



THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF KWAZULU-NATAL
HELD AT MORNINGSIDE SPORTS CLUB,
DURBAN ON FRIDAY, 27 JUNE, 2008.

PRESENT :

Chairman Walter Eastman and 49 representatives from 14 out of 21 Clubs in the Association.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Association Committee welcomed everyone present especially those who had travelled long distances.

OBITUARY :

The undermentioned is a listing of names of Probians who had passed away since our last meeting and the meeting stood for a few minutes in their memory.

Denis Sargeant, Dewi Williams and Jimmy Main (North Durban) Alistair Black (Scottburgh), Bill Duthie and Jean Harrison (Umhlanga), Peter van der Merve, Doug Bromfield and Pete Barret (Sheppi), Stan Heaven (Westville), Canon Leo Alexander, Robin Beck and Keith Hudson (Durban). Norman Schmidt and Stephen Soane (Hillcrest), Dave Wood (Champagne), David Livingstone, Alex Stewart, Doug Eslick, Barry Lawson, John Forbes and Bill Eales (MT Edgecombe). Barry Patterson (Hilton) and Freddy Grimster (Probus 24 Pinetown). Gerry Futeran (Berea)

APOLOGIES :

These were received from the following : Alan Thomson (North Durban), Munroe Patanicolau (Umhlanga), Ian Swanepoel and Malcolm Wright (Berea).

MINUTES :

Those of the previous AGM held on 22 June 2007 which had been circulated to all concerned were taken as read with no matters arising therefrom.

MEMBERSHIP :

As at May 2008 the following details applied :-

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Berea	28	27
Champayne Valley	31	52
Dolphin	42	40
Durban	15	15
Escourt	29	27
Gillitts	41	35
Hillcrest	33	33
Hilton	132	130
Kloof	21	20
Midmar	40	40
Mount Edgecombe	75	57
North Durban	55	49
Pinetown Central	12	--
Probus 24 Pinetown	40	40
Scottburgh	50	49
Sheppi	29	28
Umgeni	45	36
Umhlanga	18	15
Umvoti	35	30
Upper South Coast	36	22
Westville	51	43
	858	788
<u>Down 70</u>		

FINANCIAL REPORT.

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2006/ 2007

Standard Bank Savings Account No. 25 683 741 4.

	2006		2007
Opening balance	R 1203.04	Opening balance	R 1046.87
Levies deposited	R 2217.00	Levies deposited	R 1842.00
Bank interest	R 4.33	Bank interest	R 15.87
Cash deposited	R 400.00		
	R 3824.37		R 2904.74

	2006	2007
Withdrawals to petty cash	R1800.00	R1000.00
Levy paid to Probus Council	R871.00	R 858.00
Bank fees	R106.50	R 205.65
	R2777.50	R 2063.65
Closing balance	R1046.87	R841.09

Petty Cash Account

	2006	2007
Opening balance	R144.50	R 933.70
Ex Bank	R 1800.00	R1000.00
Levies paid in cash	R 962.00	R 237.00
AGM lunches/ members	R1700.00	R2115.00
Bowls Day receipts	R 130.00	
	R4686.50	R4415.70

Disbursements

	2006	2007
Photocopies	R 90.50	R 45.00
Postages	R169.35	R 100.50
Stationary	R 8.15	R 14.25
Bowls prizes	R 330.00	R 439.85
Braai expenses	R 72.80	R 57.00
E.Mail charge	R 30.00	R 20.00
Telephone	R 10.00	R 29.00
AGM lunch	R2642.00	R3055.00
Bank deposit	R 400.00	
Honorarium	R 120.00	
Levy refund	R 180.00	
	R3752.80	R4060.60
<u>Closing balance</u>	R 933.70	R 355.10

A proposal to raise the levy to R5 per member was approved by the meeting.

The Treasurer offered comment on some aspects of the figures presented including details of the honorarium paid for the facility provided for committee meetings and the annual levy sent to Council. Also on the need for requests being made to S.A R S. for tax exemptions.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
June 2007 to June 2008

CLUBS

There are 20 Probus Clubs in KwaZulu-Natal (Rotary District 9270)

It is with much regret that the Probus Club of Pinetown Central have closed down. Advanced age of remaining members, and mobility problems, have led to the decision to disband the club. However several of the "younger" members have elected to join another Probus club.

Earlier in the year there was a possibility of a club in the Southern Drakensburg but this was not to be. Empangeni, in Zululand, are showing interest and will be followed up shortly.

The Probus Club of Champagne Valley chartered in March 2007 has been a great success and has increased their membership from an initial 31 to over 50. They are to be congratulated on this achievement.

MEMBERSHIP

Numbers have again declined this past year. Total membership (all clubs) stands at 778, a drop of 70. Of this number 12 were from Pinetown Central and 23 passed away during the year. It is hoped that the steady decline will be halted by clubs actively pursuing new members, and promotional literature is available at this meeting.

FINANCE

I remarked in my Annual Report last year that it may be necessary to raise the "voluntary" levy on clubs to accommodate constantly raising costs. Costs extracted from the records over the past three years have enabled a budget for 2008/2009 to be prepared. This clearly shows that an increase to R5.00 per member is desirable. Doug Watkins, Secretary/Treasurer, has maintained the Association accounts and the committee record their thanks to him for his efforts.

CLUB AFFAIRS

At the Annual General meeting held on the 22 June 2007 the following were elected to serve on the Association committee:

Derek van Bergen	Mt Edgecombe
Basil Hulbert	Westville
Ken Ward	Scottburgh
Bill Ramsden	Durban
John West	Upper South Coast
Jack Wood	Berea
Peter Mitchell	Berea
Alan Thompson	North Durban
Walter Eastman	North Durban

Douglas Watkins, Probus club Durban, was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

At the first committee meeting following the AGM Walter was elected Chairman of the committee.

IN CLOSING

I would like to thank members of the Executive Committee for their regular attendance at meetings and for their input.

On behalf of the committee I thank Doug Watkins sincerely for the work he puts in maintaining the records of the Association.

Walter Eastman
Chairman