**Minutes of District Council Meeting**

**Date:** 25 May 2019

**Time:** 3.00pm

**Venue:** Pagoda Resort and Spa

**1. Call to Order – Sergeants-at-Arms**

 Pascale Amberville-Colby and David Gibbs called the meeting to order at 3.24pm.

**2. Inspirational Opening**

 Area Director Keith Cundale delivered the Inspiration.

**3. Reading of District Mission**

 Area Director Saminda Da Vas read the District Mission.

**4. Welcome/Introductory and Explanatory Remarks – District Director Patricia D’Cruze**

 Patricia D’Cruze welcomed all District Council Members to the District Council Meeting and declared the meeting open.

 Patricia appointed Cherie Wallace as Acting Administration Manager and Charles Fisher as Acting Parliamentarian.

 Patricia introduced those on the official table:

* Kevin Sansome, Program Quality Director
* Henry Yau, Club Growth Director
* Cherie Wallace, Public Relations Manager and Acting Administration Manager
* Gayani Bandara, Finance Manager
* Sue Fallon, Immediate Past District Director
* Charles Fisher, Acting Parliamentarian

 Patricia acknowledged the following people who were in attendance:

* Mark Richard, Past District Governor – District 17
* Ross Wilkinson, Past District Governor – District 17
* Pascale Amberville-Colby, Past District Governor – District 17
* Ian Pickens, Past District Director – District 17
* Leonor Ragan, Past District Director – District 17
* Sue Fallon, Past District Director – District 17
* Robert Cockburn, Past International Director and Past Region 12 Advisor
* Mark Snow, Guest – District 69

 **Voting Method**

 Charles Fisher, Acting Parliamentarian, gave an overview on eligibility to cast a vote, meeting rules, timing and the rules for speaking from the floor.

 **Procedural Motion**

 **Motion: “That the meeting procedures, as described by Acting Parliamentarian Charles Fisher, be accepted.”**

 **Moved:** Cherie Wallace – Acting Administration Manager
**Seconded:** Ian Pickens – City of Perth
**Resolution:** Carried

**5. Apologies**

 Apologies were received from:

* Mahima Pareek – Electric Toasters Toastmasters Club
* Tony Stephenson – Touch of Gold Toastmasters Club
* Kathryn Napier – Curtin GSM Toastmasters Club
* Kudzaishe Chigwanda – DESperados Toastmasters Club
* Jarrod Mahon – Canning Communicators Toastmasters Club
* Michael Gorman – Kwinana Toastmasters Club
* Kevin Siwanto – UWA Toastmasters Club
* Kevin Forward – Sandgropers Toastmasters Club
* Alison Kirkby – Mt Hawthorn Toastmasters Club
* Barbara Cole – Area Director N21
* Syd Bignell – Area Director E13

 **Motion: “That the apologies be accepted.”**

 **Moved:** Cherie Wallace – Acting Administration Manager
**Seconded:** Dan Beeston – Curtin GSB
**Resolution:** Carried

**6. Credentials Committee Report – Credentials Committee Chair Allen Hahn**

 Allen Hahn, Credentials Committee Chair, explained that one-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education of the District, or their proxies, must be present to reach a quorum.

 District 17 having 89 clubs in good standing as at 25 May 2019 had a total 178 eligible voting delegates. 60 clubs required for a quorum. 107 delegates registered with an additional 22 District Officers for a total of 129 votes.

 A quorum was met.

 **Motion: “That the Credentials Committee Report be received.”**

 **Moved:** Allen Hahn – Credentials Committee Chair
**Seconded:** Emmie Maunder – Banksia Speakers
**Resolution:** Carried

**7. Adoption of Agenda**

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

 **Moved:** Cherie Wallace – Acting Administration Manager
**Seconded:** Pascale Amberville-Colby – AECOM
**Resolution:** Carried

**8. Minutes from the previous District Council Meeting held on 30 September 2018 and Matters Arising**

 There were no change or matters arising from the previous minutes.

 The Minutes were approved as read.

 *[RONR (11th Ed.) p. 474, ll. 3-7]*

**9. Administration Manager’s Report – Cherie Wallace, Acting Administration Manager**

 There was no incoming or outgoing correspondence.

 **Motion: “That the Administration Manager’s report be received.”**

 **Moved:** Cherie Wallace – Acting Administration Manager
**Seconded:** Morrie Goodz – Donnybrook Gourmet
**Resolution:** Carried

**10. Alignment of Clubs within Divisions and Areas – Henry Yau, Alignment Committee Chair**

 Henry Yau presented the Alignment Committee Report which was circulated to District Council Members prior to the District Council Meeting.

 **Motion: “That the alignment proposal for 2019-2020, be adopted.”**

 **Moved:** Henry Yau – Alignment Committee Chair
**Seconded:** Vijayakumar Vijayaratnam – Southern Division Director

Following discussion for and against the proposal, Henry Yau gave his right of reply and a vote was taken.

 **Votes For:** 98
**Votes Against:** 25 **Resolution:** Carried

**11. District Leadership Committee Report – Sue Fallon, District Leadership Committee Chair**

Sue Fallon presented the District Leadership Committee Report as circulated in the papers and confirmed that all candidates were eligible to stand for leadership positions.

 Nominations were received from:

* Kevin Sansome – for the role of District Director
* Henry Yau – for the role of Program Quality Director
* Gavin Hyslop – for the role of Central Division Director

 **Motion: “That the District Leadership Committee report be adopted.”**

 **Moved:** Sue Fallon – District Leadership Committee Chair
**Seconded:** Karunakaran Veluthakkal (Kutty VK) - Willeton
**Resolution:** Carried

**12. Election of District Officers for District 17 – 2019/2020**

As advised by the District Leadership Committee Chair, all pre-nominated candidates were eligible to stand for office.

 All positions were declared open and further nominations were called from the floor. Where there was a single nomination, the Acting Administration Manager was requested to cast a single ballot in favour of the nominated candidate and the candidate was declared elected.

 **a. District Director**

 Nominated: Kevin Sansome
 Nominations from the floor: Nil
 **Vote:** Single ballot by Acting Administration Manager
 **Resolution:** Elected unopposed and declared District Director for 2019/2020

 Kevin Sansome, District Director Elect, was given an opportunity to address the meeting.

 **b. Program Quality Director**

 Nominated: Henry Yau
Nominations from the floor: Nil
**Vote:** Single ballot by Acting Administration Manager
**Resolution:** Elected unopposed and declared Program Quality Director for 2019/2020

 **c. Club Growth Director**

Nominated from the floor: Vijayakumar Vijayaratnam
Nominated by: Karunakaran Veluthakkal (Kutty VK) – Willeton
Nomination accepted: Yes

 Nominated from the floor: Tim Blackburn
Nominated by: Ross Wilkinson – TLI Training Group
Nomination accepted: Yes

 Both nominees were given the opportunity address the meeting prior to the ballot being conducted.

 **Votes for Tim Blackburn:** 63
**Votes for Vijayakumar Vijayaratnam:** 58 **Resolution:** Tim Blackburn was declared Club Growth Director for 2019/2020

 **d. Central Division Director**

Nominated: Gavin Hyslop
 Nominations from the floor: Nil

 **Vote:** Single ballot by Acting Administration Manager
**Resolution:** Elected unopposed and declared Central Division Director for 2019/2020

 **e. Eastern Division Director**

 Nominated from the floor: Tom Bielski
Nominated by: Self

 **Vote:** Single ballot by Acting Administration Manager
**Resolution:** Elected unopposed and declared Eastern Division Director for 2019/2020

 **f. Northern Division Director**

 Nominated from the floor: Souzana Theophilopoulos
Nominated by: Self

 Nominated from the floor: Jacqui Huntley
Nominated by: Emmie Maunder – Banksia Speakers
Nomination accepted: Yes

 Both nominees were given the opportunity address the meeting prior to the ballot being conducted.

 **Votes for Souzana Theophilopoulos:** 101
**Votes for Jacqui Huntley:** 16
**Informal Votes:** 2 **Resolution:** Souzana Theophilopoulos was declared Northern Division Director for 2019/2020

 **g. Southern Division Director**

 Nominated from the floor: Karunakaran Veluthakkal (Kutty VK)
Nominated by: Emmie Maunder – Banksia Speakers
Nomination accepted: No

 Nominated from the floor: Karen Tregenza
Nominated by: Vijayakumar Vijayaratnam – Southern Division Director 18/19
Nomination accepted: Yes

 Nomination from the floor: Mina Cho
Nominated by: Self

 Both nominees were given the opportunity address the meeting prior to the ballot being conducted.

 **Votes for Mina Cho:** 75
**Votes for Karen Tregenza:** 43
**Informal Votes:** 1 **Resolution:** Mina Cho was declared Southern Division Director for 2019/2020

 **h. Western Division Director**

 Nominated from the floor: Robert Cockburn
Nominated by: Adrian Watts – CIL
Nominated accepted: Yes

 **Vote:** Single ballot by Acting Administration Manager
**Resolution:** Elected unopposed and declared Western Division Director for 2019/2020

 **i. Inner City Division Director**

 Nominated from the floor: Ian Pickens
Nominated by: Self

 **Vote:** Single ballot by Acting Administration Manager
**Resolution:** Elected unopposed and declared Inner City Division Director for 2019/2020

**13. Audit Committee Report – Tim Blackburn, Audit Committee Chair**

 A copy of the Auditor’s Report for the period 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018 was circulated to Council members prior to the meeting.

 **Motion: “That the Audit Committee Report, as circulated, be received.”**

 **Moved:** Tim Blackburn - Audit Committee Chair
**Seconded:** Sue Fallon – Northern Lights
**Resolution:** Carried

**14. Finance Manager’s Report – Gayani Bandara, Finance Manager**

 A copy of the Finance Manager’s Report was circulated to Council members prior to the meeting. The Finance Manager advised that three quarters of the year have been closed and there are still some convention costs not yet accounted for.

 *[RONR (11th Ed.) p.479, ll. 5-9]*

**15. District Leadership Reports**

 Copies of reports were circulated to Council members prior to the meeting.

 **a. District Director Report – Patricia D’Cruze, District Director**

 **Motion: “That the District Director’s Report be received.”
 Moved:** Patricia D’Cruze, District Director
 **Seconded:** Souzana Theophilopoulos – Northern Lights
 **Resolution:** Carried

 **b. Program Quality Director Report – Kevin Sansom, Program Quality Director**

 **Motion: “That the Program Quality Director’s Report be received.”
 Moved:** Kevin Sansom, Program Quality Director
 **Seconded:** Deon Van Aswegan – Perth Justalk
 **Resolution:** Carried

 **c. Club Growth Director Report – Henry Yau, Club Growth Director**

 **Motion: “That the Club Growth Director’s Report be received.”
 Moved:** Henry Yau, Club Growth Director
 **Seconded:** Emmie Maunder – Banksia Speakers
 **Resolution:** Carried

 **d. Public Relations Manager’s Report – Cherie Wallace, Public Relations Manager**

 **Motion: “That the Public Relations Manager’s Report be received.”
 Moved:** Cherie Wallace, Public Relations Manager
 **Seconded:** Dan Beeston – Curtin GSB
 **Resolution:** Carried

 **e. Division Directors’ Reports**

 **Motion: “That the Division Directors’ Reports, as circulated, be received.”
 Moved:** Tom Bielski – Sunday Sundowners
 **Seconded:** Souzana Theophilopoulos – Northern Lights
 **Resolution:** Carried

**16. Area Directors’ Reports**

 Copies of the Area Directors’ reports were circulated to Council members before the meeting.

 **Motion: “That the Area Directors’ Reports, as circulated, be received.”
Moved:** Patricia Johns – Como Communicators
**Seconded:** Ian Pickens – City of Perth
**Resolution:** Carried

**17. Other Committee Reports**

 There were no other Committee reports.

**18. Motions Submitted**

 **a. Title of the District Officer of the Year Perpetual Trophy**

 **Motion: “That the District Procedures Manual Section 25 be amended as suggested by the District Awards Naming Rights Committee 2018.”
Moved:** Ian Pickens – City of Perth
**Seconded:** Gavin Hyslop – St George’s

 **Motivation:** Ian Pickens explained that this motion is based on the District Awards Naming Rights Committee 2018 suggestion to amend the District Procedures Manual Section 25, so that no District Award be named after an individual. This will result in the District Officer of the Year Perpetual Trophy not being named for an individual.

Discussion for and against the proposal reached the limit of three speakers on each side of the debate.

 **Motion: “That the debate be extended to one more speaker for each side of the debate.”
Moved:** Ross Wilkinson – TLI Training Group
**Seconded:** Pascale Amberville-Colby - AECOM
**Resolution:** Carried

 Following final speakers in the debate, Ian Pickens delivered his right of reply and a vote was taken.

 **Votes For:** 81
**Votes Against:** 21 **Resolution:** Carried

 **b. To amend the District Procedures Manual**

 **Motion: “That the matter be held over to the next District Council Meeting to save time.”
Moved:** Ross Wilkinson – TLI Training Group
**Seconded:** Pascale Amberville-Colby - AECOM
**Resolution:** Carried

 **c. Change the title of the Central Division Toastmaster of the Year Award by removing Mike Helm’s name**

 **Motion: “That Mike Helm’s name be removed from the Central Division Toastmaster of the Year Award.”
Moved:** Steve Barry – Fremantle Gourmet **Seconded:** Ross Wilkinson – TLI Training Group

 **Motivation:** Steve Barry explained that this motion is based on Mike Helm’s request to have his name removed from the award as he believes awards should focus on the recipient of the award.

Following discussion for and against the proposal, Steve Barry gave his right of reply and a vote was taken.

 **Votes For:** 66
**Votes Against:** 22 **Resolution:** Carried

**19. Call for Bids – 2020 District Conference**

 **a. Bunbury**

 As there was only one bid for the 2020 District Conference, the 2020 District Conference will be held in Bunbury and hosted by the Bunbury Toastmasters Club.

**20. New Business**

 There was no new business.

**21. Announcements**

 **a. 2019 District Awards Night**

 The 2019 District Awards Night will be held at the Royal Perth Golf Club on Friday 5 July 2019.

**22. Next District Council Meeting**

 The next District Council Meeting will be held in September 2019, the date and time to be confirmed.

**23. Adjournment**

 District Director thanked the delegate sand observers for their attendance at the District Council Meeting and declared the meeting closed at 6.25pm.