

**PROBUS CLUB of PERTH**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Perth Legion Hall, Wednesday September 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

**1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Craig Greenwood**

Craig called the meeting to order and opened the 2019 AGM. He invited members to introduce any guests. There were none.

**2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (posted on the website)**

<http://probusperth.ca/documents/AGM-Minutes-2018.pdf> )

A motion to approve the 2018 minutes was moved and seconded, and approved by a vote of the members present.

**3. President's Report: Craig Greenwood**

Craig began by announcing the passing of long-term member Don McNaughton and offered condolences. He then thanked the members of the 2018-2019 Management team for their efforts on behalf of the Club, and asked them to stand to be recognized. A gift was presented to David Allcock, who was stepping down as Club Secretary after eight years. Very appropriately, the gift was a humorous book on correct writing. David has also served as chief barista at Club meetings, so this presented an opportunity to advise the members that arrangements had been made with the Legion to use their ceramic cups, and dispense with disposable ones.

**4. Membership Committee Report and By-Law Proposal: Aline McRory**

Aline reported that the current membership was 203. Actual attendance at meetings for the prior year was typically 125 – 130. Members were reminded that annual dues must be paid by November 6, and that membership lapses for anyone who does not pay required dues by that date. New members Tom Mackey, Glenn Tunnock, and Linda Cuthbertson were welcomed to the Club. Aline introduced the arrangement of a local vendor (Elite Engraving) to add the Probus logo on any garment provided by a member at a cost of \$15 per garment, or for free if a member purchased a garment from their selection.

Craig advised the members that the Executive is proposing a change to the By-Laws to limit the Club membership to 205 beginning November 7, 2019, due to concerns such as the physical space available in the Legion Hall. The text of the proposal and rationale will be posted in the September Probian and on the website ([http://probusperth.ca/documents/Draft\\_Membership\\_Bylaw-revision.pdf](http://probusperth.ca/documents/Draft_Membership_Bylaw-revision.pdf)), and voted on by the membership at the October meeting.

## **5. Special Events Committee Report: Mary Kilgour**

Mary reported that the Social Events in 2018 – 2019 were well-attended, and announced upcoming events: September 11 performance of Rings of Fire (Johnny Cash tribute) at Thousand Islands Playhouse, October 28 bus tour of wineries in Prince Edward County, and November 14 dinner-theatre at Michael's Table/Perth & District Collegiate Institute. Details will be in the Probian.

## **6. Speakers Committee Report: David Farquharson**

The speaker at the October meeting will be Maggie McDougall from Spectrum Cannabis, the medical division of Canopy Growth. She will provide an educational presentation on medical cannabis, discuss cannabis legislation, the uses of medical cannabis, safe and responsible use and accessing medical cannabis.

## **7. Financial Report: Graeme Rutledge**

Graeme reported the financial status of the Club as of July 31, 2019. As a result of revenue of \$4953 and disbursements of \$4062, our bank balance increased to \$7033. Available funds (bank balance less committed pending disbursements) increased from \$5252 to \$6001. A motion to accept the report was moved and seconded, and approved by a vote of the members present.

## **8. Report of the Financial Reviewer: Craig Greenwood for Sheila Hurren**

Sheila's report for 2018-2019 and an explanation of the steps taken to review the financial records were provided to the members. The report found that all is in good order. A motion to accept the report was moved and seconded, and approved by a vote of the members present.

## **9. Nominating Report and Elections of Management Committee: David Batchelor**

David presented the slate of candidates for the 2019-2020 Probus year, which had been included in the Summer Probian:

### Signing Officers

President: Liz Leonard

Vice President: Lois-Anne Brebner

Secretary: Bill Michie

Treasurer: Graeme Rutledge

### Other Committee members

Membership: Aline McRory

Special Events: Mary Kilgour & Gail Read (sharing one vote)

Speakers: David Farquharson

Web Master: Colin Stephenson

Probian Editor: Rob Leonard

Past President: Craig Greenwood

No additional nominations were received from the floor. A motion for acceptance of the slate was moved and seconded, and approved by a vote of the members present.

As Sheila Hurren has served for a number of years as the Financial Reviewer, it was proposed that Jocelyn Gordon be named to this role starting in 2019-2020. A motion to this effect was moved and seconded, and approved by a vote of the members present.

**10. Induction of the President for 2019-2020:** David Bachelor

David welcomed Liz Leonard to her new role as President of the Probus Club of Perth.

**11. Adjournment of the 2019 Annual General Meeting:** Craig Greenwood

Craig congratulated the 2019-2020 members of the Management Committee and thanked Lois-Anne for stepping into the role of Vice-President. He then adjourned the AGM.

**12. September General Meeting:**

The AGM was followed by Liz Leonard's self-introduction, community announcements, a social period, and the presentation by Main Speaker Audrey Cole about the limits of traditional guardianship. The meeting adjourned at noon.

**Post Note:** The amendment to the Bylaws (see Item 4) was passed by a vote of the members present at the Oct. 2 General Meeting.

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Craig Greenwood, Past-President

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Bill Michie, Secretary