

PROBUS CLUB OF ELLERSLIE COMBINED.

Minutes of the AGM meeting at the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall on March 17th 2023.

President Maureen welcomed everyone to the meeting. 39 members were present. There was one visitor – Elizabeth Toomey. Three new members joined today – Judy and Ian Gilbert-Smith and Leo Boyd.

Apologies: Mary Jones, Lorraine Rother and Claire Doyle.

Birthday greetings were extended to 5 members celebrating their birthdays in March.

Trips. Hilary spoke about the trip to see the Miranda shorebirds on the 24th March. So far 17 are signed up but it would be good to have 20 minimum as the bus is more costly due to a longer distance being travelled. Details of the programme on the day were given and the departure time of 9am by the bus from the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall. She also mentioned trips coming up in the next 4 months. Subsequent to the meeting 22 was the final number for the trip.

Formal part of the Meeting. This commenced at 10:15am.

Minutes of the last AGM. As the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting, Joan Roberts moved the minutes of the 2022 AGM be accepted. Ted Dickens seconded that the minutes be accepted. CARRIED.

Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

Correspondence. There was none.

Financial report: Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st January 2023.

2022	Receipts	2023
2706.40	Opening Balance	3616.26
1160.00	Subscriptions	1360.00
40.00	Joining Fees	50.00
	Donations	43.00
306.00	Raffles	476.10
4153.00	Trips	2873.00
	Sale Diaries	90.00
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2022	Expenses	2023
	Rent	462.70
65.24	Badges	81.42
556.50	Capitation Fees	556.50
44.80	Catering	131.97
4340.00	Trips	4007.00
300.00	Speakers	400.00
	Projector Screen	94.99
	Refund Sub – paid twice	20.00
	Bereavement Gift	39.96
20.00	PAA Subscription	30.00
	Purchase 12 Probus Diaries	120.00
	Bank Error corrected	198.00
77.60	Almoner's Postage	236.28
	Xmas & Birthday Catering	600.00
	& Entertainment	
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Closing Balance: 1531.24

ASB Balance 2022: 3611.26

ASB Balance 2023: 1531.24.

Rona's comments:

Although the Accounts have been checked and found to be correct, they have not been typed. Since they have been returned to me I have not had time to type them. The Accounts will be typed and if anyone would like a copy, please come and give me your name and I will post you a copy.

The subscriptions have increased by \$200.00 and we have had 5 new members during the year. We have \$43.00 from members' donations, mostly as a result from overpaying travel expenses. The raffles have increased considerably which helps to subsidise some of our trips. We purchased 12 diaries from PSPL and still had 3 at the end of January 2023. These have now been sold and will appear in next year's accounts.

Our rent has obviously increased over last year because we can now use the hall again. Over the year the trips have pretty much evened out. We have purchased a Projector Screen, since the Auckland Council placed a large notice board on the blank wall we used to use. The correction for the Bank Error was because I am a signatory for 3 accounts at the ASB and they kindly took money from my own account instead of the Probus accounts.

Kevin Stanley commented that the closing balance of \$1531.24 showed a loss from the closing balance of \$3316.26 in 2022. Rona explained that the club is not meant to make such a profit as shown in 2022.

Rona moved the financial report be accepted/ Margaret Chambers seconded. CARRIED.

President's report: Maureen's report had been circulated to members. She highlighted some of the content at the meeting. Her report reads:

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report from April 2022 to this year March 2023, also with a little sadness as this will be my last term as President, I have decided that this is it for me so I will be handing over to our Vice President. I have had some health issues lately.

I just want to thank you all for being such great members, plus a big thanks to the Committee. As always you must have heard this a thousand times but we are always looking for new Committee members. We did feel very fortunate in that we did have 2 new members turn up at our last Committee meeting.

Over the last year we have enjoyed some great outings. Recently it was a trip to Eden Gardens .Other trips were to Hobsonville Point, Pine Harbour, the Puhoi Pub where we were given an interesting talk about the history of how it came to fruition many years ago, and that was followed by a visit to the Puhoi Cheese Factory. We visited Hamilton Gardens, always very popular, had our mid year Christmas Dinner and a movie at Ryders Cinema, and mini golf in Onehunga which was great fun. Then along came a couple of cyclones and extensive flooding and the Watergardens outing had to be cancelled because they became waterlogged.

Also we have enjoyed some interesting speakers. Mikael Wills talked about his job overseas working on Super Yachts. We also enjoyed bringing our treasures in to show them to an Antique Dealer. Jenny Salesa M.P gave us an insight into the workings of Parliament and being an MP. Jodie Pretscherer told us about her interest in Sustainable Coast lines. We enjoyed a quiz at our birthday meeting.

This year Hilary Wills started a Singalong Group which has been very popular. Also we have a games group and a Writers Group. If you are interested in joining Pplease let us know.

Sadly we lost Abbey Botha, Josie White and Norma PretschererRIP.

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Maureen Reed President.

Bev Wiliams made a correction . Jodie Pretscherer could not speak to us because of covid in her workplace so Norma Pretscherer stood in for her.

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

Election of Officers: The following nominations were received:

President	Bev Williams
Vice President	
Secretary	Joan King
Treasurer	Rona Colbert
Committee	Irene Bicknell
	Hilary Wills
	Joan Roberts
	Deb McPherson

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

Val Jackson raised the importance of encouraging new members to the committee as they bring fresh ideas and challenges which can benefit the health of the club. She encouraged the committee to keep a look out through this year for members who are willing and have something to offer to the club.

General Business.

- Joan King reminded members of the PAA meeting at the Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club on March 31st at 10am. It is a good chance to meet members of other clubs in the Auckland area. Interested members can contact Joan for further details.
- Val Jackson proposed increasing the annual subscription to \$25.00 and stop holding raffles. The rationale for this was that the extra money from subscriptions would assist with the increasing costs of entertainment and outings. Also do our members really need raffle prizes as most of us are trying to give things away.

Discussion took place and it was decided that the proposal be:

1. Annual Subscriptions would be \$30.00 per annum with the joining fee remaining at \$10.00.
2. Raffles would cease and the Committee to consider running a swap table at meetings for items like fruit, vegetables and preserves.
3. These changes to take effect from February 1st 2024.

Val formerly moved the proposal and it was seconded by Carole Brown. CARRIED.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:35am.

