

NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS CLUB STEERING GROUP ON THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2021

The meeting was opened at 1300 by Peter B, with Alf B, Chris L, Gordon S, Roger B (Treasurer) and Dave M (Minutes Secretary) in attendance.

Roger B – Treasurer stated that the Club Bank Balance at the end of the FY 2021 has been £3713 from which the SG Expenses had to be deducted for its April and June 21 meetings with the residual funds being used for the SG meeting in July. It has already been agreed that the Club going forward would not be subscription-based with meals being paid as PAYG. Additionally it had been decided that the Bank balance would then be run down to zero by paying the lunch venue 10% of the total meal charge as a tip. When the Bank account becomes zero, the account will be closed and Roger B will fully retire as Club Treasurer with many thanks.

Peter B – presented the SG with a Draft letter to all members that explains the situation in which we all find ourselves with respect to the COVID-effect that by necessity and dwindling Club numbers has rendered the Club's constitution defunct. Consequently, the SG has mapped a way forward, at least for the immediate and short-term starting with the first post-COVID lunch on 19 August 21 at Slepe Hall.

Lunch Menu - Details of that Lunch menu and options will be sent to those 30+ members confirming an interest (from an earlier poll) in continuing to actively support the club as a luncheon event. In all, with ladies the total interested was 54; so a viable basis on which to try a re-start on 19th Aug. Those menu selection forms will be sent out about 2 weeks prior to the event for immediate return and by Sunday 15 Aug 21 at the latest so Slepe Hall can be provided with the collated choices on Tues 17th. If members don't return their form in time or turn up on the off-chance (remembering that everyone will always be welcome), they may have to order A La Carte and pay a different price to that negotiated for the fixed menu choices.

Peter B –Website - asked how to find the Club's website as he obtained multiple different returns when he searched for 'Cromwell Probus'. Dave M (Webmaster) explained that searches need to be for Cromwell Probus CLUB when only ours should show up.

Dave M – volunteered to help Peter collate those Menu Selection returns for Peter to provide to Slepe Hall staff on 17th Aug 21.

Dave M - pointed out that a great deal of data – including the Menu - is to be found on the Club's website at www.CromwellProbusClub.org.uk and navigate to the appropriate pages.

Chris L – volunteers to create an 'advert' for the Club for Dave M to publish on the website to briefly explain the purpose of the Club and how to join in, so people browsing the web can see what we are about and how to get to lunch with us.

Gordon S – volunteered to send large font documentation to John C.

Alf B + Roger B – agreed to store the old Clubs regalia and assets in their lofts in a box marked PROBUS and Peter B's telephone number on it as contact.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the SG will be on Thursday 22 July (after 19th July) at 1300 – same place.