



MINUTES | VIRTUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 14 May 2022 - 1:00pm

Online via Zoom

1. **Call to Order** - Sergeant-at-Arms, N23 Area Director, Pascale Amberville-Colby DTM

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

2. **Explanatory Remarks** - Parliamentarian, Janette Edwards DTM

Parliamentarian Janette gave an overview on eligibility to cast a vote, voting method, meeting rules, timing and rules for speaking from the floor.

3. **Welcome and Introductions** - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

District Director Tim welcomed all the meeting and declared the meeting open welcomed all attendees.

District Director Tim introduced members of the Executive Team:

- Program Quality Director, Julie Dall DTM
- Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM
- Administration Manager, Darren Law
- Immediate Past District Director, Henry Yau DTM

District Director Tim introduced the officials for the meeting:

- Parliamentarian, Janette Edwards DTM
- Credentials Committee Chair, Allen Hahn DTM
- Credentials Committee Members, Ross Wilkinson DTM, Leonor Ragan DTM and Sue Fallon DTM
- Timer, Graham Watson DTM

District Director Henry introduced the technical support team for the meeting:

- Zoom Master, Tom Bielski DTM
- Chat Monitor, Henry Yau DTM

4. **Acknowledgement of Country** - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

District Director Tim gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

5. **District Mission**

The District Mission was read by I43 Area Director Marlese Fairgray

6. Apologies - Administration Manager, Darren Law

Apologies were received from the following District Council Members:

- 235 President, Sarah McCague
- Belmont VP Education, Richard Yap
- CIL President, Peter Woodley
- Central Communicators, Perth Justalk and West End President, Patricia D'Çruze
- Cockburn President, Damien Williams
- Cockburn VP Education, Karen Danson
- Como Communicators President, Angeline Ong
- Kenwick President, David Mills
- Maylands President, Susanne Boehmer
- Mount Hawthorn President, Ashleigh Drury
- Mundaring President, Bill Hewitt
- Professionals Toastmasters VP Education, Danielle Dinse
- Sandgroper President, Kevin Forward
- Stirling President, Caddy Jackson
- Subiaco Early Birds President, Nick Buckley
- Victoria Quay VP Education, William Roche
- Willetton President, Katrina Pereira
- I42 Area Director, Dipak Saha
- W53 Area Director, Nataly Fernandez
- Southern Division Director, Michael Piotrowski
- Finance Manager, Saman Perera DTM

7. Inspiration – Finding Your Voice - Viola Dondo

An inspirational speech was given by Viola Dondo in line with the theme of the year.

8. Presentation of Credentials Committee Report - Credentials Committee Chair, Allen Hahn DTM

Credentials Committee Chair reported that each club in good standing is eligible for two votes, one for the President and one for the Vice President Education.

There are 83 clubs in District 17 with 64 clubs in good standing.

To achieve a quorum, one-third of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of eligible clubs must be represented. The total number of Presidents and Vice Presidents Education is 128, requiring 43 to achieve a quorum.

There are 39 Presidents and Vice Presidents Education in attendance today. As such we have not achieved a quorum.

There are also 16 District Executive Committee members represented. District Executive Committee members do not count towards achieving a quorum.

The total votes available are 55.

In today's meeting, a simple majority is 29 votes; and a 2/3 majority is 37 votes.

District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM announced that the Credentials Committee report is accepted and thanked the Committee for their work.

The business will still go ahead with voting and the minutes will be ratified by email to the full District Council Meeting.

9. Minutes - District Council Meeting held 18 September 2021 - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

Requested to amend by Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM

- 1) Under item 3, change "Executive Group" to "Executive Team"
- 2) Under item 3 and 4, change "District Director Henry" to "District Director Tim"
- 3) Under item 16, correct "Gosnells foothills" to "Gosnells Foothills".

Motion: "That the minutes of the 18 September 2021 District Council Meeting, as amended, be adopted."

Moved: Cherie Wallace

Seconded: Viola Dondo

Resolution: Carried 50/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

10. Review and Adoption of Agenda - Tim Blackburn DTM

Administration Manager, Darren Law, requested the following changes to the Agenda:

- Remove item 8 second "Inspirational"
- Add new item 15 "Annual Judges Workshop"
- Item 16 "Adoption of Alignment of Clubs within Divisions and Areas", Increase time allocation from 15 minutes to 20 minutes
- Add new item 17 "Break"
- Item 19 "Elections of District Officers", decrease time allocation from 60 minutes to 20 Minutes
- Item 20 "Reports - Progress Towards Success Plan", decrease time allocation from 15 minutes to 11 Minutes

Moved: Souzy Theophilopoulos

Seconded: Cherie Wallace

Resolution: Carried 35/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

Cherie Wallace, requested the following changes to the Agenda:

- That a new business item be added at Item 22 to discuss bids for 2023 District 17 Conference.
- That a new business item be added at Item 22 to discuss fundraising for the 2023 District 17 Conference.

Moved: Cherie Wallace

Seconded: Barbara Coles

Resolution: Carried 41/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

Carole Bruce, requested the following change to the Agenda:

- That a new business item be added at Item 22 to discuss online verse face to face contests beyond club level.

Moved: Denise Rhodes

Seconded: Gavin Hyslop

Resolution: Not Carried 15/24 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 52/7

Motion: "That the Agenda for this meeting, as circulated and amended, be adopted."

Moved: Souzy Theophilopoulos

Seconded: Julie Dall

Resolution: Carried 45/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

11. Presentation of Profit and Loss Statement - Tim Blackburn DTM

The profit and loss statement was presented by District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM.
District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM announced that the Profit and Loss Statement is accepted.

12. Presentation of Audit Committee Report for July to December 2021 - Tim Blackburn DTM

The Audit Committee Report was presented by District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM.
District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM announced that the Audit Committee Report is accepted.

13. Hall of Fame Committee Report - Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM

The Hall of Fame Committee Report was presented by Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM. District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM announced that the Hall of Fame Committee Report is accepted.

14. Change Triple Crown Award Requirements - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

Motion: "That the criteria for receiving a Triple Crown Award in District 17 be redefined to include any three educational awards, at least of one which must be either Level 4, Level 5, the Pathways Mentor Program Award, or the Distinguished Toastmaster Award. This new eligibility criteria to be adopted from the 1st July 2022."

Moved: Carole Bruce

Seconded: Olaf Schubert

Resolution: Carried 36/8 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 54/6

15. Annual Judges Workshop - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

Motion: "That an annual face to face (where possible) Judges workshop be conducted by District 17."

Moved: Souzy Theophilopoulos

Seconded: Carole Bruce

Resolution: Not Carried 5/38 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 46/13

16. Alignment of Clubs within Divisions and Areas - Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM

Motion: "That the Alignment of Clubs within Divisions and Areas Report be adopted as recommended by the District Executive Committee."

Moved: Gavin Hyslop

Seconded: Barbara Coles

Resolution: Carried 45/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

17. Break

18. District Leadership Committee Report - District Leadership Committee Chair, Henry Yau DTM

District Leadership Committee Chair, Henry Yau delivered the District Leadership Committee report.

The endorsed candidates for 2022-2023 are:

District Director - Gavin Hyslop DTM

Program Quality Director – Peggy Leung

Club Growth Director - Jeff Zhang

Central Division Director - Ben Tian

Western Division Director – Nataly Fernandez

Henry Yau thanked the following members of the District Leadership Committee:

Angela Booker representing Inner City Division

Bill Hewitt DTM representing Eastern Division

Graham Watson DTM representing Southern Division

Pascale Amberville-Colby DTM representing Northern Division

Souzy Theophilopoulos representing Western Division

Sue Fallon DTM representing Central Division

19. Election of 2022-2023 District Officers - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

The District Leadership Committee endorsed candidates for the roles of District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Central Division Director and Western Division Director.

The endorsed candidates for Western Division Director, Nataly Fernandez has withdrawn her nomination.

There was one nomination to run from the floor for the vacant position of Northern Division Director, from Deborah Kamp which was received by 5pm on Saturday 7th May.

There were no nominations to run from the floor for the vacant positions of Eastern Division Director, and Southern Division Director, received by 5pm on Saturday 7th May, therefore there will be no election for those roles.

These roles will be filled by appointment of the 2022-23 District Director, endorsed by the first District Executive Committee Meeting and adopted by the first District Council Meeting.

District Officers elected for 2022-2023 are:

District Director - Gavin Hyslop DTM

Program Quality Director – Peggy Leung

Club Growth Director - Jeff Zhang

Central Division Director - Ben Tian

Northern Division Director – Deborah Kamp

20. Presentation of Reports on Progress towards District Success Plan

Reports from the Executive group were emailed in advance to District Council Members and are on the District 17 website. Verbal reports were presented by the following officers.

- Public Relations Manager, Vacant
- Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM
- Program Quality Director, Julie Dall DTM
- District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM announced that the reports are accepted.

21. Presentation of Reports from Division Directors and Area Directors - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

Reports from the Division Directors and Area Directors were emailed in advance to District Council Members and are on the District 17 website. The reports, as presented, were accepted.

22. New Business (raised at Item 10) - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

MOTION: That bids for the 2023 District 17 Conference be presented, voted upon and awarded at the September District Council Meeting.

Moved: Cherie Wallace

Seconded: Suzy Theophilopoulos

Resolution: Carried 42/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

Motion: That fundraising for the 2023 District 17 Conference can be commenced before bids are presented and awarded. That any events held for the purposes of fundraising for the 2023 District 17 Conference are clearly advertised as such, and any funds raised are transferred to the group or District, in accordance with Toastmasters International requirements, with the winning bid to host the 2023 District 17 Conference by 31 October 2022.

Moved: Cherie Wallace

Seconded: Barbara Cole

Resolution: Carried 37/0 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 58/1

19. Announcements without Discussion - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

- Aspiring Leaders email re invitation to Leaders Networking Event
- Tickets still on sale for end of Conference Dinner

20. Next Meeting - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

September 2022, date and time to be advised.

21. Adjourn the Meeting and Meeting Close - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM thanked all who attended and those who supported the meeting logistically.

The next District Council Meeting will be held on

The meeting was adjourned by District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM at 4.59pm.

Ratification of District Council Meeting Business

Due to not meeting a quorum for this meeting, the draft Minutes were sent to all eligible Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents Education of all eligible clubs, along with a link to an online Survey requesting a vote on each item that requires a decision. The survey expired on 31st May 2022. Credentials Committee Chair, Allen Hahn DTM, confirmed the result of the survey and those results are noted against each item above in red.