**Minutes of Virtual District Council Meeting**

**Date:** 14 September 2019

**Time:** 2.00pm

**Venue:** Virtual

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

Cherie Wallace explained that the meeting will be called to order in 5 min (1.55pm) and then went on to explain how the chat window works as well as the voting procedures, debate and discussion rules, how to do a motion, and the difference between voting members and observers.

**2. Welcome – District Director Kevin Sansome**

Kevin Sansome welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

**3.** **Officials for the meeting are:**

**Timer:** Henry Yau – City of Perth

**Credentials Committee Chair:** Leonor Ragan – Meeting Procedures

**Credentials Committee Member:** Allen Hahn – Durack

**Parliamentarian:** Cherie Wallace – Touch of Gold

**Chat Manager:** Sue Fallon – Terrace Speakers

**4. Reading of District Mission**

District Director Kevin Sansome read the District Mission.

**5.** **Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Moved:** Olivia Dumaille – Fremantle Gourmet  
**Seconded:** Colin Thompson – St Georges Toastmasters  
**Resolution:** Carried

**Discussion:** Robert Cockburn wanted to hear last years P&L before the budget discussion. Robert proposed that the agenda items be changed around. Robert was unaware that last year’s P&L didn’t come under discussion in the P&L section of this meeting and we were only discussing this Toastmasters years P&L (July & Aug). The audit committee report from last year would have taken in to account previous budget and P&L so it was decided to move the audit committee report up before the budget discussion (move item 10 on the agenda to item 9 on the agenda)

**Moved:** Robert Cockburn – Western District Director

**Seconded:** Alison Kirby – Mt Hawthorn

**Resolution:** Carried (voting 43 yes / 7 no)

**6. District Leadership Reports**

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

**a. District Director Report – Kevin Sansome, District Director**

Kevin Sansome presented his report (on D17 website) and included voting questions:

Does your club have a Pathways Mentor?

Does your club have a Club Mentor Appointed?

**b. Program Quality Director Report – Henry Yau, Program Quality Director**

Henry Yau presented his report (on the D17 website).

**c. Club Growth Director Report – Tim Blackburn, Club Growth Director**

Tim Blackburn presented his report (on the D17 website).

**d. Immediate Past District Director Report**

Patricia DÇruze presented her report. Thanks, D17 for support and service last year. Congratulated D17 in becoming the 2nd best in the world for adoption of pathways and one of 3 districts recognized around the world. 1st October the leadership committee will kick in for the leadership committee roles for next year. Encourage all members to put up their hand for a leadership role next year.

**d. Public Relations Manager’s Report – ‘Vacant, Public Relations Manager**

Kevin Sansome presented the Public Relations Managers report (on the D17 website)

**e. Administration Managers Report – Sara Eaton, Administration Manager**

Sara Eaton tabled the correspondence between Toastmasters International and District 17 since the convention in May 2019.

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**7. Announcements**

**a. 2019 Quiz Night**

The 2019 District Quiz Night will be held at the Maylands Bowling & Recreation Centre on Saturday 26 October 2019.

**b. D17 Toastmasters Conference 2020**

Morrie presented information on the D17 Conference – see below website for more information

<http://www.2020conference.com.au/>

**c. Mentoring & Pathways sponsors**

District Director Kevin Sansome explained he would like each club to have a Pathways Mentor and Club Mentor.

**d. Denver Conference/Trip with the Trio**

District Director Kevin Sansome mentioned the value that all the Trio got from the trip including the competition with Sam Walsham (Perth candidate for the International speech) came 3rd in Australia and didn’t make it through to the convention this year.

**e. Tim Blackburn Conference Trip**

Inspirational story from the Denver conference of a person trying to get people to say no to him and somebody said yes to playing ball in his back yard – he didn’t expect it.

**8. Profit & Loss Report**

Peggy Leung presented the Profit and Loss report for July & August this year. July Revenue $7,800 (raffle tickets, interest), Expenses $2,200 (training – room hire, catering, admin) – Net Profit $5,550. August Revenue is interest only and expenses are $1,050 (admin, training) – Net Loss $1,000. YTD 31 Aug 2019 Net Income $5,200.

**9. Credentials Committee Report – Credentials Committee Chair Leonor Ragan**

Leonor Ragan, 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 has 90 clubs in good standing with each club having 2 votes. 60 clubs required for a quorum. There are 60 delegates registered with an additional 14 District Officers for a total of 74 votes. If everyone votes a simple majority would be 38 and 2/3 would be 49.

A quorum was met.

**Leonor Ragans report was presented**

**10. Confirmation of Appointed District Officers**

Since the last District Council meeting the following positions have been appointed and confirmed by the District Executive Committee:

Public Relations Manager: Vacant

Administration Manager: Sara Eaton

Finance Manager: Peggy Leung

Parliamentarian: Cherie Wallace

Logistics Manager: Vacant

Speechcraft Manager: Juliana Kelly

Pathways Coordinator: Rey Lacson

Chief Mentor: Keith Cundale

Area Directors

C1: Ronnie Giandzi

C2: Robyn Lloyd

C3: Kari Jennings

C4: Krishna Sharma

I41: Maree Pickens

I42: Julie Dall

I43: Michael Piotrowski

I44: Suresh Prabhakaran

E11: Ramesh Reddy

E12: Roy Miller

E13: Darrell Monteiro

E14: Vacant

N21: Lynne Warner

N22: Ray Brestovac

N23: Kym Godfrey

N24: Jeremy del Pino

S31: Noor Talpur

S32: Huntley Cutten

S33: Liam Palmer

S34: Robin Lonsdale

W51: Ross Wilkinson

W52: Pascale Amberville-Colby

W53: Vacant

W54: Adrian Watts

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

**Moved:** Vicky Yong – Victoria Park  
**Seconded:** Ross Wilkinson – Fremantle Gateway  
**Resolution:** Carried (14 yes / 0 no)

**11. January-June 2019 Audit Committee Report**

Past District Director – Patricia DÇruze.

CPA Toastmasters club Audited last year’s financials – findings were that the accounts were accurately reflected and in order. The audit committee certifies the accounts for this period without qualification. Finished the year off with $70,325.33 in the bank account (withdrawal of $30 USD - $43,402.53 AUD & profit return from May conference which contributed to the funds available)

**Discussion:** Robert Cockburn would like to see the spending vs last years budget as well as the end balance. It would be good to see how we went as a District last year and what we are capable of doing. Kevin replied that the audit report is a verbal report and therefore we are not capable of providing that detail to you at this stage.

**Discussion:** Robert Cockburn (against) – the report was reported verbally and he couldn’t take it in – he would like to see the document posted on the website.

**Discussion:** Point of order from Ross Wilkinson as there were no “for” for the argument there can be no other against until a “for” for the motion goes ahead

There were no other people who wanted to speak “for” then we close the debate.

**Moved:** Souzy Theophilopoulis – Northern Lights  
**Seconded:** Pascale Amberville-Colby – Leading Lights  
**Resolution:** Carried (37 yes / 12 no)

**12. Adoption of 2019-2020 District 17 Budget**

Budget has been on the D17 website and has been approved by headquarters. Budget had to breakeven to be approved. In summary we had $113,800 of Revenue with half coming from Toastmasters International and half coming from the conference in Bunbury. Forecast $172,940 expenses to generate a financial loss of $59,110. We have retained equity of $72,109 the remaining funds are at breakeven as TI ask us to hold $12,590 as a reserve. All of the ratio policies by Toastmasters International have been met.

**Moved:** Patricia DÇruze – Just Talk  
**Seconded:** Maree Pickens - Aspire  
**Resolution:** Carried (38 yes / 2 no)

**Motion:** Robert Cockburn would like to amend the budget and add $100 to each area contest which would equate to $4,800

**Seconded:** Pascale Amberville-Colby – Leading Lights

**Debate:** Ross Wilkinson (for) he doesn’t like going to the clubs and asking them to fund the area competition and the cost of hiring venues and catering can be substantial

**Debate:** Tom Bileski (against) wants the whole budget rejected and to ask for another submission because the DCM can only approve or reject the budget they can’t amend it.

**Debate:** Morrie Goodz (for) people avoid contests because the contests cost money that no-one has.

**Debate:** Tim Blackburn (against) we have already allocated $13K to contest and are at 10% of cost for competitions and to lift it by $5K it will be 15% of the budget. Need to focus on new members and development.

**Point of Information:** Robert Cockburn – what happens if no club funds the area contest because we now have 2 people going through from each club to the area competition.

**Information:** Cherie Wallace – the District Executive Committee is responsible for preparing and submitting the budget to District Council for approval.

**Point of Order:** Tom Bileski - this meeting has no right to vote on an amendment so why are we voting on it?

**Information:** Kevin Sansome – the reason why the budget was not approved at DECM is that they didn’t meet in time for the DCM. Budget needs to be approved by 30 Sept and DECM is in October.

**Point of Order:** Robert Cockburn – Cherie read part of a document and I don’t believe that it is correct in the past we could amend the budget and have done. The proposal is possible at the DCM.

**Information:** Cherie Wallace – the DEC will be responsible for preparing the budget and will submit it to the DC for approval – there is nothing under District Council that says they can amend the budget.

**Discussion:** Tom Bileski – Toastmasters International won’t approve the budget. DECM must approve it first.

**Point of explanation:** Ross Wilkinson – there is insufficient time to have a DECM before 30 Sept and then another VDCM.

**Discussion:** Robert Cockburn – lets vote on amendment and then send it to Toastmasters International

**Point of Order:** Ross Wilkinson – I dont think we can vote on the amendment now – it has to go to DECM – motion should be withdrawn.

**Point of Order:** Robert Cockburn – We can’t accept the budget if DECM hasn’t approved

**Information:** Cherie Wallace – its clear who approves amendments and we can’t approve amendments so we can’t vote on amendments.

**Information:** Kevin Sansome as the chairman has stopped the amendment as its breeching the rules and it will be presented at the DECM.

**Resolution:** Carried (voting 38 yes / 2 no)

**13. Minutes from the previous District Council Meeting held on 25 May 2019 and Matters Arising**

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

The Minutes were approved as read.

<https://toastmastersd17.org/event/virtual-district-council-meeting/>

**Moved:** Ross Wilkinson – Fremantle Gateway

**Seconded:** Sue Fallon – Terrace Speakers

**Resolution:** Carried (voting 35 yes / 1 no)

**17. Motions Submitted**

**a. Postpone Motion from DCM held on 25th May 2019 – “To Amend the District Procedure Manual”**

**Moved:** Ross Wilkinson – Fremantle Gateway  
**Seconded:** Gavin Hyslop – St George’s

**Motivation:** Ross Wilkinson – there has been more changes from Toastmasters International on the procedures and his changes are already out of date and there needs to be a committee to go through it again.

**Debate:** Ian Pickens (for) – because of the multiply changes continually then the amendments should be seen and approved beforehand – amendments should be put through to the next DCM before being approved.

**Resolution:** Carried (voting unanimous yes / 0 no)

**18. Next District Council Meeting**

The next District Council Meeting will be held in May/June 2020, the date and time to be confirmed.

**19. Adjournment**

District Director thanked the delegate sand observers for their attendance at the District Council Meeting and declared the meeting closed at 4.49pm.