

PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

Minutes of February 1, 2022 (9:30 a.m.) Board Meeting

Burrard Room, Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club

Attendees: Alain Boisset, Rich Carson, Richard Earthy (Zoom), Raymond Greenwood, Bill Hooker, John Kay, Hugh Lindsay, Peter Scott, Tim Sehmer, Peter Stephen, Brian Street (Zoom)

1. **Welcome** Tim
2. **Approval of December 7, 2021 minutes (posted on website) - Approved** Tim
3. **Business arising from December 7, 2021 minutes:**
 - (a) **Report on invitation to Ken Yule to be our third honorary counsel** Hugh
- Hugh reported that Rich Carson has contacted Ken Yule and invited him to be an Honorary Counsel. Ken has declined. Rich will look for an alternative and asks if anyone knows a litigator who might be willing to serve.
 - (b) **BC District 2 vacancy on PROBUS Canada board** – Jack has been elected by acclamation as Director for District BC2 and will serve on the Probus Canada Board for the next 3 years representing the 14 clubs in our district. Tim
 - (c) **Proposal to remove gender qualification from bylaws** – Bill moved the following motion: All
To seek approval by the members in general meeting of an amendment to the by-laws removing the restriction of membership to men.
Motion seconded by Jack. Motion carried.
4. **Secretary's report** – Nothing to report Brian
5. **Treasurer's report:** The club is in a strong financial position, partly due to the fact we are not meeting in person at present and incurring related rental and other associated costs. John
6. **Speakers Committee** – April: John Maclachlan Gray "Vile Spirits;" May: Vickie Jensen "Deep, Dark and Dangerous;" June: Hon.David Eby "Indigenous Justice;" and October: Fiona Dalton "New St.Paul's Hospital." Bill
7. **Activities Committee** – Current challenge is creating in-person activities. Penthouse nightclub tour on hold. Biking and lunch group continues to meet. Tennis, sailing, and Bard on the Beach and other activities being planned. Committee meeting in March. Richard
8. **Membership Committee** - 312 active members, 3 inactive and 22 on the Callback list when we return to in-person meetings. 11 members resigned in 2021 and 30 in 2020. 6 members passed away in 2021 and 12 in 2020. Jack
9. **Newsletter Editor and Publisher** – Peter to notify Tim of March newsletter deadline by email. Peter

10. **Member Services Committee** – Nothing of note to report. Raymond
11. **Website Committee** - Jack announced that the membership rosters (both the one available to members and the more detailed one available to the Board) now include a versatile search engine to find information. He will send Alain the updated roster sheets and instructions for updating the website. Alain
12. **Historian & Archivist** - History: Hugh reported that he had added 2021 to the history of the Club. It is on the website. Hugh
13. **New business**
- (a) **Probus Vancouver’s 25th anniversary** - Hugh reported that Peter Scott had recognized the anniversary in the newsletter. Tim has contacted David Scott, our Regional Director, who will attend the February meeting to deliver greetings from PROBUS Canada—or provide a letter that can be read if he is unable to attend. Hugh
- (b) **Discussion of Bob Nash’s suggestion of a general liability waiver form covering all Probus activities for the year.** No specific decisions made on this topic. Probus general liability policy covers club and not individual members for anything that may happen to them. Suggestion to refer Bob Nash to the Probus Canada insurance policy. Richard Earthy seeking further direction. Bill suggested possibility of designing a waiver specifically for the biking group. Bill has insurance industry contacts and/or contact club’s honorary counsel for further direction. Tim suggested contacting a lawyer specializing in insurance law. Richard Earthy offered to work with Bob Nash and consult with club’s honorary counsel. Jack suggested club check with club members with insurance background for guidance. Jack to communicate with Richard. Peter
- (c) **PROBUS 2021 Canada Reference Guide** – Insurance guide for Probus groups. Group insurance is going to exclude coverage for communicable diseases – concern regarding claims for negligence during Covid epidemic. Probus Club of Vancouver is an incorporated society. Probus Canada has Directors and Officers Liability insurance, which does not have a communicable disease exclusion. Possibility of Probus Canada taking a lead on the topic of liability waivers. Tim suggests club contact them about this. Tim

Discussion of handling deaths of club members regarding letters of condolence and donations to charities.

Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 / Tuesday, June 7, 2022 / Tuesday, August 2, 2022