



Club Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4th February 2020

The President opened the meeting at the Christchurch Harbour Hotel at 10:45am.

1. Welcome

- a) The President welcomed members to the meeting, along with Mr. Brian Povey (Bournemouth Probus 2), who was present as a guest of Geoff Wilson.
- b) Andrew Harris was congratulated on becoming President of Boscombe & Southbourne Probus Club.

2. Christmas Lunch Update

The management of Christchurch Harbour Hotel have yet to be advised of the findings of the Department for Environmental Health (DoEH) report into the likely causes of the sickness that became evident following the Christmas Lunch. Brian Hollowell has been trying to contact DoEH officials to obtain further information but without success. A meeting between representatives of the Hotel and a sub-group of the Committee will take place prior to the next meeting in an endeavor to progress matters.

3. Resignation

The President informed members that, sadly, Paul Martin has had to resign from the Club due to a severe deterioration in his ability to hear what is being said.

4. Welfare Report

- a) John Davis is continuing to make good progress following the fitting of his pacemaker.
- b) Ann Penn is still struggling with her illness but both Mike and Ann are bearing up well and would like to thank Macmillan for their support.
- c) Robin Haggett is making a speedy recovery from a minor operation.
- d) Ron Loveless has had to return to hospital but hopes to be out shortly.

5. Social Secretaries' Report

- a) The Skittles Night proved very popular and was well attended. John Roberts won the Champions Cup, Lyse Townshend the ladies prize & Colin Dobson the knock-out competition.
- b) Future scheduled events include:
 - ⇒ Friday, 14th February - The President's Lunch at Dudsbury Golf Hotel & Spa;
 - ⇒ Thursday, 19th March – Coffee & Cake at Otters Nurseries, Lymington;
 - ⇒ Wednesday, 29th July – Cricket at the Rose Bowl with Barton-on-Sea Probus;
 - ⇒ 16-18th October, Weekend Away, Warner Hotels, Studley Castle, Warwickshire;
 - ⇒ Thursday, 17th December – Christmas Lunch, Hotel Miramar, Bournemouth.

6. Dining Secretary's Report

Colin Dobson announced that he would be standing down as Dining Secretary with effect from the AGM and that he would be replaced by Cliff Putterford.

7. Nominations for Committee

Members were reminded that nominations for individuals wishing to serve on the 2020-2021 Committee must be handed to the Secretary by the end of the meeting.

8. Life Membership Award

THE PROBUS CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH



Mike Fay was asked to leave the room.

The President, on behalf of the full Committee, proposed that Mike Fay be appointed a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his many years of valued service.

Mike became a member of *The Probus Club of Christchurch* in 2004, joining the Committee in 2007. He has served on the Committee ever since, being the Treasurer for many years and the President twice. Mike became Treasurer when the Club was very close to being in debt and, through his careful stewardship, effectively saved the Club from closure. Mike had now decided that the time is right for him to step down from the Committee.

The meeting unanimously voted for Mike to be awarded a Life Membership of the Club.

Mike was asked to return to the meeting, whereupon he was congratulated by the President and thanked for his hard work on behalf of the Club. He was then presented with a Certificate of Life Membership.

Mike, in response, expressed his gratitude for the honor and stated that the award was not really about him but about the people who surrounded and supported him over the years. One member, in particular, stood out in that regard, said Mike - Don Warren – to whom Mike gave particular thanks.

9. A.O.B.

The President drew members' attention to the leaflet that had been placed on their chairs prior to their arrival. The leaflet provided a brief introduction to the Club's new website, which was now available to all members. The site, which has been deliberately designed to look very similar to our old site, is the result of a considerable amount of work undertaken, on the Club's behalf, by Roy Townshend & Maurice Dowling; whom the President thanked. The Club now has full control of the site and is able to amend and update it as & when required. Certain areas have been password protected to safeguard members.

Roy advised members on the password protocol to be used.

⇒ **The President welcomed the Speaker**

Name: John Smith
Topic: The Battle of Britain over Christchurch
Vote of thanks: Maurice Dowling
Steward: Les Denmead