

STOKESLEY PROBUS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2023

Held in Stokesley Town Hall on Tuesday 18th April 2023

Eulogy for Peter Elsdon

1. Attendance: 23 Members attended with 11 Apologies.
2. Guests: 2 Guests in attendance
3. Minutes of previous AGM held on Tuesday 19th April 2022
Minutes accepted
4. Matters arising: None
5. Chairman's AGM Report: Keith Waller

Detailed Report uploaded to website. Highlighted points in Meeting:

Thanks to Committee Members

Membership: currently 42 Members.

Over the previous year there were 8 new Members, and sadly, 4 Members passed away.

Monthly Meetings praised with attendance numbers.

Speaker Programme listed and praised.

Member Lunches reported with a successful transition from 2 to 4 per year.

Trips reported with success. Christmas Lunch enjoyed

Website praised

A positive 'looking forward' outlook.

And thanks to the membership

Programme Cards and Probus 400 commemoration pens distributed to Members.

6. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's AGM Report: Chris Lee

The Treasurer led a vote of thanks for the Chairman to acknowledge his hard work and fine stewardship, which keeps the Club running so smoothly. The 2022/2023 Annual Accounts had been issued to Members and show that most costs over the year have risen but, with several savings, the final result shows a small surplus. No queries were raised by Members. The Auditor, Maj Chuhan, confirmed that he had audited the accounts and found them to be in order.

The accounts were accepted by Members as a true record. 2023/2024 Budget: as Town Hall room hire costs have risen, speaker fees have increased overall, the insurance premium is up, the Chairman's budget is increased by £25, and a refreshments budget is introduced (Keith Bell has until now been providing these at his own expense), the forecast budget for 2023/2024 is £1,378.

As there are currently 42 Members, this results in a cost of £33 per head.

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Forecast budget and proposed Membership subscription of £33 for 2023/2024 accepted by Members. Payments can be sent to the Chris Lee by cash or cheque, or can be paid direct by Bank Transfer.

It was noted that the Club held a reserve of around £2,000.

The importance of inviting new members was stressed. It was noted that the average age of Members is 84.4 years.

7. Speaker Finder's AGM Report: Keith Burton/Bob Scott

The 2022/2023 programme was enjoyed by members.

The 2023/2024 programme is complete.

Work has already begun to find speakers for the 2024/2025 programme. As always, any suggestions are most welcome. Costs are rising and speakers are now charging around £50, which has been used to calculate the current budget target.

8. Website Manager's AGM Report: David Chalk/Brian Clarke

David Chalk recently stepped down as Website Manager and had also resigned from the Committee and the Club. David had carried out excellent development of the website and made valuable contributions during his tenure on the Committee. He will be greatly missed.

Brian Clarke had kindly accepted to take over as Website Manager, and following proposal by Keith Waller, seconded by Chris Lee, the Membership voted unanimously to appoint Brian to the role.

9. Secretary's AGM Report: John Edwards

Nothing of significance to report for the year.

All matters relating to Minutes, Meetings and the Constitution were addressed and reported. Contributions within Committee and Business Meetings kept members informed.

10. Constitution

The Chairman reported on the March Meeting when Members were updated on the proposed changes. The current and proposed Constitutions were both on the website.

Members agreed to adopt the new Constitution for 2023/2024

11. Committee elections

No Committee Members' tenures ended this AGM - See Item 8 above.

12. AOB

Next AGM is Tuesday 16th April 2024

Next Members' meeting is Tuesday 16th May 2023

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Fun draw: The lucky winners of chocolates were Paul Hayton and Derek Whiting