



Linlithgow & Bo'ness Probus Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on: 20th March 2024 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME:

Neil Edwards welcomed an excellent turnout of members. There were no visitors.

PRESENT

John Aitken; Lyn Aitken; Mick Baker; Alan Bennie; George Bird; Margaret Cameron; John Carsewell; Chris Collen; Charlie Colton; Neil Edwards; David Elliot; Alan Guthrie; Alan Hannan; Jim Hannan; Hugh Harkins; Ross Jarvie; Andrew Jones; Bert Lawson; Donald Macdonald; Eileen MacGregor; Hamish McIntyre; Eric Moffat; Iain Morris; David Olwa; Jean Osborne; Stuart Smith; Jan Tidswell; Pete Tidswell; George Wilson; Ricky Wilson; Gary Withnell

APOLOGIES:

Robin Barr Hamilton; Phil Bullen; Ann Duncan; Bill Duncan; Niven Grant; Alan Halley; Jim Kelly; Julie Laurie; Sheena Lister; Helen Murray; Bob Ross; Di Wild;

ALMONERS REPORT

There was no report

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted, proposed by Jim Hannan, Seconded by Neil Edwards

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Neil started his report by saying how privileged he felt to be President. He had thoroughly enjoyed his year in office and he thanked the other committee members and indeed the whole membership for making his task so easy. He paid particular tribute to the members of the events committee who had provided an excellent programme which highlighted the talent available locally.

Neil thanked Linlithgow Rose Social Club, and particularly Elaine Tonner and Ricky who had kept us supplied with refreshments, including, on special occasions such as today, chocolate biscuits.

Neil was particularly conscious that as a club we tried to look after our own. David Olwa had spent some considerable time in hospital and wanted to pay tribute to Tony for his support. Margo had taken ill at the Christmas lunch and appreciated the help she had been given, although she had not been able to make it back to meetings.

The club had been invited to help in judging the Gala Day entries and those members who had partaken had very much enjoyed it. Lessons had been learned and as it appeared that we were likely to be asked again, Neil encouraged members to come forward

The Club had also registered to take part in the Festival of Christmas Trees in early December. This was felt to be important to show us as members of the community.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

George took the opportunity to pay tribute to the President whose humorous and light touch on the helm had contributed to making the club successful.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mick Baker reported that the finances were in a healthy state. They had been examined by George and been found to represent a fair view. It was hoped that the accounts would be moved fully online shortly.

Mick reported that the membership now stood at 49, up from 41. Meeting attendance had averaged around 34

The accounts were adopted – Proposed by George Bird, Seconded John Aitken

It was agreed that John Aitken should be appointed Examiner.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

David Elliot reported that the committee had run very efficiently. They had only held one meeting but had produced a full programme that now ran up to 2025

The offer to get first option on seats for the Tattoo premier on 1st August made by Jason Barrett means that ticket orders need to be made by 1st June. However, for logistical reasons it would be best to let David Elliot know by the end of April.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Title	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Neil Edwards	Bert Lawson	Chris Collen
Vice President	George Bird	Jim Hannan	Bert Lawson
Treasurer	Mick Baker	Bert Lawson	John Aitken
Secretary & Membership	Chris Collen	Alan Guthrie	Neil Edwards
Almoner	Bo'ness Ross Jarvie Linlithgow Gary Withnell	Neil Edwards	George Bird
Programme Committee	Gary Withnell Jim Hannan David Elliot Bert Lawson Stuart Smith	Neil Edwards	Chris Collen

SUBS FOR 2023/4

It was agreed that the Annual Subscription and Meeting charge would remain at £20 and £3 respectively. Subs are due now.

AOCB

There was considerable discussion about the Audio Visual facilities. The committee had approached the Committee of the Rose Club and had offered to purchase and donate a large TV screen that could be used by Probus for their meetings but would be available to the Rose Club for the rest of the time. It was agreed in principle that we should investigate purchasing a 75" TV at a cost of around £950. Location etc would be discussed with the Rose Club.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be on 3rd April when Marianne Pattison would be speaking on the subject "Worse Things Happen at Sea – Really!". Meantime the rest of the meeting was given over to a Quiz organised by George Bird and Jim Hannan which was deservedly won after a close fought contest by a team that consisted of the Office Bearers of the Club (plus Ricky Wilson).

Chris Collen
Hon Secretary
22nd March 2024