



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023

Chairman: Andrew opened the meeting by welcoming John Slack & Colin Chave, returning after a period of illness. He also welcomed guest Nigel Jones and hoped he will join us as a member.

He then informed the meeting of the sad news that Richard Crisp had lost his long battle with illness and had died last week. He asked members to stand and observe a minute's silence to remember Richard. He said that Fraser was collating a list of those attending Richard's funeral on Friday 3 February at 3.30.

Apologies: John Martin, Mike Townsend, Peter Hayes and Roger Beard

Minutes of last meeting: 10 January 2023 previously displayed on the club website

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer: Mike reminded those coming to the quiz to pay their entrance fee into the club account. He said that the current accounts are on the club website. (See appendix i).

He said that costs are rising, due to the increase in the hall rental and the cost of speakers. He suggested that we should endeavour to make a slight surplus on our functions and this would alleviate the need to increase the club subscriptions. Peter Hines said that this had been discussed in previous years and it was felt that this was subsidising members who did not support functions. Mike said that the alternative was an increase in the subs or run a small deficit.

Speaker Secretary: Fraser said that the speakers are booked up until December. If there are any members who might like give a talk, then please let him know.

Pub Lunches: Andrew said that he was going to organise the February and March Pub Lunch and Paul Dodd the April one. He said that Paul might be prepared to organise others later in the year.

Andrew said the February's Pub lunch will be on Tuesday 7th at the Weston Cross, Weston under Penyard, nr Ross. 15 people have signed up so far and anyone else wishing to attend please let him know by the end of the week.

Outings: Nothing planned

Theatre Trips: Nothing planned

Webmaster: Ray said everything ok. See appendix ii

AOB: Andrew reminded members of the planned Skittles evening at the Kings Arms on **THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023** at 7 pm. Please let Chis Johnson know as soon as possible so he may confirm numbers and menu's

Today's Speaker: Howard Pitts – Inside a Beehive

Howard gave a very detailed and interesting talk on the history of bee keeping and the work of bee keepers. A slightly unstructured talk, but this was due to his presentation stimulating a large number of questions being asked by members.

He told us that his fee was being donated to ROBOCAP a charity aimed at providing "Robotics Assisted Surgery" at Cheltenham, Gloucester and Hereford Hospitals.

Birthdays: Members wished Graham Baum birthday wishes for the 30th and winning the raffle, which included a jar of honey donated by the speaker. Fraser finished off with usual jokes.

Next Meeting: 14 FEBRUARY 2023

Speaker: Peter Petrie – The Mappae Mundi

APPENDIX i

NEWENT PROBUS CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR THE 9 MONTHS TO 31 December 2022

INCOME		
	Subscriptions	1,634
	Raffle	171
EXPENDITURE		
	Hall rental	585
	Coffee etc	217
	Speakers	611
	Probus Mag	
	Insurance	88
	Donations	70
	Printing, postage and stationery	38
	Advertising	10
	Equipment repairs and renewals	
	Website and Zoom	162
	Total expenditure	(1,781)
	Social functions, income	2,130
	expenses	2,074
		80

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
	Bank	3,425
	Raffle float	15
	Debtors	33
	Total assets	3,473
LIABILITIES		
	Income in advance	525
	Equipment reserve	464
	Creditors	66
	Total liabilities	(1,055)
	NET ASSETS	2,418
	Surplus brought forward	2,338
<i>surplus</i>	Deficit for the period	80
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	Surplus carried forward	2,418

Note, the deficit at 30 September was £212 so for the 3 months to 31 December the surplus was £292

APPENDIX ii

Webmaster report

Club Website update + Technical team

a] The club membership has been updated to show current members only by deleting past members and notifying them or spouse of the GDPR requirements to remove records.
New members personal details to be populated once the code to reinstate these fields is implemented. Ray is in contact with Jim who wrote the original code.

This is an ongoing process as we recruit new members.

b] The technical team have been devastated by the loss of Richard Crisp, stalwart founding member of the Technical Team and experienced computer engineer. Richard will be a hard act to follow but the show will go on with the efforts of new volunteers

. Risk assessment

The original risk assessment needs to be reviewed and updated in light of Covid relaxations and relocation of the loud speakers.
Ray has revised the template and to evaluate.