

PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Perth Legion Hall, Wednesday September 6, 2018 at 10.03 am

The meeting was called to order at 10.03 am, and acceptance of the minutes for the 2017 annual general meeting was moved by Aline McRory and seconded by David Farquharson. The motion was unanimously accepted. The meeting was well attended, with around 95 members present, or almost exactly a half of our current membership.

1. President's Address: David Batchelor

David welcomed everyone, and commenced with some humorous and thought-provoking conundrums. David thanked all present for the opportunity to serve as president, to all committee and sub-committee members for their diligence during the year, and to Mike Flynn, who kindly offered to help with the AV set-up for the general meetings.

The past successful Probus year was outlined, including the social events that were all well attended. The new year will start with a change to the way that badges are collected, with members being responsible for their badges rather than the club collecting them after each general meeting.

David also announced that Probus lapel pins and license plate holders will be available, with an order sheet at the rear of the auditorium for those interested.

Membership Committee Report: Aline McRory

Aline welcomed members back after a long, hot summer. At the beginning of the past Probus year we had 168 members. Since then, we have lost two members and gained 24, so our membership presently stands at 190. Aline then introduced several new members who had joined in June, 2018.

3. Special Events: Mary Kilgour and Gail Read

Mary quickly summarized the past year as one of unbridled success, with so many members participating in a variety of programs, including a coach visit to the Oktoberfest in Ladysmith and culminating in the Christmas party at the Lions Club. Mary outlined the attractions for the forthcoming year, with 41 people signed up for the fall trip to the Museum of History and the gardens at MosaiCanada. There will be a Dinner – Theatre event on November 15 to Maximilians and the Studio Theatre to attend “The Marvellous Wonderettes – Dream On”. Gail provided details of the Christmas Party, to be held this year on December 14 at the Civitan Hall. Smith and Smith will be providing eminently danceable music. Lunch after this AGM will be at Fiddleheads.

4. Speakers Committee: David Farquharson

Armed with the results of last year's enthusiastic survey, the topics over the past year were many and varied, but all were entertaining and educational. David outlined the speaker for the October general meeting, who will be Major-General Louis McKenzie, a world-renowned figure who has led nine tours of duty for our forces. His topic will be "Canada's Peacekeeping Myth".

5. Financial Report: Graeme Rutledge

The financial report for the past year was presented to the members on line in the August Probian, and appended to these minutes. It showed that we started the year in August with \$4,000, and ended with \$6400. We are approximately \$1,600 higher than last year when ongoing commitments are accounted for. Notable for this past year was that social events netted a surplus of around \$580. The additional balance for this year provides us with contingencies to manage likely hall rental increases as well as an increase in allowance for speaker charges. Graeme said that Sheila Hurren, our financial reviewer, had examined the report and pronounced it accurate.

Dave Batchelor proposed a motion for Sheila Hurren to continue in her Financial Reviewer role for another year. The motion was seconded by David Allcock, and was passed unanimously.

6. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers: Richard Thomson

Richard presented the slate of candidates for the 2018/9 Probus year, which was also presented in the August Probian and is listed below:

President: Craig Greenwood
Vice-President: Liz Leonard
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 (incumbent)
Financial Reviewer: Sheila Hurren

Richard asked three times for nominations from the floor for these positions, but none were forthcoming. A motion for acceptance of this slate was moved by Gardie Church, seconded by Clive Addy and voted on. It was passed unanimously. The position of past-president will automatically be assumed by David Batchelor, 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, Derek Cooke, John Byers and Gail Read, 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.
- Mike Flynn and Dave Batchelor, who set up AV equipment in preparation for general meetings, including Speaker requirements
- Bill Michie, who manages our book exchange.

7. Induction of President: Craig Greenwood

David Batchelor introduced our new president, Craig Greenwood, who was greeted by the membership with enthusiasm.

8. Self Introduction: Craig Greenwood

In slightly over seven minutes, Craig presented a life redolent of the outdoors and full of wonder for the natural world around him. His early memories start in when he was living in Oakville, where summers at the YMCA camp on Beausoleil Island instilled a love of swimming, canoeing and sailing. Sadly, his dad passed away when he was 13, so he became Mr. Fixit for the family. He attended Ridley College in St. Catherines and at 16 attended a chicken conference affording him visits to Ukraine and Sweden! During his teenage years he also developed his lifelong interest in photography.

At Macmaster University, where he had aspirations to become a paediatrician, he instead graduated in wildlife biology! It was here that he met his future wife, Louise. Then, with a position as District Biologist at Geraldton, he conducted moose surveys which involved a lot of winter flying in a DH Beaver Turbo. In Cochrane, as wildlife biologist, he indulged in his passion for photography, especially wildlife, researching polar bears in Hudson Bay. Also in Cochrane, he joined the Rotary Club.

At a Sault Ste Marie posting, he indulged in another passion – sailing, where he had a sailing boat that slept all four of his family. He retired on Lake Huron, where he converted his love of photography into a business. With no regrets he cemented his retirement by moving to Burgesswood. Craig has now been married 46 years, his son and daughter having blessed him with four grandchildren aged 2 to 5. As well as being an enthusiastic part of Perth Probus, he is a member of the Lanark County Camera Club.

9. Adjournment of 2018 General Meeting:

Following Craig’s motion to adjourn, the meeting finished at 10.48 am.

President

Secretary

David Batchelor

David Allcock