

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee
held at the home of Kevin and Joan Finn on 4 December 2007

The meeting opened at 9.40 pm. Those present were George Costigan (President), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Kevin Finn (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), David Dennison (Social Convenor) and Tony Kelly (Membership Officer). There were Apologies from Reg Davis (Senior Vice President), and Stan Roberts (Speaker Convenor).

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 4 October 2007: Accepted.

Business arising from Minutes: None

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Thank you notes from the Jones family and Mary Coleman for the Club's condolences on the deaths of Alf and Ron; Resignations from Lawrie Gillies and Harry Fox (the latter verbally to Richard at the last General Meeting).

President's Report: George had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin reported that the Club's bank balance at the end of July was \$1879.07.

Membership Report: The Resignations from Lawrie Gillies and Harry Fox were accepted. Richard will write to both thanking them for their contributions to the Club.

Editor's Report: Wally needs copy for the December News Sheet as soon as possible. Wally also asked for details about Bruce Harris for the Membership Register. Richard will send this information to him. In future, we will attempt to make sure that this information is provided to Wally at the Committee meeting where a new member is approved.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Richard reported that Stan had said that he was working on a replacement speaker for January, and that February's speaker is confirmed.

Social Convenor's Report: David reported that the recovery lunch will be on 8 January 2008 at Davistown. On Friday 8 February David is organising a bus trip to Maroota (combined with another Probus club), and on 8 April at tour of the Maritime Museum, including a walk over the James Craig. David will be away in May and June, but will have all arrangements in hand for this period before he leaves.

David discussed the program for the Christmas lunch at the Avoca Beach Bowling Club on 11 December. All arrangements are in hand. David and Richard will visit the Club in the next few days to confirm arrangements, including the layout of the room for the U-Bouddi band.

Bushwalking Report: Richard is currently planning the walks for next year.

Bowls Report: Nothing to report.

Golf: Nothing to report.

Other business:

Richard reported that Fred Leake had asked him to seek a decision from the Committee on the future of a hat band carrying the words "Kincumber Probus Club" that had been made for Ron Coleman and given to Fred by him shortly before he died. After extensive discussion, the Committee decided that the item would be called the "Ron Coleman hat band" and would be presented to the incoming President at his inauguration, with the request that it be worn by him at Club outings during his Presidency and then passed on to the next President.

David Dunbar had advised the Club that the web site is now operational, although some members of the Committee had been unable to access it. David is looking for material to put on the site. Richard will ask him what he wants from the News Sheet material. It was suggested that, when such material is sent to Wally, the originator should also copy it to David.

The Committee discussed the likely impact of the Club's reduced finances as membership falls. The following actions will occur:

- Richard will advise Tony which Probus Clubs are currently sending us News Sheets. Tony will cease to send News Sheets to others.
- Richard will prepare a proforma letter to be included with the next mailing of News Sheets to Inactive members and widows. The letter will ask for the recipient to return a slip if they wish to continue to receive News Sheets. No further News Sheets will be sent to those who do not reply.
- Tony will send out News Sheets for two months when he does the mailings to members and other Probus Clubs every two months.
- David Dennison will attempt to make a small profit from the social activities of the Club and feed these funds back into the main account.
- Less Probus bulletins will be bought each year.

There was discussion of possible Committee membership next year. Present suggestions for the makeup of the Committee are as follows:

President: Reg Davis

Vice-Presidents: Richard will approach Kevin Southgate, also Barry Riley and David Kenny.

George Costigan is prepared to stand as one of the Vice-Presidents if needed

Treasurer: Kevin Finn

Secretary: Richard Collins

Editor: Wally Tuffs

Membership Officer: Tony Kelly

Speaker Convenor: Patrick Leonard

Social Convenor: David Dennison assisted by Bruce Harris (to be co-opted onto the Committee)

The next meeting will be at 9.30 am on Tuesday 5 February 2008 at Tony Kelly's place (2/7 Bowcock Place Kincumber).

President George thanked Kevin and Joan for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

Signed as a correct record: George Costigan (President)