



## **Minutes**

**Date:** 28 May 2016  
**Time:** 2:35 pm  
**Venue:** Four Points by Sheraton - Perth

**1. Call to order – Sergeant At Arms – Charles Fisher**

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

**2. Inspirational opening**

Ann Scoullar gave the Inspiration.

**3. Reading of District Mission**

Shogo Williams-Matsuoka read the District Mission.

**4. Welcome/introductory and explanatory remarks – D17 District Director**

Ian Pickens DTM, District 17 Director welcomed all in attendance. He introduced those on the official table; Leonor Ragan, Program Quality Director; Sue Fallon, Club Growth Director; Alison Wong, District Finance Manager; Melinda Brennan, Parliamentarian, Leith Cohoe, District Administration Manager, Tom Bielski, Public Relations Manager, Robyn Richards, Immediate Past District Governor.

The following dignitaries were acknowledged:

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| • Past International Director Region 12 | Mike Helm                |
| • Past District 17 Governor             | Mark Richards            |
| • Past District 17 Governor             | Pascale Amberville-Colby |
| • Past District 17 Governor             | Ross Wilkinson           |
| • Past District 70 Governor             | David Fisher             |

Ian Pickens gave an overview on who was eligible to cast a vote, of the meeting rules, of timings to the timer, and of the rules on speaking from the floor.

**5. Apologies**

No apologies had been received by the District Administration Manager before 2.00 pm on Saturday, 28 May 2016.

No apologies were asked for from the floor.

**Motion: “that the Apologies be received”**

Moved: Leith Cohoe, District Administration Manager.

Seconded: Cathy Kunzel, DTM Pathway.

**Carried**

**6. Credentials Committee Report – D17 Parliamentarian**

Melinda explained to reach a quorum one-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of the District, or their proxies, must be present. This means since we have 78 clubs in good standing at present, 52 club presidents, VPE or proxies are required for a quorum. Registered today we have 102. In addition there are 21 District Officers. A simple majority is 62, and a 2/3 majority is 82. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that we have exceeded our required minimum for a quorum.

**Motion: “that the Credentials Committee report be received”**

Moved: Melinda Brennan, District Parliamentarian.

Seconded: Tom Bielski, Victoria Park Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

**7. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion: “that the Agenda be adopted”**

Moved: Cathy Kunzel, Cannington Communicators.

Seconded: Pascale Amberville-Colby, Northern Gourmet

**Carried**

**8. Minutes from the previous District Council meeting 21 November 2015 and matters arising**

Robyn Richards, Immediate Past District Governor advised that there were a number of typos in the Minutes.

**Motion: “that Robyn Richards, Immediate Past District Governor, write out the corrections to the Minutes of the District Council 21 November 2015, to be considered and confirmed later in the Meeting.”**

Moved: Mike Helm, Desperados.

Seconded: Ross Wilkinson, Fremantle Gateway.

**Carried**

**9. Administration Manager’s Report**

Correspondence:

- Incoming

A list of incoming correspondence was displayed on the screen.

**Motion: “that the Correspondence inwards be received”**

Moved: Leith Cohoe, District Administration Manager.

Seconded: Maree Pickens, Aspire Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

- Outgoing

A list of Outgoing correspondence was displayed on the screen.

**Motion: “that the Correspondence outgoing be received”**

Moved: Leith Cohoe, District Administration Manager.

Seconded: Catherine O'Brien, Sunday Sundowners Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

**10. Adoption of Alignment of Clubs within Divisions and Areas – Sue Fallon**

**Motion: “that the Alignment Committee report be adopted”**

Moved: Sue Fallon, Club Growth Director.

Seconded: Peter Harrison, Currambine Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

**11. District Leadership Committee Report – Robyn Richards**

Robyn Richards presented the District Leadership Committee Report as tabled in the papers and confirmed that all candidates were eligible to stand.

**Motion: “that the District Leadership Committee report be received”**

Moved: Robyn Richards, District Leadership Committee Chairperson.

Seconded: Paul Browning, Golden Gourmet Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

**12. Election of District Officers for District 17, 2016/2017**

As advised by the District Leadership Committee Report, it was confirmed that all candidates were eligible to stand for office.

Where there was a single nomination the District Administration Manager was requested to cast one vote in favour of the nominated candidate and that candidate was declared elected.

**a. District Director**

Leonor Ragan was elected District Director for 2016-2017.

**b. Program Quality Director**

Nominations: Sue Fallon. There was one nomination from the floor: Stephanie Chan. A ballot was held and the results Stephanie Chan, 35 votes, Sue Fallon 88 votes. Sue Fallon was elected as the Program Quality Director for 2016-2017.

**c. Club Growth Director**

Nominations: Patricia D’Cruze and Almarie Meyer. There was one nomination from the floor: Tom Bielski. A ballot was held and the results Tom Bielski 40 votes, Patricia D’Cruze 64 votes, Almarie Meyer 17 votes. Patricia D’Cruze, with a clear majority, was elected as the Club Growth Director for 2016-2017.

**d. Division Directors**

**Central Division Director**

Allen Hahn was elected as the Central Division Director for 2016-2017.

**Eastern Division Director**

Peter Petrich was elected as the Eastern Division Director for 2016-2017.

**Northern Division Director**

Catherine O’Brien was elected as the Northern Division Director for 2016-2017.

**Southern Division Director**

Michael Foster was elected as the Southern Division Director for 2016-2017.

The incoming District Director will appoint Area Directors.

### 13. **Audit Committee Report**

Alison Wong, District Finance Manager presented the report.

A copy of the Auditors report was sent to Council Members.

**Motion: “that the Audit Committee report be received”**

Moved: Alison Wong, District Finance Manager.

Seconded: Kutty VK, DTM Pathway Toastmasters Club

**Carried**

### 14. **Finance Manager’s Report**

Alison Wong, District Finance Manager presented the report

A copy of the Finance Manager’s Report was sent to council members.

**Motion: “that the Finance Manager’s report be received”**

Moved: Alison Wong, District Finance Manager.

Seconded: Patricia D’Cruze, West End Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

### 15. **Reports from**

Copies of reports were sent to council members..

a. District Director

**Motion: “that the report be received”**

Moved: Ian Pickens, District Director.

Seconded: Maree Pickens, Mount Hawthorn Toastmasters.

**Carried**

b. Program Quality Director

**Motion: “that the report be received”**

Moved: Leonor Ragan, Program Quality Director.

Seconded: Pascale Amberville-Colby, Northern Gourmet Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

c. Club Growth Director

**Motion: “that the report be received”**

Moved: Sue Fallon, Club Growth Director.

Seconded: Marinko Gaspar, Project Managers

d. Public Relations Manager

**Motion: “that the report be received”**

Moved: Tom Bielski, Public Relations Manager.

Seconded: Mark Richards, Canningvale Toastmasters Club.

**Carried**

**16. Division Directors' Reports as tabled**

Copies of the Division Directors' reports were sent to council members.

**Motion: "that all Division Directors' reports as tabled be received"**

Moved: Ian Pickens, District Director.

Seconded: Tom Bielski, Sunday Sundowners

**Carried**

**17. Area Director Reports as tabled**

Copies of the Area Director reports were sent to council members.

**Motion: "that all Area Directors' reports as tabled be received"**

Moved: Ian Pickens, District Director.

Seconded: Kevin Sansome, Applecross Toastmasters Club

**Carried**

**18. Other Committee Reports**

There were no other reports.

**19. Motions Submitted**

Amendments to District 17's Policies and Procedures

Melinda Brennan, Sandgropers, spoke on the changes to the report as follows:

**Motion: "that the change of wording in Section 8 from Past District Governor to Past District Director be accepted"**

Moved: Melinda Brennan, Sandgropers

Seconded: Ross Wilkinson, TLI Training Group

**Carried**

**Motion: "that the change of wording in Section 9 from District Nominating Committee to District Leadership Committee be accepted"**

Moved: Melinda Brennan, Sandgropers

Seconded: Jane Anderson, Curtin GSB

**Carried**

**Motion: "that the change of wording in Section 11, Dot point 5 from: Organize, run and govern the annual Positive Promotion Premiership and other promotion or publicity programs each Toastmaster year, ... to Organize, run and govern the annual promotion or publicity programs organized and authorized by the District Management Committee each year ... be accepted"**

Moved: Melinda Brennan, Sandgropers

Seconded: Maree Pickens, Mount Hawthorn

**Carried**

**Amended: "that the word 'Toastmaster' be inserted prior to the word "year"**

Moved: Peter Harrison, Currambine Toastmasters  
Seconded: Ross Wilkinson, Fremantle Gateway  
**Carried**

**Amended: “that the words ‘organized and’ be deleted**  
Moved: Sebastian Davies-Slate, Victoria Park Toastmasters  
Seconded: Martin Pearce, Kalamunda Toastmasters  
**Carried**

**Motion: “that the change of wording in Section 11, Dot point 5 from: Organize, run and govern the annual Positive Promotion Premiership and other promotion or publicity programs each Toastmaster year, ... to Organize, run and govern the annual promotion or publicity programs authorized by the District Management Committee each Toastmaster year ... be accepted”**  
Moved: Melinda Brennan, Sandgroppers  
Seconded: Maree Pickens, Mount Hawthorn  
**Carried**

**Motion: “that the change of wording in Section 13 Awards from The Positive Premiership (PPP) is a perpetual contest with the winner announced at the annual district convention ... to Promotion programs will be authorized by the District Management Committee annually with the winner announced at the district convention. Programs may change from time to time... be accepted”**  
Moved: Melinda Brennan, Sandgroppers  
Seconded: Veda Breuer, Project Managers  
**Carried**

**Motion: “that the addition of wording to Section 13 Awards, Paragraph 2 to ‘the District Director will decide on an award for District officer of the Year and this award will be presented at the annual Awards night.’ Add ‘This trophy shall be named “The Mark Richards Award”...’ be accepted”**  
Moved: Marianne Law, Kwinana Toastmasters Club  
Seconded: Peter Law, Armadale Toastmasters Club

**Motion: “that this motion be referred to Committee to decide on the naming criteria, and returned to the November District Council Meeting”**  
Moved: Charles Fisher, Northern Gourmet  
Seconded: David Nicholas, Victoria Quay  
**Carried**

## **20. Call for Bids – 2017 District Convention**

Ian Pickens, District Director called for bids from the floor for the 2017 District Convention.

Ross Wilkinson, Fremantle Gateway. Toastmasters Club put forward a bid for the convention to be held at Trade Winds Hotel from 26-28 May 2017, to be hosted jointly by Fremantle Gateway Toastmasters Club and Victoria Quay Toastmasters Club.

A theme for the convention has yet to be decided.

Moved: Ross Wilkinson, Fremantle Gateway Toastmasters Club

Seconded: David Nicholas, Victoria Quay  
**Carried**

**21. New Business**

Corrections to previous minutes.

**Motion: “that the corrections to the previous minutes as written out by Robyn Richards, Immediate Past District Governor, be accepted.”**

Moved: Ross Wilkinson, Fremantle Gateway Toastmasters Club

Seconded: Jeanette Edwards, Mundaring Toastmasters Club

**Carried**

The next District Executive Committee Meeting will be held on a date to be decided by the District Director Elect, Leonor Ragan

**22. Announcements**

Awards Night – 2 July 2016 at City West Receptions

**23. Next Meeting – District Council Meeting**

Date: Saturday, 19 November 2016

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Technology Park, Bentley

**24. Adjournment**

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.