Minutes of the AGM of the Probus Club of Beaconsfield

Thursday 11 April 2024

Chairman's Report

David Webster requested a short silence in memory of Members and Partners who have passed since the last AGM.

He highlighted the great success of the last Club year that reflected in very high attendance at meetings coupled with the Club holiday to Slovenia and other very successful social events.

David went on to thank Members of the Committee and Club Members for their support during the year (see full Chairman's Report).

Thanks also were given to Colleen who prepares the teas and coffees as well as sets up the meeting room for our meetings.

David asked if Members wanted the Club membership to remain male only.
A vote was taken by Members present that confirmed Membership shall remain male only.

Treasurer's Report

Please see full Accounts and Treasurer's Report for 2024.

John Meins reported that the Club remains in a strong financial position.

Although there had been a loss on a couple of functions organised during the year, the Club's reserves had been able to absorb the shortfall and the year end bank balance was up on year ended April 2023.

Membership Secretary's Report

Keith Gillham reported that there had been only seven changes over the preceding 12 months but the agreed maximum limit of 80 Members in total had been easily maintained, with the Club still having a waiting list of individuals wishing to join.

Speakers Secretary's Report

Geoff Bourn thanked Mike Collier (previous Speakers Secretary) for his help and support in achieving a very smooth handover. Geoff has been able to secure Speakers well into the coming Club year.

Speakers for the year had cost £1994.20. Fees have been increasing (up to £90 per Speaker / £76 average). The overall underspend for the year (based on an anticipated budget of £90 per Speaker) was £346.

President's Report

Bryan Hatter thanked the Chair and Committee for maintaining the Club in the very successful way they do.

He emphasised the need to promote the Ladies' Meetings as an essential part of the Club's activities.

Election of the Committee

The Committee will remain the same for Club year 2024/2025, with the following adjustments:

Brian Jackson and Brian McDowell have asked to step down.

Paul Badman and Reg Hadwen are welcomed onto the Committee.