

PROBUS PICKERING LAKESIDE
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

Date: Jan. 10 2024

Location: Pickering Chestnut Hill Rec. Centre - East/West Salons

Meeting Opened: 10:05 am with brief remarks from President, Peter Green.

Mayor Ashe introduced. He made brief remarks, congratulating club on its 5-year anniversary and presented club with a certificate in recognition of the Anniversary.

Peter Green then introduced PROBUS Region 9 Director, Doug Byers. He made a few brief remarks and presented the club with a certificate in recognition of the club's 5-year anniversary.

Peter Green then commented that as per by-laws a nominating committee was set up to nominate Management team members for 2024. The team consisting of Greg Garber, Nancy Agostino, Gail Gobeil, Pat Smith Robinson and Valerie Rodrigues was identified. A Management team, very similar to 2023 was identified. The only major change was at Treasurer position, with Terri Abernethy replacing Peter Davidson. Peter Davidson will remain on the team as a Member-At-Large.

Peter Green noted that the Management Team reports to Probus Canada and currently has 12 members. He also mentioned that overall, there around 60 active volunteers helping with various activities in the club.

Peter Green noted that he is returning as President.

He then introduced Management Team members, starting with those with signing authority. He asked them to come up and stand in front of the podium.

- Gail Gobeil, stepping up from Member=At=Large to Vice President Role.
- Terri Abernethy as Treasurer who is new to the role in our club. Peter Green noted that Peter Davidson chose her as his successor after team ran an interview process for Treasurer.
- Greg Garber, returning Secretary.
Final team member with signing authority is,
- Peter Davidson who will remain on team as a Member-At-Large. While this position typically does not have signing authority, Peter Davidson can act as back-up.

The remainder of the Management team are:

Valerie Rodrigues, returning Special Events Co-Ordinator

Julia Tonks, returning Monthly Activities Co-Ordinator and manages Social Committee

Nancy Agostino returning as House Co-Ordinator (brief description of the position)

Sharon McMinn, returning Membership Co-Ordinator (who was not able to attend)

Debbie Bilinski, returning for 2nd year responsible for Newsletter and Facebook

Laura Green, returning Speaker Co-Ordinator.

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Peter Green mentioned that Laura Green was also ex-club photographer.
And last but not least,
Scott Smith, returning as Webmaster.

Peter Green then asked all club members in attendance to ratify the Management Team. He asked for approval by a show of hands.
Peter Green then acknowledged that majority of attendees approved the Management Team as introduced.

Peter Green then reviewed other volunteers. He acknowledged members of the Social Committee. He also had special mention for Candice Blake and Pauline Field.
Peter Green also noted that Bonnie Cutten is new volunteer as Club Photographer.

Peter Green then delivered Membership review report.. There was a presentation on screen of membership summary.
He noted we have maxed out at our current capped limit of 500, For a number of reasons including higher Wild Apricot costs over 500, to ensure members are able to access activities etc.
He also noted that since we have a waiting list that members need to pay attention to their renewal notifications. If they do not renew on time they will be placed on the waitlist for membership.

Peter Green then introduced Peter Davidson who presented the Treasurer's report. Peter Davidson mentioned 2023 final bank balance and presented a budget summary for 2024.
Dec. 31 net position was \$12,204 – partially due to significant membership increase.
Jan. 10 net position \$3,896 due to expenses where revenue not yet received, such as Xmas party and some excursions.
Peter Davidson noted budget split into two sections, Operating Income and Events. One does not subsidize the other.
He briefly detailed his summary which was visible on the screen.
Operating Income (running of club) made up of Membership Fees, General Meeting Income (\$2, Share the Wealth and City Grant)
Operating Expenses – Dues to Probus Canada, Equipment and Supplies (WA fees, Zoom fees, office expenses etc.), Meetings (speaker fees, cost of Coffee etc., Room Charge), Misc. Fees (Subsidies eg. Xmas, BBQ, Transaction Fees, Volunteer appreciation etc.)
Events summary – 2023 was around \$100,000
2024 budget is \$110,000

Summary by Peter, we have a balanced budget.
Peter Davidson Asked for questions. None were raised. Peter Davidson then asked for a show of hands to approve the 2024 budget. The Majority of the room was in favour. Budget is adopted.
Peter Green then thanked Peter D. again for his service as Treasurer for the past 5 years.

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The budget will be posted on the club website.

Peter Green then made some closing remarks. Management Team will monitor membership levels to see if our cap needs adjusting.

He also noted that a number of the Management team will be finished their terms in 2024. The Management Team will be reviewing the club by-laws and descriptions of the Management Team positions. The team will also soon begin preparing to address positions that will be available in 2025.

Peter Green noted that March meeting will be March 6 due to spring break. He noted Minutes of the A.G.M. meeting will be published.

He then introduced Valerie Rodrigues who presented a summary of upcoming activities.

Peter Green then asked for questions or comments.

There were none. – Annual General Meeting then closed at approximately 10:30 am.

Minutes recorded by G. Garber, Probus Pickering Lakeside Secretary
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