

**Harrogate & District Probus Club**  
**Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2:00pm**  
**as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

28 members online

## **1. President's Welcome**

President Tim Eynon welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Colin Fulford for his talk during the preceding informal session. He reminded members that the continuing success of Probus, despite the impact of Covid-19, was shown by the numbers attending. He went on to thank the Committee for their hard work in a very difficult time, and their success in keeping the club relevant and in good shape. Club activities would return to their normal pattern as soon as they possibly could.

The need to grow the membership was obvious to all, and the Committee would shortly be starting a co-ordinated recruitment programme. More news of this would be available in the near future and, meanwhile, all members were invited to "put the word around".

Most importantly, he thanked the membership for retaining their interest in the club.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Peter Honeysett and Gordon Lee.

## **3. Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

It was proposed by John Woolliscroft, seconded by Ken Jones, and carried unanimously that the notes of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM be accepted as a true record of the decisions of the virtual meeting.

## **4. Matters Arising**

None.

## **5. Committee's Annual Report**

The report had been issued in advance with notice of the AGM. No questions were raised.

## **6. Financial Matters**

### **a. Statement of the accounts for the calendar year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

The statement had been issued in advance with the Committee's report and no questions were raised on its accuracy. With no subscription fees being charged for the year, there was an acceptable deficit of £1249.52. The subscriptions for 2020-21 paid early had been carried forward and would be treated as pre-payments for 2021-22.

The Treasurer noted that, because of the impact of the Covid-19 restrictions, it had not been practical to audit the 2020 accounts; the auditors had agreed to defer them and would review 2 years' sets of accounts at the beginning of 2022.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Stuart Jennings, seconded by Norman Parker, and carried unanimously.

## **b. Club subscription for the year ending 31 March 2020**

The Committee recommended that the Club's annual subscription should remain at £50.

Ken Jones asked whether the Committee had established a breakeven level of membership. In reply, the Treasurer stated that this had not occurred but noted that, through deaths and resignations, the membership had dropped from 65 to 57 in the last year. The level of reserves, in conjunction with the proposed subscription, were adequate to support the club.

Acceptance of the proposed subscription was proposed by John Warner, seconded by David Graham, and carried unanimously.

## **7. Appointment of 2 Auditors**

Richard Brooks and John Fordyce had indicated that they were content to continue as auditors. Their reappointment was proposed by Tony Thorndike, seconded by Neil Payne, and carried unanimously.

## **8. Resolutions Submitted by Members**

No resolutions had been submitted.

## **9. Appointments to the Committee**

All existing members of the Committee were willing to continue to serve in 2021-22, with Tim Eynon as President, David Peckett as Secretary, John Woolliscroft as Treasurer, Stuart Jennings as Welfare Officer, Norman Parker as Speaker Finder, David Clayden as Social Secretary, and David Graham as Walks Organizer. In addition, Lothar Trinogga had volunteered to serve as Vice-President

Approval of the Committee was proposed by Colin Fulford, seconded by Norman Parker, and approved unanimously.

## **10. Date of the next Annual General Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **11. Any Other Business**

Stuart Jennings told the members of his pleasure in donating a bottle of whisky to Peter Honeysett on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, Peter's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **12. Meeting Close**

The President thanked members for their attendance, reminded them of the forthcoming Thursday chat on 18<sup>th</sup> March and the next online meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April, and closed the meeting at 2:25pm.

DAVID PECKETT

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021