days, all Members and potential Members were informed of the venue change. The church proved to be very satisfactory as a meeting venue, with good access, facilities and acoustics. The church charged the Club \$50.00 for the use of its facilities, and Mike Ryan has informed us that the same charge would apply for any future meetings. No unfavourable comment about the venue was made by any Member present at the 22 May meeting. The Committee decided to hold future meetings at the Kincumber Uniting Church. President John will inform Members of this decision at the next meeting. John will also ask for a volunteer to take on the role of Venue Officer, with responsibility for opening the venue before each meeting, and ensuring it is locked up afterwards. Probus Centre had told Richard that the new meeting venue could not be included in this year's Directory because the submission deadline had passed.

Barry presented estimates of future cash flows associated with the costs of the venue (estimated at approximately 1.20 per person at the average meeting attendance of 41) and self-catering for morning tea (estimated at 60 cents per person attending). Barry's estimates showed that without supplementation the Club's reserves would be very low by the end of the present financial year (February 2013). The Committee decided that we must supplement our funds in the present financial year with additional payments by Members. The Committee discussed two possibilities for supplementing Club funds:

- A charge of \$2 per Member (excluding visitors) attending each meeting, from the July meeting;
- A levy of \$10 per Member, payable immediately.

Both of these proposals will lead to slightly reduced reserves at the end of the financial year. At the 26 June General Meeting Members will be asked to vote on their preference. At its February 2013 meeting, the Committee will review the intervening months in making its recommendation to the Annual General Meeting in March 2013 on fees and charges for the 2013/2014 financial year.

Membership Report: John Pagett advised that the Club's membership will be 67, after allowing for the above 4 resignations/conversions to Non Active status, and 4 new Inductees (below).

The Committee accepted Membership applications from Gloria Reid, Jill Smith and Gerry Turner. John Pagett will advise them and arrange name badges. They, and Arthur Adeney, will be inducted at the next Meeting.

The Committee approved the Membership Register and Emergency Contact List prepared by John Pagett with the above changes of status. Wally will have the Membership Register printed for distribution at the next meeting.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs has applied for another printing grant from Gosford Council

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised that she has speakers arranged for all the remaining meetings this year.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that future social events are: the SES complex at Erina (June); a tour of the Laycock Street Theatre (July); lunch at the Breakers Country Club (August). The Committee agreed that the Christmas lunch at Tree Tops restaurant on 11 December will be a buffet. The cost of \$42.50 per person will be reduced to \$40.00 by a \$2.50 Club subsidy.

Bushwalking Report: No discussion

Golf: No discussion

Theatre: No discussion

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley said that the site was operating well.

Meetings: John Sutton advised that David Dennison will give a 5 minute talk in June. He is still looking for a Profile speaker in July. John himself will give a 5 minute talk in August. Richard advised that Ann Madin is assisting him with this year's debates. The other two Probus clubs, the four schools and the adjudicator have all confirmed their participation.

General Business: None

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7 August 2012 at Marie and Barry Riley's' place: 61 Lakeside Drive MacMasters Beach.

On behalf of the Committee, John thanked Richard for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

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