

# Perth Probus Club

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at the Sports Bar, Bell's Sports Centre, Perth

Present: Ninian Reid, Eric Davidson, Ken Ward, Stewart Macleod, Murray Scott

### 1) Apologies

Mike Hope tendered his apologies

### 2) Minutes of Previous Meeting (18 September 2019)

These were accepted as correct

### 3) Matters Arising

All the actions had been completed apart from the following:

- The issue of Outings has not been raised at any meeting
- No progress had been made with getting a speaker's convenor

### 4) Secretary's Report

The AGM would be on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and the secretary would produce the final agenda. He pointed out that no comments had been made on the duties of Secretary document. So far no other documents had been produced by the other office bearers.

**(Action Office Bearers)**

### 5) Treasurer's Report

Ken reported that we have £1105 in our bank account and this year we will make a small loss. The proposed membership subscription for next year was discussed and it was agreed that the subject would be put on the AGM agenda and discussed at that meeting in order to involve all the members.

It was agreed that Jim Watters would be asked to audit our accounts.

**(Action Ken)**

## **6) Registrar's Report**

Murray pointed out that although there was 26 at today's meeting the average attendance was 23.5. However there was a number of members who had not been there for the last eight meetings. It was agreed that the President would phone these members whose position was unknown in order to get an update on their status.

**(Action Ninian)**

## **7) Spring Lunch**

It was decided that the Spring Lunch would be arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> April which is a normal meeting day. Eric would approach McDiarmid Park with regard to a provisional booking and details of the menu and prices.

**(Action Eric)**

## **8) Outings**

It was agreed that this subject would be put on the AGM Agenda and discussed at that meeting.

**(Action Eric)**

## **9) Speakers Update**

Ninian stated that there had been progress on this. He said that he would pass all the information that he had to Eric for circulation to the members.

**(Action by Ninian/Eric)**

The subject of getting speakers was discussed and it was proposed that rather than leaving it to the present somewhat ad-hoc arrangement we should have a Speakers Convenor or some other arrangement. This issue will be on the AGM Agenda.

**(Action Eric)**

## **10) AOCB**

New Members – The lack of new members was a serious issue and it was decided that we explore ideas both within the club and with other Perth Probus Clubs as to how we can increase our membership.

**(Action All Committee Members)**

Transport – It was decided that the idea of hiring a minibus in order to transport members without their own transport to the meetings proposed at the last Committee Meeting was seen as a non-starter and was dropped.

**(Action Eric)**

Constitution/Committee Members – One or two ideas were proposed for the positions of President and Vice-President and the President agreed to approach these people.

**(Action Ninian)**

Long-Time Members – it was agreed that we should mark long-time members with some form of memento such as a certificate. Ideally it was thought that 30 years should be the trigger point. This year Leslie MacLaren will have actually done 33 years and next year both John Blair and Bernard Doris will be 30 years. Eric will put together a draft certificate.

The President thought that we should consider how we could laminate the proposed 30 year certificate and the small one that we give our speakers.

**(Action Eric/Ninian)**