

There were no nominations for Vice President, Speakers and Outings members. The other posts filled unopposed were:

President.....Derrick Law
Secretary.....Mike Dachs
Treasurer.....Ernie Masterton
Assistant Secretary....Tony Donovan
Hon Auditor.....Neil Chapman

Discussion:

There were no suggestions from the meeting on how Speakers and Outings might be arranged, leaving the matter to the Committee. It was felt that poor attendance at Outings should not prevent the continued gatherings for lunch to maintain the good fellowship in the Club.

On the subject of poor attendance at the monthly meetings and failure to phone in apologies in time, it was agreed that the cost of the lunch should be recovered from the defaulting member.

The meeting was then closed with the induction of the incoming President, Derrick Law, by the Acting President, Mike Dachs.

The next meeting, in the Functions Room at Woodside Village, will be at 12 noon on Monday **6th April 2009**

Phone Tony Donovan (021 685 4781) before Saturday, 4th April, if you are unable to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THE CLUB HAS TO PAY FOR ANY LUNCH ORDERED AND NOT TAKEN AND THE AGM HAS CONFIRMED THAT MEMBERS FAILING TO TENDER THEIR APOLOGIES IN TIME WILL BE CHARGED FOR THEIR LUNCH



THE PROBUS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2009

Last Month's Outing

After tea at Chart Farm the three members and their wives were joined by fourteen others under the oaks at the Alphen Hotel and then repaired to the dining room for a delicious and convivial lunch. Ken Ayrton thanked Derrick and Audrey Law for a most pleasant outing in a delightful setting.

The March Outing

On THURSDAY 2nd APRIL [NB, not the usual last Tuesday of the month] Derrick has arranged for us to visit the SAVE OUR SEAS SHARK CENTRE in Main Road, Kalk Bay. Parking is available just before the small plant Nursery on the left (sea side) of the road travelling south. Those coming through Muizenberg should allow for a 10 to 15 minute delay because of road works. The Shark Centre is diagonally opposite in an old house. Meet there at 10.45 for a talk and video with a small aquarium to see. An a la Carte Lunch has been booked for 12.30 at Brad's Bistro, right over the road; bar service is available and there is no corkage charge. Please let Derrick Law (012- 788 2508) know of any change or additions to the list circulated at the meeting, before Wednesday 1st April.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Welcome: Acting President Mike Dachs welcomed 17 members and declared a quorum was present. Apologies were accepted from Johann Botha, Patrick Davis, Bernie Dickman, David Ives, Ian Lavin, Glen McLaren, Archie Pickstock, Rex Tattersfield and Isaac Wolfsohn.

Welfare: Basil le Cordeur reported on those indisposed, particularly Patrick Davis, Bernie Dickman, Archie Pickstock and Rex Tattersfield.

Announcements & Club business:

*Derrick Law was thanked for arranging the excellent Outing to Chart Farm for tea and to Alphen for lunch, and he circulated details of the Outing for this month, as reported above.

*Acting President reminded members that the next Luncheon Meeting is being held on the first Monday in April, viz Monday 6th, because our usual day, the 13th, is Easter Sunday.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 16th AGM. This was moved and seconded and there were no matters arising from the minutes.

The meeting resumed after adjournment for lunch

Acting President's Report, 2008/9

The Club has recorded another successful year under the able leadership of President David Ives. We welcomed new member, Johan Botha, and the return of former member, Isaac Wolfsohn, who returned to Cape Town after 9 years in Australia. Sadly, we record the death of Otto Muller as well as a recent former member, Roger Tonkin, during the year.

At present, we have 28 members, up one since the start of the year.

During the year we have settled into our new venue, Woodside Village, and we convey the Club's thanks to Woodside Village Management and to the Caterers for their good food and cooperative spirit; also to Tony Donovan for his liaising with Management and Caterers to ensure the smooth running of our meetings. With the odd exception, meetings have been well attended and Vice President, Mike Dachs, has found many very interesting speakers covering a wide range of topics.

Thanks to Derrick Law's efforts, a full programme of most enjoyable outings was arranged, with a highlight of the August trip to Hermanus. Other highlights of the year were the very successful "bring & share" evening at the le Cordier home and the Christmas lunch at Peddler's; thanks to Moira & Basil and Ken Ayrton respectively for their efforts.

A special word of thanks is due to the members of the Committee who have steered the ship during the past year. In particular, thanks to Tony Donovan who now leaves the post of Secretary and also to Treasurer Ernie Masterson who suffers the strain of balancing income and expenditure with great fortitude and good humour.

Finally, on behalf of President David, thanks to all you members for your support and fellowship during the year.

Mike Dachs, Acting President.

Financial Report Presented by Ernie Masterton

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1 March 2008 – 28 February 2009

	2009	2008
Balance 1 March 2008		
Balance in bank	4751.27	4845.74
Cash on hand	<u>473.15</u> 5 224.42	232.90 5078.64
RECEIPTS		
Entry Fees	80.00	120.00
Subscriptions	1 363.00	1225.00
Resale name tags	-	49.20
Surplus outing contributions + Donations	190.00	71.50
Interest	2 275.01	105.53
Lunch contributions by members	11 590.00	
Absentee penalties	<u>150.00</u>	11 740.00
Total Receipts	<u>13 648.01</u>	<u>2 483.23</u>
PAYMENTS		
Printing, stationery and postage	933.10	883.95
Insignia:	180.60	98.50
Probus Association subscription	150.00	150.00
Cost of monthly lunches: Members	9 297.50	
Speakers	262.50	
Room hire	1100.00	
Gratuities	<u>1 012.00</u>	11 672.00
Pedlar-on-the-Bend gratuity	450.00	
Surcharge – Westlake lunch	242.00	
Total Payments	<u>13 627.70</u>	<u>2 337.45</u>
28 February 2009: Balance in bank	5226.28	4 751.27
Cash in hand	<u>18.45</u> <u>5 244.73</u>	<u>473.15</u> <u>5224.42</u>

Certified correct, KM Chapman, Hon Auditor

Auditor's Report on the accounts: Previously our contributions to and costs for the lunch were not shown nor did we pay rent for the room. We now pay rent for the room and pay a gratuity to the staff immediately instead at the end of the year. The new treatment of the accounts brings all monies into account including the item 'Absentee Penalties' which is the cost of lunch paid by the Club for members who failed timeously to tender their apologies. The financial situation, particularly with regard to lunch costs, can now be readily ascertained.

Election of the Management Committee: