

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020
(HELD BY ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE CALL)**

Attendees:

Alain Boisset – Website Committee Chair
Peter Scott – Newsletter Editor
Rich Carson – President
Hugh Chaun – Past President
Douglas Cucheron - Treasurer
Raymond Greenwood – Membership Services Committee Chair
Bill Hooker – Speakers Committee Chair
Tim Sehmer – VP
Brian Street – Secretary
Ken Waithman – Activities Committee Chair
Jack Zaleski – Membership Committee Chair

Regrets: Hugh Lindsay – Historian and Archivist

Rich Carson acted as chair of the meeting. Brian Street acted as secretary.

Rick Carson – Reviewed executive positions

Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: October 2020 Minutes -- Approved

Business Arising from Minutes:

Peter Scott -- Chat Room Discussion. Suggested not having speaker in breakout rooms portion of meeting. Jack Zaleski suggested speaker can be removed from meeting prior to breakout rooms. During most recent Probus meeting, approximately 52% of meeting participants participated in the breakout rooms. All agreed to continue with breakout rooms.

Rich Carson -- Welcome Secretary Brian

Honorary Counsel Appointments -- Tim Sehmer noted should be done at first meeting of new board. Board should pass a resolution for appointments. Noted currently: Carl Johnson, Bill Randall, and Brian Wasson (all solicitors). Peter Scott noted all three willing to continue.

Rich Carson – Resolution to re-appoint these 3 – Approved. Nominating committee to research which member(s) will serve as honorary counsel next Probus year (rather than sending “mass” email to all lawyers).

Financial Report – Doug Cucheron -- Some membership fees outstanding. Expenses minimal and in good shape.

Discussion about members and active/inactive status / Zoom. Jack Zaleski reports 341 active members, 4 inactive, 9 members who don't like Zoom meetings and are prepared to resign, and 28 unpaid. Jack to send out list for phone calls to members to determine how they would like to proceed. Members who are inactive ("not in good standing") once regular meetings resume will be contacted. Douglas Cucheron to report only members in good standing (paid-up members) to Probus Canada.

Jack Zaleski's update December 10, 2020

- 330 active members, 9 of whom do not have email addresses and receive a hard copy of our monthly newsletter.
- 3 Inactive members due to ill health. They do not pay fees but receive monthly newsletter.
- 14 NGS members (not in good standing). These members have not paid because of their dislike of Zoom meetings. They will not receive our Newsletter but will be contacted when we resume live meetings about rejoining the club. If they decide to resume their membership at that time the initiation fee will be waived.

We are still following up with 16 members who have not paid. 5 have said they will pay and have been sent another invoice. We are having difficulty contacting the other 11 but continue to work on it.

Bill Hooker – Membership survey using Survey Monkey

Discussion of recording meetings, storing them in the cloud and making them available to members for a period of 30 days.

Rich Carson – Vote on recording / not recording meetings for 30 days after meetings. No consensus, so going to reconsider the question after we have the results of the membership survey.

Ken Waithman - Activities Committee. Has contacted 3 prospective committee members. Peter Scott and Jack Zaleski to participate. Likely 6-8 events to take place during a typical Probus year, however unlikely during 2021.

Tim Sehmer – Suggested that board should have a list of committee members for reference.

Bill Hooker – Update on speakers in the pipeline

Raymond Greenwood – Proposal to send coffee supplier \$200 gift of thanks. Approved.

Wild Apricot Membership Management Software – Jack Zaleski to send list of clubs using the software to Alain Boisset.

Per Rich Carson, Hugh Lindsay is working on 2020 chapter of club's history. To send out a draft late December or early January.

Next Meeting: February 2, 2021 at 09:30