

Notes from a Meeting of the Cromwell Probus (Luncheon) Club on Tuesday 18 April 2022

1. The Meeting was opened by Peter Baker with following in attendance:

- a. Members: Chris Leah, Ros Townsend, Gordon Steptoe & Dave Mack (Admin)
- b. Co-opted as April Lunch Host/Speaker: Peter Horrocks

2. Disposal of Old Cromwell Probus Club Assets.

- a. Norris Museum – Peter had liaised with the Museum that had agreed to accept the Collars of Office and the Gavel and Block. Agreed that these should be passed on to Peter for delivery to the Curator.
- b. Rotary Club – Agreed that the Lectern should be offered to the Rotary Club from whence it came with an inscribed plate. Peter to liaise and make the offer.
- c. Bowls Cup – Roger will bring the Cup to the next meeting that he attends for someone to present to the last winner like the Snooker Trophy was presented to its last winner Bill Taylor at the March lunch.
- d. Documentation – 3x crates of it going back to 1984 – except for recent Club Account statements, to be confidentially shredded by Admin and cost reimbursed from Club Funds as part of Admin expenses.

3. Club Internet Banking. Admin explained that he had received a Sentry Card Reader and Authorisation card to use with it and was now able – at last - to access the Club's Lloyd's Bank Account. He was surprised to learn that none of the signatories has received a similar account 'access' kit and would investigate the reason for that and advise signatories accordingly. The Club account balance is now available to SG members on their portal.

4. Future Lunch Hosts/Speakers. The following offers were accepted: Colin Whitaker for May; Peter Baker for June with Gordon Steptoe as a 2nd speaker; Doreen Steptoe as the first lady host in July and Dave Mack on the 1st Anniversary of the Luncheon Club in August. Any others please let it be known to the Chair or Admin.

5. Admin Expenses Reimbursement. Agreed that Admin (Dave) would pay for SG-agreed incidentals on his credit card and be reimbursed every 3 months or so to save on cheques/bank transfers being issued/made for minor expenses. Also agreed that Dave be reimbursed £32 for the 2 cancelled meals (that could not be re-purposed by the Hotel in time) that he paid for in March to 'balance the account' with the Hotel.

Post meeting Maria, generously offered to cancel the cost of these 2 meals and reimburse Dave but that was not taken up as it was a Club responsibility to meet that obligation that the SG had just agreed to do anyway.

6. Jubilee Lunch. A reminder that:

- a. this would be 3 Courses without an option to have just 2.
- b. the dress code would encourage a Red-White-Blue patriotic variation.

7. AOB. Brief for Host. As the Host for April lunch Peter H was able to pick up some info for his brief Notices:

- a. Regrets – especially last minute cancellations- should be made to Lunch@ or Admin@ or by phone to Dave or the Chair as advised in the email and NOT to Slepe Hall directly unless all other options have been exhausted.
- b. Partners of Diners – the Lunch is open to all retired (or nearly retired) business people and partners. However, partners who normally accompany their spouses/friends are still welcome to come along in their own right and add to the social scene that the luncheons encourage and is the fundamental core objective of Probus everywhere.