

## **,PROBUS CLUB OF ELLERSLIE COMBINED.**

### **Minutes of the AGM meeting at the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall on March 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022.**

**President Maureen** welcomed everyone to the meeting. 27 members were present. There were 2 visitors – Deborah McPherson and Marlise Shadbolt.

**Apologies:** Rona Colbert, Val Jackson, Jenny Marbeck, Vicky Young, Ann Skilling, Elaine Rutherford, Claire Doyle, Sandy Stott, Fran Duncan, Eileen Arnerich, Tina and Ben Cole.

**Birthday greetings** were extended to 9 members celebrating their birthdays in March.

**Trips.** 15 members enjoyed the picnic at Maureen's last month. A trip is planned to the Auckland Botanic Gardens on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The bus leaves at 10am. Members can buy food and drinks at their own cost from the café. There are 3 mobility scooters available for members who have walking problems – these have to be pre-ordered. Members interested in going please sign up today. The cost of the bus will be determined once the final number going is known. A trip is planned to the Puhoi Cheese Factory on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Almoner.** Maureen had passed on to Abbey Botha via Abbey's husband the club's best wishes and love. She is missed at our meetings and outings.

**Formal part of the Meeting.** This commenced at 10:25am.

**Minutes of the last AGM.** As the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting, Joan the Secretary moved the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted. Irene Bicknell seconded that the minutes be accepted. CARRIED.

**Matters arising from the minutes.** There were none.

**Correspondence.** There was none.

**Financial report.** The Financial Accounts for Y/E 31 January 2022 have been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

As Rona, the Treasurer was away Joan King, the Secretary read her report:

I apologise for not being able to present this in person and thank Joan for reading it. You should all have a copy of the figures so this report will just make a few comments about it.

Firstly, the subscriptions are somewhat less than they were last year. I think this is due more to the fact that we were unable to hold many meetings during the year rather than an abnormal loss of members. Several of you have already paid for this year and I urge those of you who have not yet to do so as soon as possible. We did have 4 new members join during this chaotic year.

The cost of trips increased but that is dictated by the cost of the destinations of the trips we were able to complete.

We celebrated our birthday in April but as the Committee did the catering there were no costs. We could not have our Christmas celebration in November due to lockdown – so again, no costs.

Some of our speakers did ask for higher fees than we usually pay but they were very interesting.

We have tried to reduce mailing costs by emailing rather than posting copies of the Bulletin to members who were unable to attend meetings.

We did not really have a rent free year. The Council allotted us a grant to cover rent, cost of microphones etc, but did not actually give us all the money. They simply transferred it to our rent account and did not send us any invoices.

Our funds stand at \$3611.26 at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, some \$900.00 more than at this time last year. This will mostly be spent subsidising trips and meetings, assuming circumstances allow us to have them. Thus you all will be able to share this surplus.

If anyone has any questions I will discuss them with you at the next meeting unless Joan is able to answer them now.

There were no questions.

Joan King moved/ Lorraine Rother seconded that the financial report be accepted. CARRIED.

**Banking.** Joan read a report from Rona on the banks and cash. The report reads:

You will all be aware that banks no longer wish to handle cash. This means that subs and trip fees should all be paid electronically. This is not a welcome development to a lot of our age group but it is being forced upon us.

It is absolutely essential that you must identify any payments you make to our Probus Account. Every payment must have your name and what it is for. When you pay your sub you must put **sub** in the reference space. If you are paying for a trip you must put which **trip** – e.g. Toy Museum, not just trip. Last year someone paid an amount into the account with no explanation. It was actually for a sub plus 2 trips. I know it is a bother but it really did need to be 3 separate payments individually labelled.

If you pay for a trip and then cannot go, or the trip is cancelled, your payment will be returned to you. This means we will need to have your bank account numbers as we will eventually not be able to refund you in cash. It is not practical to just leave it in our bank account until next time. The next trip will probably not be the same amount and either you will have to pay more or we will have to refund you the difference. You may not wish to go on the next trip or the one after and if we have not been able to refund your payment we are left holding your money. After 2-3 months we could be holding different amounts of cash for several different people. It is just not practical. You can be sure your details will not be shared with anyone and we cannot dip into your account without your password and identification which we will not ask for and you must not tell us anyway.

Our bank account is Ellerslie Combined Probus 12-3060-0238292-00.

There were some questions and these will be answered by Rona at our April meeting.

**President's report:** Maureen presented her report:

This Report covers a short term for me, due to the Covid Lockdown from the last meeting in July through to the February meeting this year.

Navigating our way through these very difficult times has been quite a challenge for everyone. The Committee have found it difficult to arrange outing in advance, only to have them cancelled at the last minute. However we, the Committee will forge ahead and I have to thank them for their stoic attitude. This will be my last year as President and I know there are others on the Committee who feel the same so we really must have some new members to step up and take on roles on the Committee to keep our club afloat.

Sadly last year we farewelled Joan Haines, a Foundation member, Committee member and well loved member of our club, plus Joss Gunning. Also we send our love to Abbey Botha who is suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.

During the few months of last year when we did have meetings, we enjoyed good speakers. Subjects were: How to Keep a Healthy Memory and Macular Degeneration. A quiz was held. Outings were to Waiheke Island, Drury Winery, Mystery trip to Devenport and Ryders Cinema.

Thank you to the hard working Committee, plus also those involved with Games Mornings and Writers Group.

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Maureen moved her report be accepted/Joan King seconded. CARRIED.

**Election of Officers:** The following nominations were received:

<b>President</b>	Maureen Reed
<b>Vice President</b>	Bev Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Joan King
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rona Colbert
<b>Committee</b>	Irene Bicknell Hilary Wills
<b>Raffles off committee</b>	Rose Boyle

Maureen moved/Joan Roberts seconded that the Committee be accepted. CARRIED.

**General Business.**

- Kaye Cossar Stokes gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for their hard work.
- Howard Wills described the benefits to health and well being of slow dancing which could be enjoyed at some of our meetings.

The meeting closed at 10:50am.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_