



MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC
18 September 2020
Mt. Gravatt Bowls Club, Logan Road, Mt Gravatt

The President, Rob Neary opened the meeting at 10.00 am

Present: 32 delegates from 24 affiliated Clubs: Coorparoo, Carseldine, Holland Park, Jindalee, Mt. Ommaney, Eastern Suburbs, MacGregor, Paddington, Centenary Suburbs, Sunnybank, Redcliffe Peninsula, Sandgate, North Lakes, Mt. Gravatt Pacific, Algester, Mt. Coot-tha, Highfields, Brisbane, New Farm, Bribie Island, Stafford, Wynnum/Manly, Holland Park Central, Waterloo Bay.
Merv. Richens: Rotary.

Apologies: Judith Maestracci (PSPL), Mel Fursman, Bo McCulloch
13 Clubs: Burpengary, Chatsworth-Carindale, Sherwood, Toondah. Pumicestone Passage, Kenmore Gardens, Carina, Nundah, Kallangur, Chelmer, Bridgeman Downs, Ascot

The Minutes of the PAQ Delegates Meeting of 6 March 2020 have been distributed and taken as read.
Motion that these be confirmed: Moved: Mary Wilson (Holland Park Central) Second: Bob De Lange (Waterloo Bay)

Business Arising from the Minutes – no business arising.

President's Overview Report. Circulated and will be published in The Probian

- What can we do in 2021? The hope is that restrictions will be eased as the Infection numbers reduce. The committee will be planning for various scenarios. What should PAQ be doing. Suggestions as on a survey given to delegates
- Queensland has been doing remarkably well during the Covid-safe time
- Some Clubs have been meeting and having activities. Encourage all clubs do as much as possible to keep members interested
- Social activities for Seniors are critically important at this time. Active Probus Clubs are making an important contribution

Membership: 150 Clubs. New Club at Tamborine Mountain started in September with 30 members

Three clubs started in last 12 months. Looking for opportunities to start more in the next year.

Financial Statement: Treasurer; Brian Gilmore

Bank Balance at 1 January 2020.	\$14,475.31
Funds available at Bank at 31 August	\$13,221.63
Term Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Total Funds	\$ 33,221.63

Moved the accounts be accepted: Brian Gilmore. Second Peter Bishop (Mt. Ommaney) Carried

Approval for Change in Auditor.:

The new Auditor to be Veal & Prasad 120 Johnson Rd Hillcrest. Will audit pro bono

Moved: Brian Gilmore. Second: David Harris (Stafford)

COVID safe plan for Probus Clubs – was circulated to all clubs based on QLD Health COVID safe restrictions the numbers allowed at an activity may change. Clubs must be aware of current restrictions, and follow the Covid-safe checklist and make a Covid-safe plan suitable for the venue. Incorporate the Club Covid-safe plan into the Club Risk Management Plan.

Discussion: Encourage Clubs to start meetings with members who wish to meet. A venue should have a COVID-19-safe plan. Means to safely have events. Make masks available if required.

REPORTS

The Queensland Probian: Peter Rogers –

The next Probian will be published shortly

Would like feedback from members as to what they would like to have in the Probian. Thanks to Vanessa who will help with the production.

Peter would like more articles to reflect what clubs are doing and information on interest groups. Also appreciate Club newsletters. Small articles are useful to fill some pages.

Are members happy to continue with the digital format or do they want to revert to a printed edition. There is a cost for the printed version. Extra funding would be required. Mentioned that some members do not have access to e-mail. Discussion of how this may be overcome. Suggest asking local or state member to copy a small number for a club.

PAQ Network and Website: Hosting has changed to Hosting Australia. There have been recent problems with emails. The website is being updated. Traffic is growing.

PAQ Choir: No report: The Choir is not meeting at present. Once the choir meets again, they will appreciate more members.

Regional Liaison: Barbara Tobin: 9 Clubs in the region are meeting. Some previous venues are not available Some clubs are having BBQ, picnics etc. Some small group activities.

PAQ is looking to expand the number of RLO next year. Regions will be a cluster of 6-7. Will need members who have been involved in Club management positions to volunteer as RLO as a mentor for clubs.

Sponsored events: Planning for Ecumenical Services. Ask Club for support for this.

North: Aspley Uniting Church Friday in early May. Date TBC

South: St. John's Wishart: 19 May 2021

West: Centenary Uniting Church: 6 May 2021

Public Relations

PAQ has resources for promotions Banners may be borrowed for events or venues

Probus Day. 1 October. Links up with UN day of the Older Person: Brisbane City Council will light Victoria Bridge in Probus Blue & Gold colours. Toowoomba will fly Probus flag at city hall through first week in October.

Maryborough and Garden City lighting up some city buildings. Bundaberg and Ipswich councils have been approached. Delegates asked to talk to local council about making a display in a library. PSPL has contacted MP and Rob has contacted state members. Suggest Clubs might contact local councillor. Rob will supply suggestions for texts and graphics if required. Probus Day should also help Clubs promote membership- Probus Clubs are a solution to overcome social isolation

Promotion Aids: Car stickers. 30 to be given to each club. Put onto car window. Has also some stickers to promote Probus. Suggest we emphasise Probus does not Fundraise

GENERAL BUSINESS

Constitution change

Discussion. Most of the present committee will have served 6 years at the next AGM. Recognise that new committee are beneficial, but the committee may also lose valuable knowledge of a previous member

PSPL are redrawing the constitution for associations. PSPL suggest that we delete this clause.

The clause in the constitution of PAQ that reads “No **club member may serve for more than six (6) consecutive years as an elected member of the management committee.**” **be deleted.**

Motion moved by Rob Neary, Seconded by Peter Bishop. Speakers against – none Carried by show of hands

Mary Wilson - Holland Park Central – congratulated PAQ for all communications and help to Clubs during the COVID period.

OTHER BUSINESS

The future of PAQ – Nominations 2021-2022 – being called for in February issue of magazine and emailed

Delegates were invited to wear something to welcome spring. A few delegates did so. Rob gave a prize to

Jill Hadley, Jack Files, Peter Bishop and Barbara Gehrke.

Delegates also made paper aeroplanes. Those made by Jill Hadley and Barry Davis flew closest to the target.

Meeting closed at 11.35am.