

PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE
SHAUGHNESSY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

ATTENDEES: Hugh Lindsay – Chair, Hugh Chaun, Doug Cucheron, Raymond Greenwood, Brian Maunder, Peter Scott, Tim Sehmer, Roy Williams, Jack Zaleski

REGRETS: Rich Carson, Peter Hamilton, Doug Jones

GUESTS: Chris Finch (representing Rich Carson, chair of the Activities Committee)

1. President Hugh Lindsay welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Tim Sehmer acted as secretary. The agenda circulated by the president on February 1 was approved.
2. A quorum of members being present, the president declared the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business. All committee chairs were present in person or through a representative.
3. The minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting were approved.
4. There was no business arising from the last meeting.
5. Secretary's Report: Tim advised that the Society's 2017 annual report has now been filed, and the following matters are on his plate as secretary:
 - Transitioning the Society under the new B.C. Societies Act on or before November 28 of this year, which will require making amendments to our constitution and bylaws;
 - Arranging for a bylaw review pursuant to section 11(c) of our current bylaws, which requires that "the Directors review the Society's bylaws every three years" (the last review was in 2014) – this can be combined with the transitioning;
 - Reviewing and amending the form of indemnity agreement the Society provides to members of the Management Committee and the Activities Committee, in order to comply with the indemnification provisions in the new B.C. Societies Act.

Tim will seek assistance on these projects from our honorary counsel. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws require approval by both the Directors and the members, so the proposed amendments must be finalized and presented to the Directors at the August management committee meeting and to the members at our September annual general meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report: Doug Cucheron reviewed and answered questions on the 6 month financial statements (to January 31, 2018) that he had circulated prior to the meeting. We are generally

on budget, but Doug noted that the facilities cost will be higher for the year due to the rental increase discussed and approved by the Management Committee at its December 5 meeting.

7. Strategic Plan: Brian took the meeting through a draft strategic planning document that he had circulated prior to the meeting. That document resulted from discussions at a strategic planning meeting chaired by Brian on January 16, with Hugh Lindsay, Hugh Chaun, Raymond Greenwood, Peter Hamilton, Peter Scott and Tim Sehmer in attendance. Based on comments received, Brian will make a few minor amendments and finalize the document.

One of the items raised in the strategic planning document was declining attendance at meetings, and the document suggested a member survey on this and other issues. Jack reported that we have a continuing Survey Monkey membership which permits us to survey our members at no further cost, and reviewed a list of proposed survey questions, which were discussed and approved.

8. Speaker's Committee: Hugh Chaun reviewed an updated schedule of confirmed speakers that he had circulated prior to the meeting. In particular, Prof. Andre Gerolymatos, one of the most well-received speakers we've ever had, has agreed to provide a "Middle East update" at the October 9 President's Luncheon. Hugh and his committee were commended on the impressive roster. Hugh also noted that Kim Campbell is not able to make it in July, and January of 2019 is being explored as an alternate date. It was suggested that David Eby (BC Attorney-General), Andrew Wilkinson (newly elected BC Liberal party leader), an expert on the fentanyl crisis or an expert on the emerging cannabis industry might all be topical speakers.
9. Membership Committee: Jack (representing Peter Hamilton, chair of the Membership Committee) reported that we currently have 390 active and 5 inactive members. Despite being contacted by letter, email and telephone, 10 active members have still neglected to pay their 2017 membership dues. It was agreed that these members will be taken off the active members list, their badges will not be available at meetings, and a letter will be sent to them advising of these actions.
10. Activities Committee: Chris Finch advised of the following upcoming events:
 - April 19 (morning) – tour of Ballard Power's fuel cell plant
 - April 30 – VSO concert – violin concerto and Schubert symphony (arranged jointly with Women's Probus Vancouver)
 - May 15 (morning) – tour of the Fairview area with John Atkin
 - June 6 (full day) – Bus excursion to the Squamish Cultural Centre, an aboriginal lunch, and a visit to the Audain Gallery at Whistler

11. Newsletter Committee: Peter Scott advised that the Probus name and logo projected on the screen before and after the speaker's presentation at our last meeting will be amended for future meetings to name and welcome the new members being introduced at the meeting.
12. Member Services Committee: Raymond noted that the Committee had nothing to report.
13. Website & Database Committee: Jack noted that the Committee had nothing to report.
14. Historian: On January 21 Roy circulated for comment a draft of his report on the Society's activities in 2017. Having received no substantive comments, the 2017 supplement has now been posted under the "History" section of the website.
15. Nominating Committee: Hugh Lindsay noted that Brian (currently vice-president) does not wish to be nominated as president for next year. Peter Scott has indicated his willingness to serve in that capacity if nominated. Both have agreed to continue in their present positions for the balance of the year (i.e. until our annual general meeting in September). While Peter won't assume the role of vice-president for the balance of the year, he will be consulted and involved as appropriate.
16. New Business: Hugh Lindsay raised the following new business:
 - Probus Month (March, 2018) – Last year the City of Vancouver presented us with a certificate proclaiming March 14 as "Probus Day". Raymond will look into obtaining something similar from the City this year;
 - Probus Regional Meeting – A one day management conference for Probus clubs in B.C. has been organized by Probus Canada. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at the Point Grey Golf & Country Club in Vancouver and the theme is "club sustainability and survival". Hugh reviewed the conference agenda and suggested it would be appropriate to have four or five members of our management committee attend, with the \$55 per person registration fee covered by our club. Hugh solicited expressions of interest and will get back to those who put their names forward.
 - Incident at Space Centre – Hugh reported on an incident that occurred at our December 12 meeting at the HR MacMillan Space Centre, including the nature (but not the explicit details, which he's only shared with Brian) of the incident, the steps taken by Hugh to follow up with the Space Centre, and a form of letter that he plans to send to all members. After discussion, it was agreed that Hugh will make minor amendments to the letter in accordance with the comments received and send it out to our members after the February 12 meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular management committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 (the day after Easter Monday) at the Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club