

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday October 18th, 2021 via Zoom.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Past President Bill Willson called the Annual General Meeting to order at 11:05 am and he took the Chair. He welcomed all the PROBUS members to the meeting and called upon the Secretary to review the Minutes of the previous AGM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary, Al Ayre, reviewed the Minutes of the AGM held October 19, 2020. These had been published on the Club's website and a link to them provided in Hi-Lites. There was one change required to the 2020 report - a second to one of the financial motions was changed from Chris to Richard Moskal. He then moved that the Minutes be adopted as published. This was seconded by Richard Moskal and carried by majority.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB PRESIDENT - JIM THURSTON

PRESIDENT'S YEAR-END REPORT 2020/21

OUR COVID-19 LAKESHORE PROBUS YEAR HAS COME TO AN END. I TRUST THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A MUCH EASIER TIME AND BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO HOLDING "IN PERSON" REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE ART GALLERY OF BURLINGTON - SOMETHING WE COULD NOT DO DURING MY TENURE AS PRESIDENT. TO ILLUSTRATE THIS, I WILL SHARE A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE: A CHAP CAME UP TO ME AT OUR RECENT PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SAID "HELLO" AND THEN REALIZED THAT I DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM. HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS AL AYRE, OUR SECRETARY. NEVER HAVING MET HIM IN PERSON AND WITH A MASK ON, WHO COULD BLAME ME. MY SINCERE THANKS TO AL FOR ACTING AS OUR SECRETARY AND CREATING OUTSTANDING MINUTES AND AGENDAS.

OUR TREASURER, DAVE LITTLE, DID A SUPERB JOB OF TRACKING OUR FINANCES, AND WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE HIS EFFORTS.

MALCOLM RAMSAY, OUR VICE-PRESIDENT, ASSUMED DUTIES AS A VOLUNTEER OR ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL. MALCOLM HAS BEEN WORKING ON OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DETAILS ARE PROVIDED IN HI-LITES FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT AT THE BURLINGTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB.

OUR SPEAKERS' CHAIR, JOHN MCARTHUR, AND HIS COMMITTEE DID A BAG-UP JOB INTRODUCING PRESENTERS FROM ACROSS CANADA, THANKS TO ZOOM. I WILL HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR NOTABLE SPEAKERS: DR. PAUL EVANS ON THE RISE OF CHINA, MARVIN RYDER ON BUDGET IMPLICATIONS, AND KAREN DAVIDSON'S AMAZING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES - TO NAME A FEW. THANK YOU JOHN.

ONE OF THE MOST PLEASURABLE THINGS WE ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR WAS FOR ME TO WRITE 17 WELCOME LETTERS TO NEW MEMBERS. THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PANDEMIC. A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO KEN MEDLAND, OUR SUPERHERO MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.

MIKE HILL, OUR EVENTS CHAIR, EXPERIENCED A VERY RESTRICTED YEAR, BUT WAS ABLE TO KEEP US UPDATED ON THINGS TO DO AFTER LOCKDOWNS AND ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS. HE DID FINISH OFF THE YEAR BY ORGANIZING OUR FIRST CAR RALLY AND SALMON WATCHING EVENT. THOSE OF US WHO PARTICIPATED NOW KNOW THE REGION OF HALTON A LOT BETTER. THANK YOU TO MIKE AND HIS COMMITTEE OF ONE.

JIM GILLELAND, OUR HOUSE CHAIR, HAD NO HOUSE ACTIVITIES, BUT HE WAS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE AGB AND WILL HAVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANKS JIM.

OUR CHEERS COMMITTEE WAS HEADED BY JOHN HUGHES, AND WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR HIS WORK AND DEDICATION.

OUR ZOOM AND NEWSLETTER CHAIR, DAVE MCKENZIE, ASSUMED THE ROLE OF ZOOM MASTER FOR THE YEAR. HE HAS EXCELLED TO THE POINT THAT OTHER PROBUS CLUBS ARE REQUESTING HIS ASSISTANCE. AS ALWAYS HIS NEWSLETTERS PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION AND ARE ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED. WAY TO GO DAVE!!!!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DENNIS COLAMECO, FOR GOLF AND JIM BARNETT, FOR CURLING.

ONE FINAL, VITAL, INDIVIDUAL TO RECOGNIZE IS OUR PAST PRESIDENT, *BILL WILLSON*. BILL WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ME IN MY ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF OUR CLUB. I TRULY APPRECIATED AND VALUED THAT, BILL.

YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RAN A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN FOR BILL, AND HE WAS ELECTED AS THE DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT 3 OF PROBUS CANADA. THANK YOU TO OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR MAKING ALL THOSE INITIAL AND FOLLOW-UP PHONES CALLS ON BILL'S BEHALF. WE ARE HONOURED TO HAVE BILL REPRESENT US AND WE WISH HIM THE VERY BEST IN HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WITH PROBUS CANADA.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SERVED AS YOUR PRESIDENT ONCE AGAIN. MEMBERS OF LAKESHORE PROBUS, HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR TURN TO ASSIST WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR CLUB?. I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS CHALLENGE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report to Probus Lakeshore AGM, October 18, 2021 - DAVE LITTLE

The first item that I would like to cover is the financial statements of the Club for the year ended September 30, 2021.

These statements were compiled by our external Accountant, Zyg Novak and were sent out in a separate email to the membership in early October. They have been approved on behalf of the Management Committee by myself and President, Jim Thurston.

I have just a few brief comments on the statements

Our membership fee revenue stayed basically the same in 2021 as we maintained our membership number at around 150 and maintained dues of \$ 40. Obviously without in person meetings and with Covid19 gathering restrictions no revenue was generated from 50/50 draws or special events. On the other hand most expenses were down for the year with the major exception being "Speakers fees" which were up due to having a full compliment of speakers at our 12 Zoom meetings.

Overall then, revenues for the year exceeded expenses by \$ 3,137. 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 larger than normal cash balance of \$ 14,900. This is due mainly to two factors; namely the large excess of revenue over expenses (\$ 3,137) and the receipt of 2021/2022 membership dues in advance of the next fiscal year. Membership dues in advance totalled \$ 3,105 and appear as Deferred Revenue on the Balance Sheet.

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

I would then move that the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021 compiled by Zyg Novak be accepted. Second by Dick Hames.....carried.

The next financial item to look at is the operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year. The budget was prepared with input from members of the Management Committee and was approved by the committee at our August Zoom meeting.

Looking at the revenue section of the budget, membership fees for the upcoming year have been reduced to \$ 30 per member; this one time discounted fee is a way of thanking the membership for their strong support of the Club during the Covid19 pandemic. We have assumed a membership roster of 150. With the return to in person meetings and the easing of gathering restrictions we anticipate generating some revenue from 50/50 draws and special events.

Looking at the expense section of the budget, I would like to comment on the large amount budgeted for “meeting hall rent”. In addition to in person meetings that we hope will resume next month, we plan to run concurrent Zoom meetings from the Art Gallery. This will allow members who cannot attend to participate in meetings and hear the excellent speakers that we have lined up. The Art Gallery has invested a significant chunk of money in infrastructure (Computers, AV equipment, high speed internet) to facilitate the streaming of Zoom meetings from their facility. The budgeted amount of \$ 5,005 represents the increased cost of renting not only the hall but also all the new equipment that the AGB is providing. The other item of significance is “Speaker Fees” which is budgeted to increase to by \$ 600 to \$ 2,400. Excellent Speakers are key to our meeting and an item that we do not want to scrimp on.

The net result of the budget is a projected deficit for the year of \$ 3,930. The Management Committee deems this to be acceptable as we do have more than sufficient cash reserves to absorb this.

Are there any questions from the membership on the fiscal 2022 budget?

I would then move that the fiscal 2022 budget be accepted. Second by Dave McKenzie.....carried.

The final item on my list concerns Zyg Novak our external Accountant. I would like to thank Zyg for promptly and accurately compiling our 2021 year end statements. His quick turnaround allowed us to share these statements with the membership in advance of today’s AGM. Zyg has kindly consented to perform this role in the upcoming year.

Thus I would like to make a motion to appoint Zygmund Novak to prepare a compilation of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Second by Al Ayre.....carried.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2020 – 2021

Committee members: Bill Willson, Jim Thurston and Malcolm Ramsay

Management Committee for 2021-2022 fiscal year

Position	Nominee
President	Malcolm Ramsay
Past President	Jim Thurston
First Vice President	Ken Medland
Second Vice President	John McArthur
Secretary	Al Ayre
Treasurer	Dave Little
Speaker Committee	John McArthur

Special Events	Mike Hill
Membership Committee	Ken Medland
External Publicity	Ken Medland
House	Jim Gilleland
Newsletter and Zoom	Dave McKenzie
Cheer Committee	John Hughes
Golf	Dennis Colemeco
Curling	Jim Barnett

Motion by Bill Willson to accept the Nominating Committee report and approve the slate of members to form the Management Committee for 2022, second by Jim Thurston.....carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT - MALCOLM RAMSAY

TO OUR NEWLY MINTED PAST PRESIDENT, THANK YOU JIM FOR YOUR SPIRITED LEADERSHIP. I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND I HOPE TO DRAW ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AND COUNSEL AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND OUR GOLF AND CURLING COORDINATORS, MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR AGREEING TO SERVE IN VARIOUS WAYS THIS COMING YEAR. WITH YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS WE WILL ALL GET TO SHARE IN THE BENEFITS OF BEING MEMBERS IN THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR "HANGING IN" DURING THIS PERIOD OF PANDEMIC UNCERTAINTY. I AM AWARE THAT MEETING THROUGH ZOOM AND YOU TUBE IS NOT THE BEST EXPERIENCE FOR MANY. OF COURSE, WE MISS THE SOCIAL INTERACTION MEETING AT THE ART GALLERY AFFORDS US. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE SOON TO LOSE THE PRIVACY AND COMFORT THAT COMES WITH ZOOM.

LOOKING FORWARD, WE EXPECT THIS COMING YEAR WILL BE ONE OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AND ALL FOR THE BETTER. OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS IN PERSON WILL LIKELY RESUME IN JANUARY. THE CAPACITY OF THE MEETING ROOM AT THE AGB IS CURRENTLY AT 60. THAT IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO 100% IF THE CURRENT VACCINATION AND COVID CASE TRENDS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. DURING THE PANDEMIC THE AGB HAS INVESTED IN NEW AUDIO/VISUAL AND WIFI EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT HYBRID MEETINGS. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO ENGAGE SPEAKERS, LITERALLY FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE FOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND IN PERSON IF THEY UNABLE TO DO SO.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS AS WE DID IN THE PAST. LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCES; VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST; THE CURLING BONSPIEL AND HOPEFULLY A "DRY" GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH THE BURLINGTON PROBUS CLUB.

THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING YEAR. I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THE CLUB FINANCIALLY BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IMMEDIATELY OR SOONER AND GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO HOW YOU CAN BRING YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE TO THE VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES LIKE EVENT PLANNING, MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, MEETING SPACE CO-ORDINATION, SPEAKER RESEARCH AMONG OTHERS. IF JOHN F KENNEDY HAD BEEN A PROBIAN, HE MIGHT HAVE SAID "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB." PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER SERVING IN SOME CAPACITY, AND I WILL FORWARD YOUR OFFER TO THE RELEVANT MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. RAMSAYDALHOUSIE@COGECO.CA.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11.28 am