

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday October 16th, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Past President Malcolm Ramsay called the Annual General Meeting to order at 10:15 am and he took the Gavel. 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 17, 2022. These had been published on the Club's website and a link to them provided in the latest Hi-Lites. There was no further discussion concerning the minutes. He then moved that the Minutes be adopted as published. This was seconded by Jim Barnett and carried by majority.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB PRESIDENT - KEN MEDLAND

PRESIDENT'S YEAR-END REPORT 2022/2023

MY FAREWELL.... Kind of

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since becoming President of our amazing club, PROBUS Burlington Lakeshore! You have allowed me to get to know many of you and enjoy our moments of interaction, Thank You!

Several of our speakers have spoken about the effects of aging and how loneliness can present a negative aspect of our aging process.

Loneliness is NOT a normal part of aging!

Everyone needs social connections to survive and THRIVE. That's why I feel activities such as being an active member of Probus fill such an important part of our social and mental life.

Well, I can attest that since I've been involved with Probus, I have enjoyed the company and fellowship with a whole new group of gentlemen whom I am pleased to call my FRIENDS!

And the list continues to grow. As I listened to the introductions of our newest members, I realized how lucky we are to be able to know these people and share their accomplishments.

In addition, the monthly sponsors have brought us so much more than "free coffee", they have provided decades of experience in navigating the slippery slope of retirement. I am pleased to say that we have gotten confirmation from our current sponsors that they are renewing and we have added some new sources.

I would like to outline the key events that took place during my tenure and thank all of you for your support and input...you made my job and that of the Management committee easy and truly enjoyable!

Speaking about the Management Committee, they are your conduit to us having "The Best Men's Club in Burlington", and on behalf of all of us, I salute them and thank them.

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Some happenings that we accomplished in 2023.

- Negotiated a new rental agreement with the Art Gallery, ensuring we will continue to enjoy the prestige, ambiance, and convenient surroundings.
- Negotiated a reduced parking pass rate for members to eliminate the hassle of paying at the meter.
- Renewed and EXPANDED our sponsorship program, providing free coffee, and golf tournament prizes as well as professional advice and guidance.
- Updated our fun 50 50 draws with a sizable increase in it for the winner!
- Speakers. We continued to attract outstanding speakers for your enjoyment and knowledge.
- New Members. Thanks to all for adding 33 NEW members to reach an all-time high of 170!
- Activities. The committee came up with many innovative offerings including tours of CHCH TV, school archives, several great plays, and auto manufacturing sites.
- Our existing members continued to invite their friends and neighbors as guests, confirming our theme....” BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND”. Thanks to all!!
- Maintained, in spite of inflation, a ZERO increase in our annual fees.
- Continued to produce what in my opinion is an outstanding newsletter...HI LITES.

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I will continue to be part of the board, acting as house chair for the upcoming season, and looking forward to it!

I regard the proof of how positive the year was, that when we started our solicitation to create our new Management Committee, we had an overwhelming “YES” from all those approached.

I think you will be amazed at the new and existing talent on the board. It is what will continue to make Probus Burlington Lakeshore, the best men's club in Burlington!

It has been a fast and wonderful year for me and I sincerely thank every one of you for your total support.

Ken

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report to Probus Lakeshore AGM, October 16, 2023

Thanks Malcolm.

The first item that I would like to cover is the financial statements of the Club for the year ended September 30, 2023.

These statements were compiled by our external Accountant, Zyg Novak and were sent out to the membership in the October issue of HiLites. They have been approved on behalf of the Management Committee by myself and President, Ken Medland.

To summarize - 2023 was a strong year financially for the Club. Bottom line - revenues exceeded expenses by \$ 2,515. Three key factors contributed to this positive result –

- Ø membership renewal fees being returned to a more normal \$ 50 in 2023 vs. the one time reduced fee of \$ 30 in 2022;
- Ø the large jump in new members (33) bringing our membership to an all time high of 170;
- Ø renewed emphasis on the monthly 50/50 draws.

There was no further discussion on the financial statements for the year ended Sept. 30, 2023.

Dave Little then moved that the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2023 compiled by Zyg Novak be accepted. Second by Brian Harrison.....carried.

The next financial item to look at is the operating budget for the 2024 fiscal year which was also included in the October HiLites. The budget was prepared with input from members of the Management Committee and was approved by the committee at our August Zoom meeting.

In summary – the budget projects a potential shortfall of revenue vs. expenses of \$ 750. I would comment that the budget is conservative in terms of membership renewal and new members as well as the coffee sponsorship program. It will be a priority of the incoming Management Committee to outperform this budget.

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There was no further discussion on the 2023/2024 budget.

Dave Little then moved that the fiscal 2024 budget be accepted. Second by Rod McGrath.....carried.

The final item on my list concerns Zyg Novak, our external Accountant. Zyg has been our External Accountant for the past 4 years and has indicated that he would like to withdraw from this role and pass the torch on to another member. On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Zyg for his four years of dedicated service to the Club.

So we need a new External Accountant and this is a call out to those members with a financial background to step up and assume this role. Please contact Ken Snider, our incoming Treasurer or any member of the Management Committee to discuss taking on this role in 2024.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023 – 2024

Committee members: Malcolm Ramsay, Ken Medland, John McArthur, Bob Panabaker and advisor Gary Kirkwood.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE NOMINEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023/24

President	John McArthur
Past President	Ken Medland
1st Vice President	Mike Flintoff
2nd Vice President	Dave Little
Secretary	Tom Williams
Treasurer	Ken Snider
Membership	Gary Kirkwood
Speakers	Pat Lennon
Special Events	George Caughell
Internal Communications	Ken Clarke
House	Ken Medland
Cheer	Jim Thurston
External Publicity	Lawson Hunter
Golf	Bill O'Brien

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Motion by Malcolm Ramsay to accept the Nominating Committee report and approve the slate of members to form the Management Committee for 2023/24. Second by Ron Luxon.....carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT - JOHN McARTHUR

I'm humbled and grateful to be your incoming president. It is a privilege to be entrusted with the leadership of the best men's club in Burlington.

First of all, I would like to thank Ken Medland for his strong leadership during the past year. With Ken at the helm, backed by a very capable management committee, our club made great progress. I am pleased Ken will continue to serve on our management committee and look forward to drawing on his advice.

Our new management committee is inheriting an extraordinarily strong club. Our membership is at an all-time high and we are in excellent financial shape!

Our management committee now has five new members, most of whom are relatively new to our club. They are all exceptionally talented with impressive credentials. This is strong evidence of our Be A Friend Bring a Friend approach which keeps our membership growing. We have a big challenge in front of us to keep up the strong momentum.

However, we are off to a good start:

- The speaker's committee has lined up an impressive roster of presenters through August of next year;
- We have committed coffee sponsors through until November of 2024;
- George Caughell, our events chair is exploring several exciting member experiences in the coming year;
- Plans have been finalized for our annual Holiday Season Luncheon, on Monday December 11th, at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. Please sign up as soon as possible as it is anticipated our attendance is going to surpass last year's event.

If you haven't already remitted your annual dues, I trust you will continue to support our club financially by renewing your membership. I also encourage you to become involved with one of our sub-committees such as the speaker's committee, event planning, membership, external publicity and house.

These are all very important committees that are pivotal in ensuring the continued success of our club. If you are interested in becoming involved, please drop me an E-mail and I will forward it to the chair of the committee.

Also, please keep bringing friends to our monthly meetings to keep our membership growing!

Thank you again for placing your trust in me and our new management committee. This is going to be an exciting year. I look forward to enjoying it with you!

John C. McArthur

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ADJOURNED 10:34 am