

PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 3, 2018

ATTENDEES

Hugh Lindsay – chair, Rich Carson, Hugh Chaun, Doug Cucheron, Raymond Greenwood, Peter Hamilton, Doug Jones, Brian Maunder, Peter Scott, Roy Williams, Jack Zaleski

REGRETS

Tim Sehmer

1. President Hugh Lindsay 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. All Committee Chairs were present.
3. A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 6 was unanimously passed without comment.
4. Hugh Lindsay, Hugh Chaun, Peter Scott and Jack Zaleski will be the club's representatives at the Probus Regional meeting on April 28.
5. Hugh Lindsay reported on the project undertaken by Tim Sehmer aided by counsel, particularly Carl Johnson, to amend and simplify the constitution, to amend and clean up the bylaws and to revise indemnity agreements. The objective is to conform to the new Societies Act and the Probus Canada constitution. It is intended that the revised documents will be proposed and passed at the next annual general meeting. Hugh Lindsay reported that he had sent a message about the incident at the Space Centre in December 2017 to all Probus Vancouver members and informed the Space Centre that we had done so. He received only five responses – all positive.
6. Doug Cucheron referred to the financial report to Mar 31, 2018 that he had previously circulated that indicated that revenue and expenses other than facility rent are in line with the budget and should remain so for the remainder of the fiscal year.
7. The new strategic plan will be put on the website with a reference included in the next newsletter. Progress in implementing the plan will be a regular feature of future management committee meetings. The member survey proposed by Jack Zaleski was approved for circulation with minor amendments. We agreed that other lower mainland Probus clubs should be offered the opportunity to use Survey Monkey under our subscription.

8. Hugh Chaun circulated a list of confirmed speakers for the balance of 2018. He identified the four committee members, Bill Hooker, Sholto Heberton, Michael Francis and John Madden. The committee and other interested members will be invited to a “think Tank” at the White Spot on Georgia in June to identify potential future speakers.
9. Peter Hamilton reported that we have 383 active members and 11 non-active members including 5 who have not responded to repeated requests for payment of dues. In accordance with the bylaws of the club, the names of Roger Girard, Doug Spaeth, Ralph Fraser, Alan Wilson and Jack Wood have been removed from the active member roster. The waiting list of prospective new members is now 9 who will be admitted to membership over the next 3 months. Follow up contact with guests has proved effective resulting in new membership applications.
10. Rich Carson provided an update on participation in the trip to Whistler on June 6. We have space on a large bus for 20 more people and hope to attract enough to make a decision on bus size by May 6. We will encourage guest participation over the next week and if the numbers are still short, will approach other Vancouver Probus clubs to offer the trip to their members. Joint activities will be considered more fully in the near future. Plans for other activities for the balance of the year, including the Presidents’ Lunch, are well in hand.
11. Peter Scott provided some details on the new scribe, Masheed Salehomour (Mash for short!) who will attend the April meeting. Alternative arrangements for reducing costs while continuing to add the full speaker’s presentation to the website, including audio links were discussed. Consideration of the alternatives will continue.
12. Raymond had no issues to report beyond positive comments on coffee and Timbits at the monthly meetings.
13. Jack indicated that Peter Brock is taking over the website management and all updates should be sent to him at pb@peterbrock.org.

The meeting terminated at 11:30

The June 5 meeting will be held at 9:30 at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club.