

PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Perth Legion Hall, Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 10.03 am

The meeting was called to order at 10.03 am, and acceptance of the minutes for the 2016 annual general meeting was moved by David Crowley and seconded by Colin Stephenson. The motion was unanimously accepted. The meeting was well attended, with around 95 members present, or just under two-thirds of our current membership.

1. President's Report: Richard Thomson

Richard welcomed everyone, and thanked all present for the opportunity to serve as president for a second time.

The team has seen some changes in personnel, with Don McDiarmid having to resign his Membership Secretary position owing to ill health. Aline McRory graciously volunteered to take over this role. Thank you, Aline. Also, Max Wood resigned as editor of the *Probian*, and will be sorely missed. Thanks, Max, for making the Perth *Probian* the most comprehensive, and no doubt the envy, of all the local clubs. Our past-president, Bill Kennedy has kindly volunteered to take on the position of *Probian* Editor.

Richard also thanked:

- David Farquharson and the Speakers Committee for providing the club with an excellent and eclectic array of speakers for the past session.
- Mary Kilgour and the Special Events Committee for their unflagging enthusiasm in organizing the many social events throughout the year.
- Club Secretary David Allcock for providing each general meeting with coffee and tea at no cost.
- Graeme Rutledge for keeping a watchful eye on the budget and planning for a solvent future for the club.
- David Batchelor, who not only fulfilled his vice-presidential duties by filling in for the president when needed at various meetings and functions, but was also responsible for setting-up and maintaining our audio-visual needs for our meetings.
- Colin Stephenson, our web-master and co-editor of the *Probian*, who deserves a special thank you for putting all the things that happen in the club out there for all to see.
- And lastly to Bill Kennedy, our outgoing past-president, for his continued support and guidance throughout the year.

- Richard thanked all the members for making this year's Perth Probus Club exciting, entertaining, and informative and, most of all, fun.

2. Membership Committee Report: Aline McRory

Aline said that, as of June 2017, we have 165 members, with an expected jump in membership next month. Two new members were inducted into the club at the meeting – “Buzz” Bowles and Ron Bell.

3. Special Events: Mary Kilgour

Mary outlined the Fall attraction – the Octoberfest at Ladysmith on September 30th. There are eight spaces available on the coach, which leaves “the factory” parking lot on Sunset Boulevard at 7.30 am. There will also be a dinner theatre event on November 2. Lunch after the AGM will be at Michael's Table.

4. Speakers Committee: David Farquharson

David thanked the membership for their creative ideas for speakers in the survey that was conducted during the year. The results outlined no fewer than 27 topics for the forthcoming session! The speaker for the October general meeting will be Bruce Di Labio, who is the avian correspondent for the Ottawa Citizen.

5. Financial Report: Graeme Rutledge

Graeme presented the yearly financial statement, which showed that we presently have \$2,741 in available funds, representing approximately one year of club operation, considered a reasonable target for our type of organization. Graeme also read the report from Sheila Hurren, our financial reviewer, who found that “all was in order”. Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Ernie Trischuk and seconded by Derek Cooke. The motion was unanimously accepted by the members present.

6. Webmaster: Colin Stephenson

Colin outlined the tremendous job done by Max Wood as editor of the *Probian* for the past three years. As a memento, Max was presented with “The Wood Editions”, a bound copy of all the *Probian*s produced by Max during his tenure.

7. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers: Bill Kennedy

Bill presented the slate of candidates for the 2017/8 Probus year, which is listed below:

President: David Batchelor
Vice-President: Craig Greenwood
Treasurer: Graeme Rutledge (incumbent)
Secretary: David Allcock (incumbent)
Speakers: David Farquharson (incumbent)

Membership: Aline McRory (incumbent)
Special Events: Mary Kilgour (incumbent)
Webmaster: Colin Stephenson (incumbent)
Probian: Bill Kennedy
Financial Reviewer: Sheila Hurren

Bill asked three times for nominations from the floor for these positions, but none were forthcoming. A motion for acceptance of this slate was moved, seconded and voted on. It was passed unanimously. The position of past-president will automatically be assumed by Richard Thomson, the outgoing president.

In addition to the above executive positions, a number of club members will serve on subcommittees or as assistants to the executive. These include:

- Ian McDonald, assisting the treasurer
- Gardner Church, Brian O'Connor, Derek Cooke and Arlene Dickson, serving on the Speaker Program Committee
- Gail Read, assisting with Special Events and also on the Speaker subcommittee.
- David Allcock, provider of coffee and tea, assisted by Alanah and Bob Langeland.
- Position presently open for assistance with the AV equipment. Any Volunteers?

8. Induction of President: David Batchelor

Richard introduced our new president, David B, who was greeted by the membership with enthusiasm.

9. Self Introduction: David Batchelor

Seven minutes was only enough for David to scratch the surface of his eventful life and interests. Suffice it to say, he was born in the U.K., but was now celebrating not only his 50th year in Canada, but also 50 years of marriage! He mentioned that, besides *Probus*, he has been active in the Rideau Trail Association and the Perth Community Christmas Dinner. He finished by outlining some plans for the coming year, including a briefer *Probian* format, and the possibility of having some “semi-commercial” speakers make brief (e.g. 5 minute) presentations. He would also like volunteers for our book exchange program.

10. Adjournment of 2017 General Meeting:

Following David B’s motion to adjourn, the meeting finished at 10.33 am.

President

Secretary

Richard Thomson

David Allcock

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