

PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD AT 9:30 A.M. ON MAY 28, 2019 AT THE
SHAUGHNESSY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

ATTENDEES: Peter Scott – Chair, Hugh Chaun, Doug Cucheron, Raymond Greenwood, Peter Hamilton, Bill Hooker, Tim Sehmer, Roy Williams, Jack Zaleski
REGRETS: Peter Brock, Hugh Lindsay, David Pulfrey

1. President Peter Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed all. Tim Sehmer acted as secretary. The agenda circulated by the president on May 25 was approved.
2. A quorum of the board being present, the president declared the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business. The president noted that all the committee chairs were present in person or through a representative (the president acting as representative of the Newsletter Committee in David Pulfrey’s absence, Jack Zaleski acting as representative of the Website Committee in Peter Brock’s absence, and Hugh Chaun acting as representative of the Nominating Committee in Hugh Lindsay’s absence).
3. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the March 28, 2019 board meeting were approved.
4. Business arising from the March 28, 2019 board meeting:
 1. Licence Plate Frames: Doug advised that there are 25 licence plate frames still available for sale. After discussion it was agreed that as long as stock lasts they would be given as a welcoming gift to new members joining in our next operating year (which starts on August 1, 2019);
 2. Membership Application Form: Peter Hamilton reported that the Membership Committee would be amending the form (which appears both in our membership brochure and on our website) in a number of respects:
 - To ensure that the form used in the brochure and the website are the same;
 - To change the name of the form from “Nomination Form” to “Application Form” for consistency with our bylaws;
 - To encourage applicants to designate a committee on which they would be interested in serving; and
 - To change the requirement from two sponsors/proposers/nominators to one.

Peter also suggested that his name, address and email address, which are part of the form, be replaced with the club’s email address. Jack pointed out that presently there isn’t a separate email address for the club – he will discuss the creation of one with Peter Brock. It can then be set up so emails to the club’s email address are automatically forwarded to the then current Membership Committee chair.

Tim suggested that all references to the management committee be replaced with references to the board of directors and indicated that he may have additional

suggestions upon completion of his review of our compliance with applicable personal information protection laws.

3. Getting Password to Members: In order to comply with our obligations under privacy legislation, the membership roster available to our members on the website is password protected. At the last board meeting Peter Scott raised the issue of how we might communicate the password to our members in a way that would keep the password confidential. He noted that new members are given a welcome letter, which includes the password, at the time of their induction. There was some discussion of the following options: (1) including the password in the covering email circulating the newsletter link to members, or (2) putting a note on the website letting members know who to contact if they don't know the password. Tim advised that requirement of the privacy legislation is that we protect personal information in our custody or under our control "by making reasonable security arrangements to prevent unauthorized access, collection, use disclosure or similar risks". After discussion, it was agreed that the second option constituted a "more reasonable security arrangement" as required by the legislation, as the phone call would permit the Website Committee chair to ask the caller a few questions (based on the requesting member's information on the roster) to verify their identity. Jack will discuss implementation with Peter Brock.

5. Treasurer's Report: Doug reviewed the May 31, 2019 financial report and the proposed budget for the Club's August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 operating year that he'd circulated to the board by email on May 26. After discussion, on resolution duly made and passed, the budget was approved.

6. Speakers' Committee: Bill advised that speakers have been confirmed for all of 2019, and the committee is working on finalizing the slate of speakers for 2020. He reported that Mike Harcourt may be willing to speak on the topic of "Livable Cities", perhaps at the January meeting. Another potential speaker is a holocaust scholar, to speak on the Canadian forces' involvement in the liberation of concentration camps. It was reported that Canopy Growth, the cannabis company, have contacted us offering to provide a speaker. Other suggestions arising at the meeting were: former CKNW reporter and current VP of the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Association - George Garrett (who is acknowledged to be an excellent speaker); the new President and CEO of the BC Mining Association – Michael Goehring; the new President and CEO of the BC Hotel Association - Jim Chase; and the VP Community Affairs of Telus – Jill Schnarr to talk about the health assistance and other programs Telus offers to seniors. Other names briefly raised were Peter German on money laundering in BC; Daryl Plecas, controversial speaker of the BC legislature; and retired Supreme Court of Canada Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin.

Bill also advised that Peeter Wesik (the speaker for July 2019) has indicated that he will be bringing Andrew Ramlo, the VP Intelligence at Rennie Marketing, as co-presenter, and the subject will be "Canada's Shifting Demographics" rather than "Building in Vancouver" as originally contemplated.

7. Membership Committee: Peter Hamilton reported that there are now 387 active and 3 inactive members, with 10 applicants for membership on the waiting list. The current composition of the committee is as set out in a schedule provided by Peter which is included at the end of these minutes.

8. Activities Committee: Jack advised that:
 - a. The Emily Carr tour was well attended (25 people);
 - b. The May 11 VSO event went well. A suggestion was made that, since the PROBUS seats at these VSO events are scattered throughout the hall, there would be more of an opportunity to socialize with other PROBUS members if there was some sort of reception before the performance where perhaps someone from the VSO could be in attendance and say a few words about the concert;
 - c. The May 21 John Atkin was well-attended with 21 people, and was excellent (as was the food at the HoneyBee Café!);
 - d. 31 people have now subscribed for the June 4 Stave Falls Dam Museum and Mission Abbey trip scheduled (only four places left on the bus);
 - e. We've now started selling tickets for the July 23 performance of The Taming of the Shrew at Bard on the Beach (we've bought 50 tickets at \$54 each);
 - f. A tour of the artwork at YVR is still planned for September; and
 - g. The Committee is looking into a group purchase of tickets for members and their grandkids to attend the basketball tournament that Canada 1 Foundation is organizing for November – which is expected to attract 8 men's and 8 women's Division 1 NCAA teams.

9. Newsletter Editor: Peter Scott had nothing to report.

10. Member Services Committee: Raymond had nothing to report.

11. Website & Database Committee: Jack, for Peter Brock, had nothing to report.

12. Historian: Roy had nothing to report. He noted that his responsibilities as historian include ensuring retention of all records of archival significance, which he's doing. He's also working on a "what PROBUS was doing 10 years ago" item (as discussed at the last meeting) for the newsletter.

13. New Business:
 - a. Speakers: Peter Scott raised a general concern regarding the quality of one or two of our recent speakers.

 - b. Reinstatement of Members Upon Payment of Outstanding Dues: Tim pointed out that at the last meeting that we reinstated Hank Levelt, whose membership had lapsed in the

spring of 2018 for non-payment of 2017/18 fees, upon his payment of fees for 2018/19, and queried whether we had a policy indicating in what circumstances a membership, terminated for non-payment of past dues, could be reinstated upon payment of current dues without going through the normal membership application process again. Doug pointed out that Hank Levelt was an unusual case because, due to administrative error, he had never actually been removed from the roster of active members. It was agreed that we should have a policy for dealing with reinstatement of members whose membership has been terminated for non-payment of fees, and the Membership Committee was asked to develop a policy for approval by the board.

14. Nominating Committee: Hugh Chaun, representing Hugh Lindsay who as past president chairs this committee, provided a draft of the Nominating Committee's report which was approved. As the bylaws require that we have 12 directors, and Peter Scott will be serving as both Past President and Newsletter Editor and Publisher, we need to elect a "director-at-large". The Nominating Committee has a number of names of potential candidates for this position but has not yet settled on a single name to recommend. It accordingly proposes to circulate a supplemental report (or an amended report) with respect to that position, for approval by the board by write-in ballot.

The board urged the Nominating Committee to include Hugh Lindsay himself (assuming he's willing to be considered for the position) in the list of potential candidates it's considering for the Director-at-large position.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club.

Hugh Chaun, as incoming President, advised the meeting that during his term in that office the venue for board meetings will be the Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club at Fir and West 15th (where we used to hold management committee meetings until that Club asked us to find an alternate location while they underwent renovations). Accordingly, while the August 6 board meeting will be at the Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club, the October 1 and subsequent board meetings will be at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club.

Updated Composition of Membership Committee

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Members</u>
Membership	Peter Hamilton	John Pearkes David Smith Jack Zaleski Doug Horswill Bill Hooker Jim Matkin Alan Witchelo