

PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 6, 2017

ATTENDEES

Doug Jones – chair, Rich Carson, Raymond Greenwood, Hugh Lindsay, Nick LeMoine, Brian Maunder, Ian Paterson, Peter Scott, Roy Williams

GUESTS

Sholto Heberton representing Hugh Chaun and the Speaker Committee, Tim Sehmer the incoming secretary

1. President Doug Jones welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Rich Carson acted as secretary.
2. A quorum of members being present, the president declared the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business.
3. The president reported that Doug Lambert continues to recover but will require further medical procedures. Hugh Chaun and Doug Cucheron are travelling.
4. Hugh Lindsay has circulated revised role descriptions for Management Committee members including a reallocation of the responsibilities previously carried out by Doug Lambert as chairman of the House Committee. The final descriptions will be added to the website
5. The Nominating Committee report had been previously circulated by Jack Zaleski. The slate will be presented to the annual general meeting on September 12, 2017 for voting by the members. Doug Jones and Hugh Lindsay expressed their appreciation of Jack's efforts in identifying next year's management group.
6. The Presidents' lunch will again be held at the Arbutus Club. We will be required to rent audio visual equipment resulting in increased costs. We decided to increase the cost of the lunch to \$35 in light of the additional costs limiting the subsidy to about \$600 as in previous years. The lunch will be open to members plus one guest or spouse.
7. Doug Cucheron had previously distributed a comprehensive financial report including current year information and the implications for the financial position of the club at the end of next year based on additional budgeted expenses and different levels of annual dues. After some discussion, the committee voted to raise the annual dues for the next fiscal year to \$60, the first increase in several years. This would result in a budgeted closing cash balance of about \$15,000 at July 31, 2018. This is regarded as a

prudent reserve at this time. The possibility of a further increase in future years based on further increased costs was recognized.

8. Sholto Heberton circulated a list of future confirmed speakers up to December 2017 on behalf of Hugh Chaun. The gender balance of 3 male and 3 female speakers was noted.
9. Brian Maunder reported that we have 393 members and 14 applications who will be admitted 3 per month. Brian also said that efforts to encourage guests to commit to membership were proving successful and some of the 14 names on the waiting list can be attributed to these efforts.
10. Ian Paterson reported on the busy event schedule for this year including the successful VSO concert and another walk led by John Atkins. The next activities will be Bard on the Beach, a baseball game and a bus trip and tour of the Boeing plant in Everett Washington. There will be further publicity relating to all these events and high attendance numbers are expected. Ian thanked Peter Scott for his efforts in publicizing events through the newsletter. The committee will be meeting on June 27 at Shaughnessy Golf Club to consider whether we are running the best kind of programs and to plan further activities.
11. As noted above, the House Committee has been discontinued and the responsibilities reassigned. The Management Committee expressed their thanks for Doug Lambert's many years of service in a variety of areas and discussed ways of recognizing his contribution. In addition to sending a thank you card, a donation of \$200 will be made to a charity particularly close to Doug's family. We will also invite Doug to a Management Committee Christmas lunch if we choose to repeat that event.
12. Peter Scott undertook to pass on to Elizabeth May our suggestions for the topic for her July presentation. It was also reported that we are printing more copies of the newsletter than seem to be required. 17 are mailed out and about 13 are picked up at the meeting. We decided that there was no need to print in colour. We discussed the importance of finding obituaries of members and former members. It was agreed that this should be a collective responsibility of the Management Committee and anyone noticing a relevant obituary should notify Peter Scott and Doug Cucheron who will initiate the appropriate recognition. It was noted that three members Bob Swannell, Norm Leach and John Seney have recently died.
13. Raymond reported that all is running well in Member Services. Juliet's have changed their billing arrangements and we will try cookies as snacks during the social hour.
14. Nick reported that the website is running well.
15. Roy had nothing to report.
16. A sympathy card was circulated to be sent to Bill Sexsmith on the death of his daughter.

The meeting terminated at 11:15

The meetings for the remainder of 2017 will be held at 9:30 at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club on: August 2, October 3 and December 5. Please note that the August meeting previously scheduled for August 1 will be held on August 2 at 9:30 am at Shauaghnessy