

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Barry and Marie Riley at MacMasters Beach on Tuesday, 4th October 2005.

President Richard opened the meeting at 9.35 am and welcomed the committee. Those present were President Richard Collins, Vice-President David Dunbar, Secretary Don Wiseman, Treasurer Nev Owen, Membership Officer John Orme, Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts, Editor Barry Riley, and Social Convenor David Dennison.

The Committee thanked Past-Secretary David Kenny for his work as Acting Secretary in the recent absence overseas of Don Wiseman.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on 2nd August 2005 had previously been circulated, and were taken as read. With the correction of Patrick Leonard's name, the Minutes were accepted, on a motion from Richard and seconded by Don.

Matters Arising: The Secretary was asked to advise Probus Centre of the recent Constitutional changes.

Barry showed the new Appreciation Certificate that will be presented to speakers at future meetings. The Committee thanked Barry for doing this.

Copies of the brochure from Probus Central have been received.

Correspondence: President Richard thanked Secretary Don for his card from the Ashes-winning UK. He also mentioned the nice thankyou card from Jill Manzie that had been circulated at the last General Meeting.

Several newsletters were received for other Probus Clubs, and are being be circulated around the Committee.

The Committee discussed the recent email from Ed Board. It was agreed that this required an answer. Committee agreed that the election of Life Members had been in accordance with the Constitution, and that the Minutes are an accurate record of the meeting at which this took place. President Richard was asked to draft a reply by the Secretary stating this. The draft is to be circulated to the Committee for comment before sending.

The Committee was very disappointed that David Kenny had decided not to continue as Junior Vice-President. The Committee was strongly of the view that David would make an excellent President. Members will call David after he returns from holidays in two weeks and attempt to get him to change his mind.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from Don Wiseman and seconded by David Dunbar.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nev Owen tabled the financial report, and advised that the balance of the Club's bank account at 4 October 2005 was \$2589. The Club's finances are broadly within budget. The Secretary will draft a letter to Kevin Duker asking him to confirm that he is leaving the Club.

Nev's report was accepted on his motion, seconded by David Dunbar.

President's Report: Richard discussed the web site (David Dunbar has done some more work on this), and membership. The Committee asked Richard to feature the membership matter in his next President's Message. The Committee believes that the situation is not yet critical. However, if membership continues to decrease, drastic action may be necessary, such as making the Club mixed, or merging with another club.

Membership: Membership Officer John reported that the Club's membership currently stands at 66, including Kevin Southgate who was inducted at the September General Meeting of the Club.

The Committee approved an application for membership from Patrick Leonard, proposed by Michael Ryan. Patrick will be inducted at the October General Meeting. Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts advised that future speakers are, Jim Cullen in October (wills and power of attorney), and Helen Caldecott in November (nuclear matters). Don George, former Chair of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, will be invited to the November meeting.

Social Convenor David Dennison advised that the visit to the Maritime Museum in September had to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers. The October visit to Cockatoo Island will go ahead, but more participants are needed.

David will put a proposal for a 2006 holiday trip to the next General Meeting.

Editor Barry Riley had nothing to report.

Bushwalking: President Richard advised that future bushwalks are: North Wyrabalong National Park (October), and Wagstaff (November), followed by Christmas lunch at Bruce and Irene Dunlop's place.

Theatre Convenor, Vice-President David, advised that The Producers at the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday 28 September had been most successful. The next outing will be the Agatha Christie play "The Unexpected Guest" at Woy Woy on 5 November 2005. Numbers are good for this.

General Business: The Committee discussed arrangements for the December Christmas lunch of the Club. The Committee agreed that Tempo Terrific band would provide the entertainment. Band members would be invited to lunch at cost (\$22), and the band would receive a donation in the range \$100-200.

President Richard advised the Committee of the Tempo Terrific "Friends" concert at Kincumber Uniting Church on the evening of Monday 21 November. The Committee agreed that this should be mentioned in the next News Sheet.

David Dennison proposed that the Club purchase 50 engraved pens for presentation to guests and Lucky door prizes. The Committee agreed to this with the expenditure of \$220 plus handling costs.

Subject to confirmation, the next Committee meeting will be held at the home of David and Mione Dunbar at Kincumber at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 6th December 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.10 am.

Confirmed by President Date.....