

ECKINGTON PROBUS CLUB



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1. Name and Objects

The Club shall be called the Eckington Probus Club.

The purpose of the Club is to provide a regular meeting point for a fellowship of retired or semi-retired professional and business people and their spouses or partners. The Club shall be non-political and non-sectarian in its activities.

2. Membership

Membership shall be open to professional or business people who are retired or nearing retirement, together with their spouses or partners, for whom a Probus Club in the area of Eckington is a convenient choice. The total number of members shall be limited as the Club may from time to time determine.

Application for membership should be submitted to the Secretary, who will refer to the Committee and advise the prospective member accordingly. A prospective member may visit the Club as a guest of a member before making application.

3. Management Committee

There shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting a President/Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Publicity Officer/Webmaster and the affairs of the Club shall be managed by these Officers. The term of office of the Management Committee shall be one year. However, each Officer may stand for re-election or the members may propose and second replacements who are willing to stand for election.

Three Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Amendments to the Constitution and Rules may be made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting provided that a minimum of two weeks' notice in writing of proposed amendments is given when such a meeting is called.

4. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year and two weeks' notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meetings. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting if the majority of the Officers deem it necessary or on the written request of not less than ten members. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for General Meetings.

Ordinary meetings will (as from January 2022) be held on the third Wednesday in each month.

Voting at meetings, if required, will be by show of hands or by ballot if so determined. The President/Chair will have a second or casting vote in the event of an equal division of votes.

5. Finance

The fiscal year shall be to 31st October and the audited accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting in November. The President/Chair shall nominate an auditor.

The annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. Members joining after 30 April shall be admitted at half the rate for the year.

Subscriptions are payable within two months after the Annual General Meeting or the date of admission to the Club.

The Club shall have a bank account. The authorised signatories for this account shall be the President/Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The Management Committee may add a fourth authorised signatory from the membership if deemed necessary.

In the event of the Club being wound up, any credit balances remaining shall be handed over to a local community fund or such charity as determined by a simple majority of the membership.