



## **MINUTES | DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**

**Saturday 25 September 2022 - 1:00pm**

Online via Zoom

**1. Call to Order - Sergeant-at-Arms, Maree Pickens DTM**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

**2. Explanatory Remarks - Parliamentarian, Maree Pickens DTM**

Parliamentarian Maree 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, Gavin Hyslop 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, Peggy Leung
- Immediate Past District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

District Director Gavin introduced the officials for the meeting:

- Parliamentarian, Maree Pickens DTM
- Credentials Committee Chair, Allen Hahn DTM
- Credentials Committee Members, Ross Wilkinson DTM, Leonor Ragan DTM and Sue Fallon DTM
- Timer, Peggy Leung

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

- Zoom Master, Darren Law
- Chat Monitor, Henry Yau DTM

**4. Acknowledgement of Country - District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM**

District Director Gavin gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

**5. District Mission**

The District Mission was read by Maree Pickens, DTM.

**6. Apologies - Administration Manager, Darren Law**

Apologies were received from the following District Council Members:

- 235, President, Sarah McCague
- 235, VPE, Jessica Obradovic
- Central Communicators, President, Patricia D'Cruze
- Cockburn President, Charlotte Moss
- Maylands, VPE, Keely Maitland
- Noranda, VPE, Liz Fisher
- Freemantle Gourmet, VPE, Sophy Gotsis

- Northern Gourmet, VPE, Rose Goodman
- Durack, President, Alistair Fox
- Events Hub, President, Cherie Wallace
- West End, President, Nathan Brown
- Sunday Sundowner, President, Menuka Somapala
- Heritage Towns, VPE, Neville Smith
- Southern River, President; Byford, VPE; Events Hub, VPE, Julie Dall
- S34 Area Director, David Mazzotti
- Club Growth Director, Jeff Zhang
- Finance Manager, Leonisa Manea

7. **Inspiration – Finding Your Voice** – Henry Yau, DTM

An inspirational speech was given by Henry Yau about leadership and taking advantage of leadership opportunities.

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 68 clubs in District 17 with 68 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 136, requiring 46 to achieve a quorum.

There are 30 Presidents and Vice Presidents Education in attendance today. As such we have not achieved a quorum.

There are also 6 District Executive Committee members represented. District Executive Committee members do not count towards achieving a quorum.

The total votes available are 36.

In today's meeting, a simple majority is 19 votes; and a 2/3 majority is 25 votes.

District Director, Gavin Hyslop 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.

9. **Minutes - District Council Meeting held 14 May 2022** - District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM

Requested to amend by E14 Area Director, Darren Law

1) Under item 14, change ratified vote count from "54/6" to "53/6"

**Motion:** "That the District Council adopt the minutes of the 14 May 2022 District Council Meeting including the following amendment, Item 14, change the ratified vote count from '54/6' to '53/6'."

**Moved:** Morrie Goodz

**Seconded:** Kim Godfrey

**Resolution:** Carried 27/0 subject to ratification

**Ratified: Carried 59/0**

10. **Review and Adoption of Agenda** – Gavin Hyslop DTM

**Motion:** "That the District Council adopt the agenda as presented."

**Moved:** Fiona Martyn

**Seconded:** Juliana Kelly

**Resolution:** Carried 32/0 subject to ratification.

**Ratified: Carried 59/0**

11. **Presentation of Profit and Loss Statement - Gavin Hyslop DTM**  
An updated profit and loss statement was presented by District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM.  
District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM announced that the Profit and Loss Statement is accepted.
12. **Presentation of Audit Committee Report for January to June 2022 - Tim Blackburn DTM**  
Immediate Past District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM provided an update on the progress of the Audit Committee Report, noting that preparation of the Audit Committee Report is underway, but that delays in Toastmasters International finalizing the financial information had meant that the Report has not been completed. The Report will be completed and circulated to Council Members when complete and will presented at the next District Council Meeting.
13. **Presentation of District Success Plan - District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM**  
The District Success Plan was presented by District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM. District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM announced that the District Success Plan is accepted.
14. **Review and Adoption of District Budget**  
**Motion:** "That the District Council adopt the District 17 Budget for 2022/23 as presented."  
**Moved:** Darren Law  
**Seconded:** Kym Godfrey  
**Resolution:** Carried 33/1 subject to ratification.  
**Ratified: Carried 59/0**
15. **Confirmation of Appointed District Officers**  
**Motion:** "That the District Council confirm the appointment of the District 17 Officers for 2022/23, as per the presented report."  
**Moved:** Darren Law  
**Seconded:** Souzy Theophilopoulos  
**Resolution:** Carried 31/2 subject to ratification  
**Ratified: Carried 58/1**
16. **Adoption of change to the Approved Club Alignment**  
**Motion:** "That the District Council endorses changes to the Realignment approved at the May 2022 District Council Meeting, being the inclusion of the new club OMTID Toastmasters in Area C1, the removal of Dynamic Speakers from Area N24 and the inclusion of Subiaco Early Birds in Area N24."  
**Moved:** Olaf Schubert  
**Seconded:** Christian Zavier  
**Resolution:** Carried 33/0 subject to ratification  
**Ratified: Carried 58/1**
17. **Adoption of Update of District Procedures Manual**

**Motion:** “That the District Council empowers the District Management Team to appoint a Sub-Committee to investigate any required changes to the current District Procedures Manual and for a proposed updated District Procedures Manual to be presented for approval by the District Council at the May 2023 meeting.”

**Moved:** Kevin Sansome

**Seconded:** Olaf Schubert

**Resolution:** Carried 32/0 subject to ratification

**Ratified: Carried 59/0**

**18. Presentation of Reports on Progress towards District Success Plan**

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

- Club Growth Director, Gavin Hyslop on behalf of Jeff Zhang
- Program Quality Director, Peggy Leung
- District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM

District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM announced that the reports are accepted.

**19. Division & Area Reports**

Reports from the Division Directors and Area Directors were emailed in advance to District Council Members with a link to the reports on the District 17 website.

District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM announced that the reports are accepted.

**20. District Conference Bids Discussion**

District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM noted that no bids have yet been received for running the District Conference in May 2023, and that the District team will be looking for clubs and members to assist in organizing the Conference.

**21. Announcements without Discussion - District Director, Tim Blackburn DTM**

- Program Quality Director, Peggy Leung advised that training to assist Area & Division Directors in running online Speech Contests would be held in the next 2 weeks.

**22. Next Meeting - District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM**

Mid May 2023, date and time to be advised.

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

District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM thanked all who attended and those who supported the meeting logistically.

The meeting was adjourned by District Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM at 3.21pm.