

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of David and Joyce Kenny at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday 3rd August 2004. President Mike opened the meeting at 9.30am. Those present were President Mike Ryan, Vice President Richard Collins, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Nev Owen, Membership Officer John Orme, Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts, Social Convenor David Dunbar, and Editor Barry Riley. Apologies were received from Vice President John Short.

President Mike asked that it be recorded that Nev Owen be appointed Treasurer to replace Lawrie Lidster who has resigned.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having already been circulated were taken as read on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Barry Riley.

Matters arising It was decided to alter the previous minutes to clarify issues arising so that the formula for the maximum number of Life Members would be 10% of the current fee paying membership and not 10% of our nominated maximum membership of 80 as previously recorded. This would be proposed at our September meeting, giving the required 21 days notice to change our By laws to incorporate this policy and would be voted on at the October meeting. At the time of announcing the proposed change, it was agreed that President Mike will express regret for the unhappiness caused during the recent election of Life Members, but would ask that we put that behind us and move forward. President Mike will also announce that it was the intention of the Committee to issue Certificates of Merit for those members who have achieved 10 and 20 years membership and are still active Members. These will be first issued retrospectively at the next February meeting and then issued as each event occurs. The first list of recipients will be drawn up by Membership Officer, John Orme.

It was also decided that the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting should be corrected so that it be noted that the proceeds of Richard Collin's book would be going to the Messel Endowment of the Science Foundation for Physics at the University of Sydney and not to a Children's charity as inadvertently stated in the minutes.

Correspondence The letters to and from Probus Centre- South Pacific concerning the election of Life Members were tabled and the discussion about them took place in conjunction with the previous item under matters arising from the minutes leading to discussion about the issuing of Certificates of Merit to our members for active service of 10 years and 20 years.

The Certificate of Currency and a current copy of our 2004-2005 Insurance Policy were received from Probus Centre- South Pacific. Correspondence was also received from Probus Centre- South Pacific requesting submissions from our Club for suggested amendments to improve the Probus Model Constitution under the Probus Centre triennial review. The request was received in Mid July 2004 and requires an answer by 31st August 2004, which only allows one meeting (our August meeting) for us to notify our members and only seven days to prepare and return a submission and this time frame would not be possible. However, to allow our members to take part in the constitutional review if they so wish, it was decided to call for submissions from our members using the standard Probus Centre printed format at the August meeting giving them 14 days to submit any amendments in writing to the Secretary. A sub committee would then be set up to submit any proposals to Probus Centre- South Pacific. This is to be composed of President Mike, Secretary David and Membership Officer John. The members are to be invited to nominate one further member to join this sub committee.

Correspondence was received from Radio Five-0-Plus offering us listing on their web site and the Secretary will supply the requested details to them.

Resignation letters were received from Lawrie Lidster and Bill White and these were accepted.

A letter was received from Catering manager, John Dockerty containing an operations manual for the catering procedure. John has been thanked for this and told that it will be passed on to the next catering manager. John also requests replacements for 2 of his team being Norm Baker and Perc Fitzpatrick who are both unable to perform their duties. It was decided President Mike would approach Laurie Gillies and John Eager to see if they would help out.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Barry Riley.

Treasurer's Report It was formally moved by Barry Riley and seconded by John Orme that under Clause 4(d) of our constitution that Nev Owen be declared the replacement Treasurer for the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. so that he can be recorded with the St George Bank as signatory to our cheque accounts. Treasurer Nev then submitted his financial statement showing a closing balance of \$2508.53 for the Administration Account.

After discussion about unfinancial members it was apparent that all members were now financial. Ratification was given to Nev for cheques to be drawn for \$50.90 to John Dockerty and \$28.35 to Barry Riley. Another account is also due to Radio Five-0 Plus and was also ratified. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Nev Owen and seconded by Stan Roberts.

President's Report President Mike reminded members of the email from Vice President John Short wherein he indicated that unfortunately he would be unable to proceed to the Presidency next year. Several Senior members of the Club had been sounded out about stepping in as President next year and all declined. Junior Vice President Richard Collins then agreed to move up to become the Senior Vice President and so become President next year and David Dunbar agreed to become Junior Vice President. All this will take place in September to give President Mike time to talk to John Short on his return from Borneo. It was agreed to record the appreciation of the Committee to John Short for his year and a half of service as Vice President.

As regard to the status of Colin Sheumack as Welfare Officer it was agreed to leave Colin's name in the news sheet as Welfare Officer with no phone number and it was confirmed that Ken Robson and Gordon Taylor would be shown as assistant Welfare Officers. The Committee agreed that if petrol money or phone call reimbursement were requested by the assistant Welfare Officers then the President has the authority to negotiate and agree on any such payment. It was also agreed that we record the appreciation of the Committee to Gordon Taylor and Ken Robson for stepping into the breach and taking over the roles of Assistant Welfare Officers.

President Mike then announced that Ron Coleman had kindly offered to take on the role of Historian and David Kenny will pick up the archives from Nanette Smith and deliver them to Ron Coleman in the near future.

President Mike advised the debate arrangements were proceeding with Lerryn Mutton during the month of August, culminating in the final debate at our August meeting.

As regards the issue of wine it was agreed that a bottle of wine would be given to the Debate Moderator, Bob Winder, the two adjudicators and to debate convenor, Lerryn Mutton and not to the two teachers as happened last year, so together with the lucky door prizes this means 6 bottles of wine and Nev Owen agreed to supply these.

Membership Officer John Orme moved that John Prouting be moved to the inactive list and this was seconded by Barry Riley. This now reduces our membership to 70 leaving 10 vacancies. John mentioned that there were two possible new members coming forward

Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts reported that the September guest speaker would be the Town Crier Bill Wallace. Stan offered a speaker for October who wanted 65 to 70 minutes for his talk but this was rejected as too long, and Stan will obtain another speaker. Stan was commended for his successful procurement of Julia Holden at short notice at the July meeting.

Social Convenor David Dunbar reported that he now has 34 participants for the Cochlear Implant Centre visit in August and is proposing a Soup and Damper picnic at the Gosford Waterfront in September and a visit to Mt Penang Gardens in October. An overnight stay in the Blue Mountains for Melbourne Cup Day was not considered suitable as many members make other arrangements for Melbourne Cup Day. David reported that arrangements for the Christmas Party at Davistown RSL are proceeding but David emphasised that he would be unable to attend the Christmas Party as he would be overseas. Nev Owen offered his granddaughter who may be available to help provide entertainment as a singer if required. David presented the various options for the Annual Holiday in April 2005 to Wentworth and Broken Hill and is looking for expressions of interest.

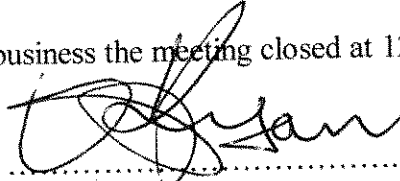
Editor Barry Riley reported that he is adjusting the membership list and will email the new list to the Committee. Barry has produced a personalised Kincumber Probus Sympathy card that was sent to Nanette Smith and is available for future use.

Bushwalking Captain Richard Collins reported that the next bushwalk is to South Wyrabalong National Park in August and to Munmorah State Park in September and then to Chittaway Bay in October.

General Business President Mike reported that he had been told that inactive members such as Jack Metcalf were expressing feelings of loneliness and it was agreed that Mike would remind members at the next general meeting to try and visit inactive members where possible.

President Mike thanked David and Joyce Kenny for the use of their home for the Committee meeting and the very nice morning tea provided. The next meeting would be held at the home of David and Mione Dunbar at Kincumber on Tuesday, 5th October 2004.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.35pm

Confirmed by President  date 5th October 2004