

CLAYTON WINDMILLS PROBUS CLUB
Minutes of Business Meeting held on
Thursday 15th October 2009

The Meeting commenced at 2.12 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Chairman Ken Leaney and 33 members.

2. APOLOGIES

There were ten apologies.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 16th October 2008 had been placed on lunch tables for members to peruse, and were taken as read.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Derek Baker enquired as to why the minutes had not been published in the November bulletin as had traditionally been the case. Chairman Ken Leaney advised that this had not been done due to technical reasons. After discussion, it was decided that in future the Hon. Secretary would supply a copy of the minutes to Derek and to any other member who requested them. The suggestion was also made that we could put the minutes on the club's website. The feasibility of this would be looked into.

(ii) Derek Baker queried the minute reading "Derek Baker and Keith Rodaway considered that we could dispense with the annual Business Meeting", and stated that he had said no such thing. Chairman Ken Leaney advised Derek that the record would be amended.

5. THE CLUB'S NEW WEBSITE

Terry Harper explained that it was necessary to have a new website, as "Geocities" was being closed at the end of October. He had obtained a quotation from "Freezone Internet" of £ 24.70 per year, which was the best quote he could find. Chairman Ken Leaney advised that the Executive Committee had approved the expenditure, but would be reviewing the usage of the website to determine whether its continuance was strictly necessary.

6. ANNUAL QUIZ IN AUGUST

The question was whether club members wished to continue with this. Discussion ensued. Some members had expressed anxiety at being expected to answer questions singly, however it was suggested that in future we form teams of 3 which had worked successfully this year under Brian Corbett.

On a show of hands, it was agreed that the quiz should be continued.

7. BUSINESS MEETING IN OCTOBER

Whether or not this should be continued. Chairman Ken Leaney proposed that this question be deferred for the incoming committee 2010/2011 to consider. This was agreed.

8. PROCEDURE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Derek Baker expressed dissatisfaction at the ways in which the traditional procedure of the Annual General Meeting had been altered at the AGM this year, i.e:-

(i) The new Chairman took over the meeting from the retiring Chairman at the half way point of the meeting, instead of at the end of the meeting.

(ii) The past Chairman's badge was presented to the past Chairman (Derek Birch) by Derek Clark instead of by the incoming Chairman.

Chairman Ken Leaney advised Derek that the changed arrangements had been at his (Ken's) instigation and that he noted Derek's reservations.

9. VOLUNTEERS FOR OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

Derek Baker enquired as to whether thought had been given to who would take office in 2010/2011 as it was desirable to have these settled in advance. Chairman Ken Leaney reassured him that the normal established procedures would be put well in hand, and in good time.

Derek Baker also wanted existing Committee members to indicate "Yay" or "Nay" regarding their continuance in office, and again he was reassured on this point.

On the subject of office holders, Chairman Ken Leaney advised that following the sad death of Bob Roberts the club required a replacement for his duties covering Meals and Functions. Brian Hudson advised he would take over, for which he was duly thanked.

Chairman Ken Leaney took the opportunity to express appreciation of the work done by Bob Roberts' wife Jan, Derek Carr-Hill and Derek Clark with arrangements taken over from Bob for the Anniversary Lunch.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gordon Bravery advised the meeting that he had been contacted by a lady purporting to be from the Probus National Directory. If members wished to contact this body, they should visit www.probusworld.com.

11. TOAST

The club toast was proposed by Chairman Ken Leaney.

The meeting terminated at 2.35 p.m.