

Minutes of the Coleraine Probus Club AGM

Held in Portstewart Golf Club on Tuesday 25th January 2011

Attendance: 39 members were present.

Apologies: Jim Foote, Ronnie Gray, Graham Kane, Ian Murray, Reggie Patterson, Ahmed Sharieff and Joe Wishart. (7)

The President, Jim Gordon welcomed guest, Peter Fitzgerald our Rotary Club Liaison Officer, and Probus members to the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Jim then went on to explain at the start of the 2010 AGM, he was the then Secretary, so he had produced the minutes of the meeting in which he had been elected as President. It therefore seemed reasonable, with the members' permission, to present these minutes to this AGM.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the AGM of 24th January 2010 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising: None not covered by the agenda

Secretary's Report: The Secretary, Mike Turner read his report on the Club activities and membership for the passed year - a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Nigel Semple talked through the audited accounts for the members. A copy of the summary had been distributed to members before the meeting began - a further copy is attached to these minutes.

Questions: Members briefly discussed the expenditure on 'Book Tokens' for guest speakers and should this be changed to a cheque (which could be passed onto a charity of the speakers' choice). As this wasn't strictly a finance matter, it was decided to properly discuss this at a future committee meeting.

Adoption: Members were asked if the club should adopt both the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Norman Maxwell proposed the acceptance, and this was seconded by Dermot Jennings. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Outgoing President: Jim Gordon took the opportunity to reflect on his past year as President, as well as his years of 'training' for the role while on the club committee. Jim also wanted to name and thank many members for their work supporting the club over the years. Although there were too many to mention here, Jim wanted to especially mention John White for the huge task of finding guest speakers week after week, which he had managed so well for so long. The president then formally declared all the current officer and committee posts vacant, and called upon Peter Fitzgerald to take the chair to conduct the elections for the new club post holders in the new Probus year.

Elections: Our Rotary Liaison Officer, Peter Fitzgerald took the chair and reminded members that they were all another year older since last he had that task. Peter then went on to look back at the success the club has been over the years and particularly the volume of speakers it had arranged in that time. Peter then proceeded with the elections:-

Results of Election of Club Office Bearers and Committee

Position:		Proposed by:	Seconded by:
President	John Ludlow	Jim Gordon	Mervyn Patterson
Vice President	Ross Torrens	John Ludlow	John Leslie
2nd Vice President	Tony Smyth	Nigel Semple	John Ludlow
Hon Secretary	Mike Turner	Ross Torrens	Jim Nesbitt
Hon Treasurer	Nigel Semple	John McHenry	John Ludlow
Hon Auditor	Graham Kane	Jim Gordon	Nigel Semple

Elected Committee Members:

1	Sam Barr	Tony Smyth	Jim Gordon
2	John Dobson	John Graham	John Leslie
3	John McHenry	Mike Turner	Nigel Semple
4	John White	Ross Torrens	Jim Nesbitt

The immediate past president automatically becomes an ex-officio member of committee

Investiture: Jim Gordon then invested the incoming president with the chain of office.

Presentation: New President John Ludlow thanked Peter Fitzgerald for conducting the elections and the members for doing him the honour of electing him as president. John then went on to present Jim Gordon with a 'Past President's Plaque' and badge. John thanked the members for their support and said that he had a very difficult task now that he was following in the footsteps of a long line of very good presidents indeed.

Any other business: 1) The President asked members to think if they would be prepared to help the club in a more practical manor as the committee could do with more members willing to be co-opted for special roles. Cecil Leitch and Norman Maxwell both spoke in support of this appeal.

2) Jim Archer commented on possible new design Probus ties. The Secretary said he would look into this and report at a later meeting.

3) Jim Nesbitt wanted to thank members for their help with chauffeuring during the long period he was unable to drive.

4) Peter Fitzgerald told the meeting that Honorary Member Dan MacLaughlin had moved to a second daughter's house where he had more room, now that he was wheelchair bound.

Next AGM: Will be the AGM on 31st January 2012 at the Portstewart Golf Club. 10.30 for 11.00

The new President thanked members and Peter Fitzgerald for attending, then closed the meeting at 11.50 a.m.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____