

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday October 19th, 2020 via Zoom.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Past President Rodney Devitt called the Annual General Meeting to order at 10.54 am and he took the Chair. He welcomed all the PROBUS members to the meeting. He called upon the Secretary to review the Minutes of the previous AGM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary, Malcolm Ramsay, reviewed the Minutes of the AGM held October 16^h, 2019. These had been published on the Club's website and a link to them provided in Hi-Lites. He moved that the Minutes be adopted as published. This was seconded by Al Ayre and carried by majority.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB PRESIDENT

President Bill Willson addressed the most significant issues of this past extraordinary year:

We started the excellent roster of speakers lined up for the entire year

Great Christmas luncheon at the Burlington Convention Centre with a guest speaker

Meetings went off without a hitch at the Art Gallery of Burlington until our April meeting when COVID 19 made its presence felt

During the following months, Management Committee placed calls to all members in the middle of the first phase to see how people were getting along with the isolation of the COVID 19 and let them know we would be having Zoom meetings during the summer

New members were attracted to our club as Ken Medland began our 20 in 20 program.

We worked on Zoom presentations for the remainder of the year. Thanks go to Dave McKenzie for his patience and skills

Events for the summer months were curtailed after hard work of our events committee. All deposits made by our members for tickets to the shows were refunded and returned to them

Curling and Golf-Jim Barnett led us to a narrow defeat against the other Burlington Men's Probus club. The crying towel will be passed on to our President for presentation at the next bonspiel. Dennis Colameco led us in a successful golf outing at Hidden Lake this fall.

We had a strong year financially under the stewardship of Dave Little

I want to give special thanks to management committee who are retiring:

Speaker's chair Duncan McPhail
Events Chair-Dave McKay
Cheer-Brian Langlotz

Past President-Rodney Devitt

New members on management committee-John McArthur, Mike Hill, Al Ayre and John Hughes will be taking their place.

I would like to offer my thanks to the members for your support and understanding as we worked our way through the challenges presented in the past year. As always, I say stay safe and call a friend in our Probus club.

I look forward to meeting with you all again in person.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dave Little gave the following report

The first item that I would like to cover is the financial statements of the Club for the year ended September 30, 2020.

These statements were compiled by our external Accountant, Zyg Novak and appear in the October issue of HiLites. They have been approved on behalf of the Management Committee by me and President, Bill Willson.

I have just a few brief comments on the statements

From a revenue and expense perspective, Covid19 certainly impacted the Club in 2020. It caused the cancellation of 3 special events and 6 in-person meetings at the Art Gallery. Thus, revenues from special events, 50/50 draws etc. were down compared to prior years. On the other hand, our rental expense to the AGB was down significantly. Other revenue and expense items were consistent with prior years.

Overall, revenues for the year exceeded expenses by \$ 1,858. This is the amount that is transferred to the accumulated reserves of the Club.

Looking at our financial position as of Sept. 30, we are in excellent shape with a total cash balance of prox. \$ 7,800 up slightly from the previous year. The Club had no liabilities as of year end.

Are there any questions from the membership on these financial statements?

Dave Little moved that the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2020 compiled by Zyg Novak be accepted. Second by Jim Barnett.....Carried

The next financial item to look at is the operating budget for the 2021 fiscal year. The budget was published in detail in the October issue of HiLites.

The budget was prepared with input from members of the Management Committee and was approved by the committee at our September Zoom meeting.

Membership fees have been held at \$ 40 per member which is the same as it's been for the past several years. We have assumed a membership roster of 150.

The budget also assumes that in person meetings will resume in January 2021 and thus meeting hall rental payments to the Art Gallery. I personally would be happy to start issuing monthly cheques to the AGB!! But even if in person meetings do not resume, we will be having Zoom meetings and thus a full complement of Speakers for 2021.

The net result of the budget is a projected deficit for the year of \$ 605. The Management Committee deems this to be acceptable as we do have sufficient reserves to absorb this.

Are there any questions from the membership on the fiscal 2021 budget?

Dave Little moved that the fiscal 2021 budget as published in the October 2020 issue of HiLites be accepted, Second by Bob MoultonCarried

The final item on my list concerns Zyg Novak our external Accountant. I would like to thank Zyg for promptly and accurately compiling our 2020-year end statements. His quick turnaround allowed us to share these statements with the membership in the October issue of HiLites. Zyg has kindly consented to perform this role in the upcoming year.

Dave Little moved to appoint Zygmund Novak to prepare a compilation of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Second by Chris Moskal.....Carried

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2020 – 2021

Rodney Devitt reported on the work of the Nominating Committee and introduced the slate of Management Committee members as follows:

Jim Thurston President
 Bill Willson - Past President
 Mike Hoshoooley – First Vice President
 Malcolm Ramsay – Second Vice President
 Al Ayre– Secretary
 David Little– Treasurer
 Ken Medland –Membership
 Dave Mckenzie – Newsletter & Website
 John McArthur – Speakers (Interim)
 Mike Hill/Mike Cioci – Co Chairs Special Events
 Jim Gilleland – House
 John Hughes– Cheer
 Ken Medland – External Publicity

Sub-Committee Chairs – Jim Barnett - Curling
 Denis Colemeco - Golf

This group was recommended by the Nominating Committee and Rodney Devitt asked that they be accepted by the general membership with a show of hands. Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT JIM THURSTON

Thank you to my sponsors and to the other members of the management committee for entrusting me with the leadership reigns of the men's Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore. I have inherited a well-organized and dedicated group of volunteers who have helped make this club so successful. A special thanks to your outgoing president Bill Willson who led us through our first pandemic, and I hope our last, to the new world of Zoom communication. What innovative technology! It has allowed us to continue the outstanding work of our club and give every member the opportunity to interact and contribute to our amazing retirement life here in Burlington. Ten years ago, I had this very same experience and you know what experience is: "a comb, life gives you after you lose your hair". thank you again. I look forward to working with you this year and continuing into 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED 11.22 am