

PROBUS CLUB OF ELLERSLIE COMBINED.

Minutes of the AGM meeting at the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall on March 15th 2024.

President Bev welcomed everyone to the meeting. 29 attended (included one prospective member).

Apologies: Rose Boyle, Ann Skilling, Yvonne Selesa, Ben Cole, Suzanne Turner, Lorraine Rother, Claire Doyle, Mary Jones and Margaret Stevenson.

Birthday greetings were extended to 3 members celebrating their birthdays in March.

Trips. Hilary spoke about the trip to the Lido Cinema on March 22nd to see a film called The Great Escaper, starring Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine. Members to put their names on a list if they wish to attend.

Presentation of name badges to 2 new members: Helen Whittaker and Carole Misra were presented with name badges and welcomed to the club by Bev.

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 King moved the minutes of the 2022 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 Report for the year ending 31st January 2024 has been circulated prior to the meeting.

Deb McPherson, Treasurer addressed the meeting with explanatory notes:

Overall we spent \$564.06 more than we received in income.

Although we received \$1040.00 in subs, a little less than half of that went in capitation fees, so we effectively only received \$509.00. We received \$80.00 in miscellaneous income (sale of diaries). So the income we received that was not specifically targeted to meetings or trips was \$589.00.

Our biggest loss was through our Bus Trips which ran at a loss of \$544.00.

Meetings (including the costs of speakers and catering, offset by raffle income) lost \$328.36 over the year. Speakers Fees were covered last year by a grant from the Orakei Local Board we received the year before. The hall hire was paid directly as a grant from the Orakei Local Board.

The bottom line is that we received \$4472.00 in Income and spent \$5036.00, meaning we lost \$564.06. To put this in perspective, in the previous year, we lost \$2084.92 so we did manage to reduce our losses significantly.

So looking at 2024.....

1. Subscription has increased to \$30.00 (from \$20.00).
2. Capitation Fees have increased from \$8.85 to \$10.00 per member. Capitation is a fee we pay for all members to South Pacific Probus for our newsletters, advertising stationery, travel discounts etc. So we are actually better off in this area, as we will retain 2/3rds of this income rather than ½ as in previous years.
3. We are unable to receive a grant for Speakers Fees this year, so this is a cost we will have to cover.
4. **As the raffle is our only income for meetings, I would like to encourage everyone to participate, and donations will be gratefully received. Raffles are now -\$2 for one ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets.**
5. We are hoping to receive a grant from the Orakei Local Board or the Lions Club to cover the cost of the hall hire, but this is not guaranteed.

Deb moved/Joan Roberts seconded that the Financial Report be accepted. Carried.

Discussion arising:

1. A question was Why was there not a grant for speakers? The Orakei Local Board turned down a grant to pay speakers but provided a grant for hall hire.
2. Bev mentioned the Lions Foundation had turned down our application for funding but the Mt Wellington Licensing Trust has been approached.
3. Val Jackson moved that Rotary Ellerslie Sunrise be approached regarding donations for speakers. Kaye Cossar Stokes seconded this and it was carried.
4. Kevin Stanley said many organisations who supply funding now require clubs applying to be Incorporated Societies. This is something the club may have to do.

President's Report.

Beverley's report has been circulated prior to the meeting. She moved / Joan King seconded that her report be accepted. Carried.

Val Jackson recorded a vote of thanks to Bev for all her hard work for the past year.

Election of Officers: for 2024/25. The following nominations were received:

President Bev Williams

Vice President

Secretary Joan King

Treasurer Deb McPherson

Committee Irene Bicknell

Hilary Wills

Joan Roberts

Irene Howard

Yvonne Salesa

Nominations were called for from the floor. There were none. The full committee was unanimously elected.

Bev said the committee would always welcome additional members and urged everyone to consider serving on the committee.

General Business.

- Bev gave a vote of thanks to Ted and Jean Dickens who provided a catered morning tea in honour of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

