

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2023
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

PRESENT: As per Attendance Sheet.

Acting President Barry Hogan welcomed everyone back. Happy New Year. You know by now that Carol resigned as President, Tours Co-Ordinator and also as a Member of Guildford Probus so as Vice-President I will be acting as President until the AGM on 2nd March 2023.

APOLOGIES: Pauline McAndrew, Heather Collins, Frank Spittle, Matt Haydon, Norma Dickie, Carol Duane (who is in local Rehab Hospital and called 2 wheelchair taxis who both said was too short a distance and refused the job).

VISITORS: Muriel Comber from Woodpark.

BIRTHDAYS: Kuma Babooram, Jill and Merv Barnett, Vicki Couvee, Fay Haydon, Jan Kristianson, Pauline McAndrew, Lidia Pedavoli, Margaret Ricketts and Doreen Wall.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT: Sue sent Carol Duane a Get Well Card. Carol will be in "Moon Boot" and in Rehab Hospital for lots more weeks and would appreciate visitors. Sent Sympathy Card to Judy Forrest whose sister passed away recently.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barry realised he has been President four times previously and now filling in until elections next month. Carol's resignation was a shock to all. She has worked tirelessly & professionally as Tours Officer over many years and left big shoes to fill. Reminder – Annual Fees due by end of March. AGM on 2nd March so pick up some Nomination Forms & have a serious think. Silo Tour – Carol was halfway and Peter & Heather Schabel are continuing the work (Peter as Treasurer has been in contact with Cesare of ARJ since GOR trip). Numbers are up & down but promising. D-Day for money is today.

Moved Coral Hughes and **Seconded** Rodney Skinner that President's report be accepted. **Carried**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the previous meeting of December 2022 available to be circularised.

Correspondence Out: Notified PSP re President Carol's resignation and Barry H. is Acting President until March AGM.

Contacted Allan Ezzy who is willing again to act as Returning Officer at AGM.

Correspondence In: Received 2 Magnetic Badges for Members.

Thanks to Peter Schabel and Heather for the huge amount of work which they are doing to keep the Silo Trip alive along with our Acting President Barry who has been canvassing for more travellers. Big thanks and Best Wishes to Carol Duane who has been setting up the Bulletin from her Hospital abode with team effort from Brien & daughters.

Moved Fay Wade and **Seconded** Sue Both that Secretary's Report by accepted. **Carried**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial Records with Auditor. Net available at 31/1/23 - \$10,601.47. Yesterday had \$33,060.00 in bank. Committee had January meeting and recommended GOR money should be used.

Moved Lidia Culican and **Seconded** Mayda Devlin that Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Social Days Organiser: May have some new members. Thanks for coming to Coolibah lunch - 44 people. Tiffany Duane took lots of photos. Thanks. Great Luau.

16 February: Watsons Bay. \$2.50 trip. Circular Quay. Wharf 2. 10.30am. Give Sue names. Any suggestions for trips, \$2.50 or otherwise. Car pooling. e.g. Kokoda Trail. Use Suggestion Box.

Moved Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** Maureen O'Donoghue.

TOUR OFFICER'S REPORT: Silo Tour - Peter & Heather still taking bookings. 36 travellers. 21 out of 24 rooms. Non-members – 12. Cesare (ARJ) said *no bangers & mash*. Greystanes Probus invited Guildford members to join their tours – details in Bulletin. \$2.50 and day

trips, etc. Kiama - 7th March. Details at back table. Peter will do list for these outings & payment.
Moved Robyn Corliss and **Seconded** John Collins that Tour Officer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Barry - Hawkesbury Races on Thursday 18th May. Has booked for 20 people. \$70pp. (4 years ago cost was \$65). 2 course meal, coffee or tea, Race book, seats indoor grandstand. If good response can increase number. Train or drive yourself. Names down today with Coral.

General Business: Peter Schabel (Treasurer) explained in detail the pros and cons of the options for the dispersal of the \$5,000 credit returned by Australian Road Journeys (ARJ) regarding the cancelled Great Ocean Road Trip (GOR) of March 2020. These had been discussed at various Committee Meetings and at the January 2022 Committee Meeting a unanimous decision was made to recommend that the \$5,000 be deposited into Guildford Probus's general account for the benefit of all members.

** An outline of Committee's discussions is attached at end of Minutes.

Peter asked if any questions before he moves the motion and we begin the voting process?

No questions.

Peter Schabel: On behalf of the Guildford Probus Committee, I move the following motion:

Motion: *The \$5,000 received from ARJ as consideration following the cancelled Great Ocean Road Trip in 2020 is to be deposited into Guildford Probus's general accounts as extraordinary income, and be returned to all members as determined by the Committee.*

Acting President Barry: Is there a Secunder to the Motion?

Seconded by Margaret Ricketts. **Carried.**

Acting President Barry: Is there anyone else to talk on the motion?

Merv Barnett: Those on the tour – do they lose \$70 or get \$70.

Peter Schabel: They financially benefit because going into Club funds. 34 gave back to Club. Some people object to this so we will vote.

Acting President Barry: Is there anyone to talk against the motion?

No response.

A/P Barry: No further talk so I will now Put the Motion.

A/P Barry will Chair the voting. Only financial members are able to vote. Voting will be by secret ballot. If more than 50% of votes agree to the Motion it will be passed.
Ballot papers handed out.

Chair appoints Heather Schabel and Sue Both as Scrutineers to collect ballot papers and to adjourn to another room to count votes.

Chair receives count and announces result: 40 voted. Yes – 37. No – 2. One (1) invalid.

11.30am. Guest Speaker – Isabelle Paras from Hearing Australia. Great talk on best ways to help people with hearing loss and tips for them to cope with slight loss before hearing aids. Available for advice on problems. Quick hearing test today available with her – and several members took advantage of this.

Lucky Door Prize Winners: Jim Gibbs, Heather Schabel, Robyn Corliss, Coral Hughes, Lydia Pedavoli, Annette Gibbs, Doreen Wall, Rhilma Bruce, Peter McGann, Merv Barnett, Gwenda Collins, Jack Babooram.

Meeting closed at approx. 12.15pm.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 10.30am (AGM).

** Attachment.