

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at Art Gallery of Burlington
THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Past President Hal Kemp called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and he took the Chair for the meeting. He welcomed all PROBUS members who were present and called upon the Secretary to review the Minutes of the last AGM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Bob Miller referred to the Minutes of the AGM held October 21, 2013 which had been printed in the last issue of the Hi - Lites Newsletter. After a brief review, and opportunity for any comments from the general membership, he then moved that those Minutes be accepted and placed in the Minutes Book. Seconded by Jim Thurston, the motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mike Hoshoooley reported that the Club is in a strong financial position. He noted that the Club's Audited Financial Statements for year ending Sept. 30, 2014 and preliminary 2014-15 budget had also been printed in Hi - Lites.

The Auditor for the financial activities of the Club this year was David Page, MBA and CA, who did a full and thorough audit. He has stated in his letter that "these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore as at September 30, 2014 and the results of its operations for the year ended."

For the year 2013-14, Revenues exceeded Expenses by \$1,373 after several years of operating losses. Total Assets grew to \$5,372 which includes a \$1,000 provision towards our 25th anniversary celebration. The Management Committee has adopted a policy to not subsidize routine events and activities such as Christmas luncheon.

The 2014-15 Budget assumes that our membership will remain flat at approximately 170. Our only source of Revenue is membership fees and 50 / 50 draws. The majority of the Expenses are rental of the meeting room and speakers gratuities. We expect to break even form operations during 2014 -15.

Mike offered to answer any questions or concerns from the general membership. There were none.

Paul Crittenden moved that the Audited Financial statements be accepted.

Seconded by John Wishart, the motion was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jack White said that he was pleased by the fine speakers and interesting activities offered to the membership during the past year.

Jack noted the good work of John Wishart and Guido Steinnagel organizing events such as the Hamilton Harbour Tour and the tour of the Hamilton Steam and Technology Museum to see the "walking beam" engine. He also thanked Jim Thurston for continuing to lead the hiking activities.

Jack mentioned that the Club has adopted the practice of making a charitable donation as well as sending a card to the families of deceased members.

He thanked the House Committee for their work during the past year, especially those who have served as Greeters and 50 / 50 Sellers.

And he deeply appreciated the work and support of the Management Committee, many of whom are staying on for the next year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Hal Kemp reported for the Nominating Committee which consists of the Club President, Vice President and Past President.

In accordance with the Bylaws of our Club, the opportunity for general members to volunteer or make nominations for Management Committee positions has been communicated at monthly meetings and via the Hi-Lites newsletter. Then, the Committee made many personal phone calls with disappointing results. Again, at this meeting, Hal asked for general members to step forward, as we still have vacancies to fill. As it stands now, there will not be any events or activities.

Hal introduced the 2014 – 15 Management Committee members and called them to the front of the room as follows:

We will have former Presidents Mike Wain and Hal Kemp returning as Co-Presidents

Jack White	Past President	
Arn Folliott	Vice President	
Mike Hoshooley	Treasurer	Former President
Bob Miller	Secretary	
Mike McInnis	Membership	
Dave McKenzie	Newsletter	
John Dunn	Speakers	
Paul Crittenden	Cheer	
Ed Kearns	House	Former President
Vacant	Events	

This is the group recommended by the Nominating Committee and Hal Kemp moved that they be accepted by the general membership by show of hands..... Carried unanimously.

NEW PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hal Kemp and Mike Wain will share the duties as Co-Presidents and Hal speaks for Mike in saying that the greatest challenge facing the Club is recruiting members to manage. This has led to an appeal for those who served before to come back, and help and we are fortunate to have some members who will.

More importantly, this is an appeal for new members to come in as assistants in preparation for future service.

We came close to not forming a new Management Committee. We are very fortunate that some of those members who have served a long time are staying on one more year as well.

Now is the time to step forward and help your Club continue on.

There being no further business, the 2014 AGM was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Bob Miller, Secretary

