



MINUTES | VIRTUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 19 September 2020 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Online via Zoom

1. Call to Order - Sergeant-at-Arms, Eastern Division Director, Kym Godfrey

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. An explanatory video on voting was shown.

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 Vijayaratnam 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 and Leonor Ragan DTM
- Timer, Saminda De Vas DTM

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

- Zoom Meeting Host, Michael Piotrowski
- Zoom Meeting Tech Support, Dzyan Maroef
- Chat Monitor, Sue Fallon DTM

4. Apologies - Administration Manager, Cherie Wallace DTM

Apologies were received from the following District Council Members:

- Aspire VPE, Debbie Hindley
- Banksia Speakers VPE, Eva Cronstedt
- Belmont VPE, Richard Yap
- Butler President, Giovanni Nobile
- Cannington Communicators VPE and Gosnells Foothills VPE, Cathy Kunzel DTM
- CIL President, Michelle Duncan
- Cockburn President, Damien Williams
- Como Communicators President, Jon Roberts
- CPA VPE, Peter O'Connor
- Currambine VPE and Dynamic Speakers President, Peter Harrison DTM
- Curtin GSB President, Matthew Barnby
- Curtin GSB VPE, Ruairi Ellison
- Curtin GSB Sundowner President, Mike Hatzidakis
- Desperados VPE, Eileen McKimm

- Energy VPE, Chinonye Uba
- Fremantle Gateway President, Craig Templeman
- Gourmet Guns n Roses President, Greg Madden DTM
- Kalamunda VPE, Martin Pearce
- Kwinana VPE, David Finnimore DTM
- Maylands President, Moira Clay
- Maylands VPE, Susanne Boehmer
- Murdoch Southsiders President, Julian Sorgiovanni
- Noranda President, Dennis Chong
- Northern Gourmet VPE, Jeremy del Pino
- Rising Stars President, Gregory Anderson
- Rockingham President, Leon O'Brien DTM
- Sandgropers President, Kevin Forward
- Stirling President, Wendy Farrow
- Subiaco Early Birds President, Luke George
- Subiaco Early Birds VPE, Penny Speirs
- Touch of Gold President, Nathan Ellis
- Touch of Gold VPE, Matthew O'Neil
- UWA President, Leonisa Manea
- Willetton VPE, Katrina Peteira
- Young Guns President, Jade Chan
- Area C4 Director, Dietmar Mazanetz
- Area E11 Director, Ian Hart
- Area I44 Director, Elena Mikhaltsevich
- Area S32 Director, Peter Darangwa
- Area W54 Director, Rochford Devenish-Meares

5. District Mission

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

6. 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 82 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 59 Presidents and Vice Presidents Education in attendance today. As such we have achieved a quorum.

There are also 22 District Executive Committee members represented. District Executive Committee members do not count towards achieving a quorum.

The total votes available are 81.

In today's meeting, a simple majority is 41 votes; and a 2/3 majority is 54 votes.

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

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

Administration Manager, Cherie Wallace DTM, requested the following changes to the Agenda:

- Remove Item 14 "Method for selection 2021/22 Area Directors" as it was added in error
- Add New Business at Item 17 "Online Contests"
- Add New Business at Item 17 "2021 District 17 Conference"
- Remove from Item 18 "Announcements with Discussion" - 2021 District 17 Conference

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

Moved: Kym Godfrey

Seconded: Maree Pickens DTM

Resolution: Carried 66/0

8. Minutes - District Council Meeting held 23 May 2020 - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

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

Motion: "That the minutes of the 23 May 2020 District Council Meeting, as presented, be adopted."

Moved: Gavin Hyslop DTM

Seconded: Kym Godfrey

Resolution: Carried 72/0

9. Presentation of Audit Committee Report for January to June 2020 - Audit Committee Chair, Yating Mei

Motion: "That the Audit Committee Report for January to June 2020, as presented, be adopted."

Moved: Kevin Sansome

Seconded: Maree Pickens DTM

Resolution: Carried 75/0

10. Adoption of District Success Plan - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

Motion: "That the District 17 Success Plan 2020/2021, as presented, be adopted."

Moved: Cherie Wallace DTM

Seconded: Kym Godfrey

Resolution: Carried 75/0

11. Adoption of District Budget - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

Motion: "That the District 17 Budget 2020/2021 approved by Toastmasters International, as presented, be adopted."

Moved: Kevin Sansome

Seconded: Emmie Maunder DTM

Resolution: Carried 74/0

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. Confirmation of Appointed Officers - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

Motion: "That the District 17 Appointed Officers for 2020/21, as amended to include I43 Area Director Wai Yen Leung and C2 Area Director Sheridan McCarthy, are confirmed."

Moved: Kym Godfrey

Seconded: Gavin Hyslop DTM

Resolution: Carried 76/0

14. ~~Method of Selection of 2021/22 Area Directors - District Director, Henry Yau DTM~~

Removed from Agenda by resolution at Item 7.

15. 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.

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

- District Director, Henry Yau DTM

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

16. 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.

17. New Business (raised at Item 7) - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

a Online Contests - Program Quality Director, Tim Blackburn DTM

- Tim presented the Online Contest Guide that has been prepared.
- A Committee has been formed to help the process - Tim Blackburn DTM, Julie Dall DTM, Gavin Hyslop DTM, Michael Piotrowski, Dzyan Maroef, Tom Bielski DTM.
- Online training provided within the last week which was recorded and available for members to view.
- The Committee is adapting information from another District to assist District 17
- The Guide has gone out to all Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education, Division Directors and Area Directors.
- The Guide will be available on the District 17 website very soon.
- Tim gave an overview of Guide
- Clubs, Areas and Divisions are strongly encouraged to form committees to assist with the planning and implementing of their contests.

b 2021 District Conference - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

- The 2021 District Conference will no longer be held in Bunbury due to the logistics required to be able to present a hybrid conference.
- Question: Will those who have already paid their conference fee be getting a refund?
- Answer: Yes, refunds are imminent and Conference Chair Morrie Goodz DTM will be in contact with each member who has already paid to arrange for a refund.
- Question: What will happen with District Contest Finals?
- Answer: They will be held online, as directed by Toastmasters International.
- Question: Will there be a conference at all in 2021?
- Answer: Yes, but it will be 100% online. Work is currently being done to form a committee to plan the virtual conference.

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

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- **2020 Quiz Night**
Liam Palmer is Chair of the Quiz Night committee
Event is scheduled for 7 November
Limited to 100 people
Venue: Belmont Tennis Club

19. Pitch for 2022 District 17 Conference - District Director, Henry Yau DTM

CPA Toastmasters have expressed an interested in hosting the 2022 District 17 Conference.

District Director, Henry Yau DTM invited CPA Toastmasters member, Peggy Leung, to give a brief overview of their proposal.

District Director Henry advised the District Council members that a Special District Council Meeting will be called within 3-6 months so that a formal bid can be presented to the District Council and a vote taken.

Proposal in summary:

- CPA Toastmasters
- 2022 Conference
- 27-29 May 2022
- Metropolitan area
- Keynotes, contests, educationals, gala dinner, DTM breakfast
- Theme to be advised
- Priorities - fun, fun, fun, good food and drinks, time to socialise

20. 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 Saturday 29 May 2021 at a time to be advised.

The meeting was adjourned by District Director, Henry Yau DTM at 2:48pm.