

PROBUS CLUB of PERTH
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held virtually on Zoom, Wednesday September 1, 2021

1. Opening

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the related public health rules, the AGM was conducted as a Zoom meeting. Lois-Anne called the meeting to order. David Batchelor explained to the members in attendance how the meeting would be conducted, including the use of pop-up polls when votes were required. The documents referenced in the meeting had been posted in a special AGM folder on the Club website.

2. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 AGM was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the membership.

3. President's Report: Lois-Anne Brebner

The President reported on the key achievements of the Club during the past year. A Covid webpage was set up on the website that included pandemic information, stories written by various members, humour and ideas for entertainment. The Probian newsletter was used to maintain a connection with members and to provide key information. David Batchelor led the Club's adoption of Zoom technology, which made it possible to resume monthly meetings, held virtually.

4. Membership Report: Aline McRory

The official number of members is 205, plus the 90+ group. The actual number will be known by November, after the deadline for renewals. About 100 members have already renewed. Depending on the number of members who do not renew, people on the waiting list will be able to join.

5. Special Events Committee Report: Mary Kilgour and Gail Read

Mary and Gail described the plans for outdoor patio events taking place this fall. The staff at the venues have all been vaccinated, and it is preferred that guests also be fully vaccinated. For other community events, it was suggested that members refer to the Humm publication.

6. Speakers Committee Report: John Byers

John explained that David Farqharson retired from his role as Chair of the Speakers Committee, but is continuing as a member of the Committee. Gardi Church left the Committee to devote more time to his responsibilities on the Hospital Board. Dolores Davis has joined the Committee. Speakers are already lined up for most of the year.

7. Treasurer's Report and Financial Reviewer's Report: Graeme Rutledge and Jocelyn Gordon

The Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report were posted on the website. Graeme commented that refunds were paid to all members who had signed up for 2020 events that had to be cancelled.

About 70 members pre-paid their 2021 dues, and members were reminded that dues must be paid by the November General Meeting in order to renew memberships. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved unanimously by the membership.

Graeme read the Financial Reviewers report. A motion to approve the Financial Reviewer's Report was made, seconded and approved unanimously by the membership.

8. Nominating Report and Elections of Management Committee: Liz Leonard

Liz explained that the normal rotation of officers was interrupted by the resignation of the Vice-President in January. Fortunately, Lois-Anne Brebner and Liz Leonard agreed to remain in their positions for a second year, and Susan Freeman agreed to stand for the Vice-President position for 2021-2022. The slate below was presented to the membership:

Signing Officers

President: Lois-Anne Brebner

Vice President: Susan Freeman

Secretary: Bill Michie

Treasurer: Graeme Rutledge (alternate Tony Thompson)

Other Committee members

Membership: Aline McRory

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

Speakers: John Byers

Web Master: Colin Stephenson

Probian Editor: Rob Leonard

Past President: Liz Leonard

A motion to approve this slate was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the membership.

9. Adjournment of the 2020 Annual General Meeting: Lois-Anne Brebner

The AGM was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

10. September General Meeting:

The meeting continued as the September General Meeting, with Leah den Bok's pictorial presentation about the homeless in Canada.

Lois-Anne Brebner, President

Bill Michie, Secretary