



DISTRICT 17

VIRTUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

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Saturday 15 May 2021 - 1:15pm

Online via Zoom

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm

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, Henry Yau DTM

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

District Director Henry introduced members of the Executive Group:

- Program Quality Director, Tim Blackburn DTM
- Club Growth Director, Vijayakumar Vijayaratham DTM
- Public Relations Manager, Pasan Ganegama
- Administration Manager, Cherie Wallace DTM
- Finance Manager, Juliana Kelly
- Immediate Past District Director, Kevin Sansome

District Director Henry 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, Sue Fallon DTM and Patricia King
- Timer, Vijayakumar Vijayaratham DTM

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

- Zoom Master, Tom Bielski DTM
- Zoom Meeting Tech Support, Darren Law
- Chat Monitor, Mina Cho DTM

4. **Acknowledgement of Country** - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

District Director Henry gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

5. **District Mission**

The District Mission was read by Inner City Division Director, Gavin Hyslop DTM

6. **Apologies** - Administration Manager, Cherie Wallace DTM

Apologies were received from the following District Council Members:

- Aspire VP Education, Debbie Hindley
- Banyandah President, Liz Fisher
- Central Communicators President and Perth Justalk President, Patricia D'Cruze
- Cockburn President, Damien Williams
- CPA President, Raj Thethy
- Curtin VP Education, Marzena Topka
- Donnybrook Gourmet President, Morrie Goodz
- Fremantle Gateway VP Education, Michael King
- Fremantle Gourmet President, Mariana Silva
- Gourmet Guns n Roses President, Greg Madden
- Mandjar Speakers President, Kagan Ryder
- Persuasive Speakers President, Ben Ivison
- Stanley College VP Education, Barbara Coles
- Stirling President, Wendy Farrow
- Subiaco Early Birds VP Education, Penny Spiers
- UWA College Row President, Douglas Mok
- UWA College Row VP Education, Ethan Goh
- Area C4 Director, Dietmar Mazanetz
- Area E11 Director, Ian Hart
- Area E12 Director, Ronnie Giandzi
- Area S32 Director, Peter Darangwa

7. **Inspiration - United in Harmony** - Jeff Zhang

An inspirational speech was given by Jeff Zhang in line with the theme of the year and the 2021 Conference.

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 86 clubs in District 17 with 73 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 146, requiring 49 to achieve a quorum.

There are 38 Presidents and Vice Presidents Education in attendance today. As such we have not achieved a quorum.

There are also 19 District Executive Committee members represented. District Executive Committee members do not count towards achieving a quorum.

The total votes available are 57.

In today's meeting, a simple majority is 29 votes; and a 2/3 majority is 38 votes.

District Director, Henry Yau 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 19 September 2020** - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

There were no changes or matters arising from the previous Minutes.

Motion: "That the minutes of the 19 September 2020 District Council Meeting, as presented, be adopted."

Moved: Gavin Hyslop DTM

Seconded: Pascale Amberville-Colby DTM

Resolution: Carried 36/6 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 87/0

10. Review and Adoption of Agenda - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

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

Moved: Souzy Theophilopoulos DTM

Seconded: Pascale Amberville-Colby DTM

Resolution: Carried 52/4 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 87/0

11. Presentation of Audit Committee Report for July to December 2020 - Audit Committee Chair, Wendy Ow

The Audit Committee Report was presented by Audit Committee Chair, Wendy Ow.

District Director, Henry Yau DTM announced that the Audit Committee Report is accepted.

12. Presentation of Profit and Loss Statement - Finance Manager, Juliana Kelly

The profit and loss statement was presented by Finance Manager, Juliana Kelly.

District Director, Henry Yau DTM announced that the Profit and Loss Statement is accepted.

13. Alignment of Clubs within Divisions and Areas - Club Growth Director, Vijayakumar Vijayaratnam DTM

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

Moved: Kym Godfrey

Seconded: Kutty VK DTM

Resolution: Carried 53/2 subject to ratification

Ratified: Carried 85/2

14. District Leadership Committee Report - District Leadership Committee Chair, Kevin Sansome

District Leadership Committee Chair, Kevin Sansome delivered the District Leadership Committee report. The endorsed candidates for 2021-2022 are:

District Director - Tim Blackburn DTM

Program Quality Director - Julie Dall DTM

Club Growth Director - Kutty VK DTM

Inner City Division Director - Jeff Zhang

Southern Division Director - Michael Piotrowski

Kevin thanked the following members of the District Leadership Committee:

Leonor Ragan DTM representing Central Division

Mina Cho DTM representing Southern Division

Tom Bielski DTM representing Eastern Division

Barbara Coles representing Inner City Division

Sophy Gotsis DTM representing Western Division

Charles Fisher DTM representing Northern Division

Jan Vecchio DTM from a District external to District 17

15. Election of 2021-2022 District Officers - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

The District Leadership Committee endorsed candidates for the roles of District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Inner City Division Director and Southern Division Director.

There were no nominations to run from the floor for the vacant positions received by 5pm on Saturday 8 May, therefore there will be no election for the roles of Central Division Director, Eastern Division Director, Northern Division Director and Western Division Director.

These roles will be filled by appointment of the 2021-22 District Director, endorsed by the first District Executive Committee Meeting and adopted by the first District Council Meeting.

District Officers elected for 2021-2022 are:

District Director - Tim Blackburn DTM

Program Quality Director - Julie Dall DTM

Club Growth Director - Kutty VK DTM

Inner City Division Director - Jeff Zhang

Southern Division Director - Michael Piotrowski

16. 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, Pasan Ganegama
- Immediate Past District Director, Kevin Sansome
- Club Growth Director, Vijayakumar Vijayarajam DTM
- Program Quality Director, Tim Blackburn DTM
- District Director, Henry Yau DTM

District Director, Henry Yau DTM announced that the reports are accepted.

17. 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.

18. New Business (raised at Item 10) - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

There was no new business raised at Item 10.

19. Announcements without Discussion - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

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- Special Recognition Event - 29 May 2021
 - District Awards Night - 24 July

20. Next Meeting - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

September 2021, date and time to be advised.

21. Adjourn the Meeting and Meeting Close - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

District Director, Henry Yau 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, Henry Yau DTM at 2:58pm.

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 29 May 2021. Credentials Committee Chair, Allen Hahn DTM, confirmed the result of the survey and those results are noted against each item above in red.

