

PAINSWICK PROBUS CLUB

The Minutes of the Club's twenty eighth Annual General Meeting held at the Painswick Centre on Wednesday 2nd April 2019.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from the following members: Howard Allen, Jeff Clarke, Charles Garstang, Henry Hall, Ken Hemming, Gordon Horner, Michael Houghton, Peter Jenkins, David Linsell, Gordon Owen, Robert Stevens.

2 Minutes of the twenty seventh AGM held at the Painswick Centre on 11th April 2018.

All members were copied by e-mail with the minutes of the twenty seventh AGM prior to the meeting. There being no comments, adoption of the minutes was proposed by Philip Morris and seconded by John Courts. The minutes were duly signed by the Club President Basil Butler.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2018 AGM that required further discussion.

4 President's Report (Basil Butler)

The President outlined his year in office and thanked the Club Committee and all the Club membership for their support and fellowship. He very much enjoyed being the President for the past year.

A special thanks to John Courts for the very good job in the selection and in making the arrangements for our speakers. Thanks to Paul Sparks for organising the successful Ladies Summer Luncheon and the Annual Christmas Dinner at the 'Hill' in Stroud and also to John Wylde for auditing the Club's financial report and preparing the reports of the meetings for the Painswick Beacon.

The President also thanked the Treasurer, the Club Secretary and the Painswick Centre for the use of the hall.

One of the highlights in the past year was the visit to the Aerospace Museum at Filton, Bristol last October, it was a popular outing and we had a full bus for this visit.

We also held a very enjoyable luncheon for the Past Presidents of the Club.

Finally he wished his successor in the office of Club President a very successful year.

The retiring President has chosen the Gurkha Welfare Trust for this year's charity donation.

5 Secretary's Report

We held 18 meetings this past year. The average attendance was 30, the previous year it averaged 32. The current membership is 60. Sadly during the past year three members passed away, David Walker, Ralph Kember and just recently Maurice Freeman. In 2012 David became the 22nd President of the Club. He was a very keen golfer and had been captain of the Painswick Golf Club Seniors. Raith was born in Germany and came to the UK in the 1930's. He was on the committee of the Painswick Music Society for a number of years.

Many will remember Maurice Freeman's for his wartime service as an RAF fighter pilot but also for his novel technique for sending the skittles ball down the alley at our annual skittle match versus Yew Trees WI in 2017.

Three resigned their membership of the Club during the course of the year, namely Brian Kirkman, Chris Roberts and Julian Tyson Woodcock.

On the positive side we were very pleased to welcome four new members to the Club, Howard Allen, Edward Elgar, Brian Rowlands and Roger Townsend.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Income & Expenditure account for the year ending 5th March 2019 and the budget and comments for the following year 2019/20 was presented and discussed. The accounts were audited by John Wylde. The Club thanked John Wylde for auditing the Treasurer's Report.

The balance in the current account as of 5th March 2019 stood at £2159. This is a small increase from last year.

Income for the year exceeded expenditure by £148.66.

Though we have lost several members, we have gained new members and we see no reason to recommend any increase in the annual subscription. The annual subscription will remain at £45.

This year we made a donations amounting to £249. This has included Poppy Appeal wreath, Yew Tree Appeal and the retiring President's nominated charity.

The meeting agreed with the proposal to discontinue subscribing to the Probus Magazine.

The meeting agreed with the Treasurer's recommendation.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Russell Herbert and seconded by Mike Campbell.

7 Appointment of Auditor

John Wylde has agreed to continue to audit the Club Accounts.
Appointment proposed by Basil Butler and seconded by Russell Herbert.

8 Appointment of Officers

The following appointments were agreed with no other nominations proposed.

PRESIDENT Somerset Moore

Proposed by Basil Butler and seconded by Russell Herbert.
The new President was given the Chain of Office by the outgoing Basil Butler and he formally took over the chair for the meeting.
VICE PRESIDENT tba

The above appointment was unanimously approved by the meeting.
The Club Committee to comprise in addition to the President and Vice President the following:

Past President	Basil Butler
Treasurer	John Rohrbeck
Secretary	Ian Eastwood
Speakers Secretary	Henry Hall
Club Functions Organiser	Paul Sparks

These nominations were proposed by Russell Herbert and seconded by Ian Breckels

This motion was carried by a show of hands.

9 Address by the New President Somerset Moore

The new President Somerset Moore thanked the members and committee for their confidence in the appointment as the Club President of a fairly new member. He related the old chestnut about Winston Churchill, telling the tale that there were only two more difficult things than public speaking, one is climbing a ladder that is leaning towards one and the other kissing a lady who is leaning away from one.

Looking forward; all members should try to gain new members for continuance, in fact if each member invited a guest who subsequently joined, numbers would soar and maintain the quality of speakers high and ensure the future of our great friendship. The President asked for members patience should he make mistakes.

All social events organised are being dealt with as usual by Paul Sparks and the annual outing in October to two fascinating Roman towns were in hand, details to follow.
Somerset is looking forward to a happy year.

10 Club Outing

This year we visited the Aerospace Museum at Filton, Bristol.

11 Any Other Business

There were no matters raised.

The meeting was closed.

Ian Eastwood (Hon .Club Secretary)

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