

# PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB

Held at Ajani Centre,

Thompsons Road

Lower Templestowe

On Monday, 11 February, 2008 at 9:45am

1. **President Helen** welcomes member's friends and visitors.

### 2. **Helen's Talk Time**

Fifty seven members attended lunch at the Ivanhoe Hotel, what a great success. This month we are going to the Veneto Club, and our March meeting the AGM we will be having Pancakes on the Run, please get behind Laurine and Lynette and support this new method of sharing lunch after our club meetings. Do we like the new hall set up, if not please use the suggestion box and let the committee know your thoughts. All members sang happy birthday to all the people having birthdays in February. Members not wearing name badges will be find 50cents, the money will go into the lolly jar. Come early to our AGM as we have lots to get through.

Remember to keep the good times happening and have fun, fun and more fun.

### 3. **Business**

#### 3.1. **Our Speaker today is Janice Witham**

Writer of the book on Inventor of the "Black Box"

#### 3.2. **Lunch today is at the Veneto Club**

### 4. **Attendance/Guest/Apologies**

**Attendance:** 103

**Guests:** Grace Nandapi and Anne Chatland

**Apologies:** Marjory Coronica, Bob Anderson, Graham Morcom, Marilyn Platford, Margaret Cornell, Jeff Crosbie, Pat Edwards, Esma and Ray Lawley, Dorothy Macaulay, Domenic and Dee Borin, Aimee Pretty, Diane and Hugh McIntosh, Terry Pearlgood, George Thomas, Lois Mason, Marion and Terry Cummins, Wendy Knight, Laurel Bishop, Tony Shembrey and Val Sigg.

### 5. **Jacob Kerseboom Treasurer's Report**

(As at 31/01/08)

Balance on Hand \$12,185.36

Deposits held for Activities \$ 7,401.75

Club funds as at 31/01/08 \$ 4,783.61

**Moved: Ron McBain      Seconded: Wayne Eames      No Discussion      Carried**

### **Judy Baker Secretary's Report**

Next meeting is the AGM held on the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the three new changes to our Constitution and By Laws. Our scrutineer will be Ray Cooper and Returning Office Beverley Wignall.

Ring Pulls Kerry McInerney and Merrill Smead are still investigating and will give an update at our March meeting. The Ring Pulls that we are collecting as a club look to be okay. The collection jar is out today.

**Moved: Mary Gault      Seconded: Ray Cooper      No Discussion      Carried**

## Summary of comments

Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No Comment
Book Group	Helga Braun	Not Present
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	Next meeting Helen Armstrong's home, Paul St Doncaster. 10.00am
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	No Comment
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	Thanked all who attended functions last year. Williamstown walk 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb, Correction to directions to meeting point advised. Flinders Lane walk 13 <sup>th</sup> March, time and meeting point TBA
Games	Marion Cummins	Not Present
Garden	Faye Williams	Garden Group Rivers Nursery and Garden @ Yarrambat March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Time and meeting TBA. Asked for expressions of interest to Floriart in Canberra
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	Not Present
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	Golf getaway to Benalla, 4 – 6th May 2008, 3 vacancies available Mary Gault to look after non golfers
Photography/ Newsletter	Doug Hayne	Need input from members for newsletter Advised members of upcoming photo workshop, 2 days, fee \$300
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	No Comment
Theatre	Joan Plank	Long term dates and times are proving difficult to obtain. Will advise members by phone about arrangements for the film "Kite Runner", Other events being considered: Spamalot, tickets \$119.00, David Campbell in concert, Eltham Theatre, King and I, Circus OZ, Male Welsh Choir, Julie Anthony in Concert
Trips and Events	Elaine Hayne	BBQ Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 5-00pm to stumps Winery tour 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb, leave hall 9.00am, 46 members Pakenham races 8 <sup>th</sup> April Social night 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Walks	Judy Chapman	Walks as per notice board
Getaway Group	Hudgsons/McBains	Daylesford trip 3 – 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 3 cabins still available Bright Oct/Nov, fully booked. Advised members of details of Point Lonsdale trip, 1 room available
Bike Group	John Hudgson	Wednesday ride 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan, Inner circle ride, 14Km good ride Next ride, meet @ bridge Fitzsimmons Lane for 14KM ride to Lower Plenty pub & return. Members wishing to have a ride in Williamstown see John.

Margaret Campbell spoke on the formation of a new group, "The Entertainers", interested members to see Margaret.

Information on the Central Australia trip handed to interested members at morning tea break, to be followed up by a get together to be arranged

**Moved: Jenny Kerseboom Seconded: Ray Cooper No Discussion Carried**

## 7. General Business:

### **Ian Gault Open Forum**

Zoning and Boundaries of New Membership Applications to our club.

"Membership of this Club shall be primarily for residents of the Manningham Council Districts".

Change the wording to

"Membership of this Club shall be primarily for residents of the three (3) City of Manningham Council Wards of Ruffey, Koonung and Heidi"

Ian gave a comprehensive over view of the reason the committee is putting this motion to members to vote on:

The closeness to each other as we get older. The suburbs of Ruffey, Koonung and Heidi have a population of 25,000 persons aged over 55 year, no fear of running out of prospective members in the future. This amendment will not affect any current member who resides outside of these boundaries, nor will it affect the 6 names we have accepted on our waiting list. Nor will it affect any current member who in the future finds it necessary to move to outside this designated area. There is the word "primarily" in clause 3(b) this would allow some discretion to be applied to any extraordinary application for membership

### **Jacob Kerseboom**

Increasing the Membership fee to \$40

Jacob gave an overview of the finances of the club. The forty dollars will be a yearly fee and no money to be collected on a monthly basis. This will save the counting and balancing of money each month.

### **President Helen opened the meeting for discussion on the three pending motions**

**James Campbell:** Do we have a budget for our club

**Jacob Kerseboom:** Yes, our club does have a working budget, if we make a profit the money does go back to all members, in the way of funding for the Christmas Lunch

**James Campbell:** If we increase the subscription to \$40 per person the club will receive an extra \$720.

**Margaret Campbell:** What is the budget now

**Jacob Kerseboom:** \$6,000 per year.

**Peter Fishley:** This might save Jacob time and work, but 100% rise in our fee subscription is not on. Peter had proposed to the committee in writing ideas to stop the noise levels. When members do not attend the club meetings the committee is getting their money. The club does not need this money. Peter urged members to reject this motion.

**John Hudgson:** Re the noise from the back of the room give us a break

**Kerry McInerney:** Committee does have too much funds, shocked at the increase maybe too much for some people – vote on the motion it can be changed next year, some merit in paying the \$2, we are awash with funds, \$40 too much, this is too late to change, idea is good maybe right or wrong.

**Ellen Boyd:** Not appropriate time now – we will vote on the 17 March

**Jacob Kerseboom:** Nothing to do with the noise

**Peter Fishley:** Does not believe this is true, and would like to see the written suggestion

**Daryl Knight:** This is technical information only, do not move and second.

**President Helen** We will break for fellowship now 11:45

**James Campbell:** This discussion is not over, call this meeting to order, and tell all members to return to their seats.

Fellowship break was taken at 11:45.

## 8. Fellowship Break

As the meeting was running over schedule only 15 minutes break was taken

**9. President Helen introduced Ian Gault**

Ian confirmed that further discussion was required on the three amendments that the committee put to members. This will be an agenda item before voting takes place on the three amendments at our AGM.

**10. President Helen introduced Ray Cooper to announced the nominations for the new 2008 committee**

<b>Vice President</b>	Elizabeth Turner
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jacob Kerseboom
<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Baker
<b>Membership/Welfare</b>	Lorraine Cooper
<b>Speakers</b>	Margaret McGregor
<b>Activities Leader</b>	Ron McBain
<b>Assistant Secretary/Publicity</b>	Doug Hayne

No election of officer bearers will be required as only one nomination was received for each position.

Members will be required to vote at our Annual General Meeting on Monday 17 March on the three motions the committee are putting to members, the process is as follows:

- On arrival at the hall register attendance and pay the door fee
- Proceed to the table where Beverley Wignall the Returning Officer and myself the Scrutineer will be situated
- Show your Probus name tag your name will be checked and the ballot papers issued
- Vote and place the completed ballot paper in the correct colour coded box
- Please move into the main hall to avoid congestion

Each motion must be accepted by 75% of members present at the Annual General Meeting.

**11. Margaret McGregor introduced our Guest Speaker Janice Witham**

Fifty years ago a young Australian Scientist named Dr. David Warren conceived the idea of recording cockpit conversation as a tool for air accident investigation – known today as the Black Box – this brilliant insight changed the course of aviation history. To tell us this story we have Janice Peterson Witham, a professional journalist and freelance writer, born in Canada and has lived in Australia for almost 20 years with her husband and 2 daughters. Janice has spent the past 5 years researching every detail about Dr Warren - his inspirations and his setbacks to achieve this dream. Janice Peterson Witham author of the book - “Black Box”.

**12. Thanks was given by Doug Hayne**

Doug thanked Janice and presented her with a good bottle of red wine.

Next Meeting to be held at Ajani Centre on Monday 17 March, 2008

**President Helen declared the meeting closed at 11:45.**

**President .....**      **Date .....**  
(Jacob, Ron and Margaret, thanks for forwarding info to me, many hands make light work).