



Minutes of the D112 Virtual Semi-Annual Council Meeting held on Friday 18th September 2020 via Zoom

1. Call to Order and welcome

As presiding officer, District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, called the District 112 Semi-Annual Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm. She extended a very warm welcome to all delegates and a special welcome to all past District Governors, District Directors, and International Officers present.

Sharon reminded Council members the meeting is being recorded, asked members to turn their videos off should they not wish to be on camera and to be mindful of online etiquette. Members were requested to name themselves with their Club or District role(s), followed by their name

Sharon thanked Zoom Master Troy Smith and Chat Monitor, PRM, Elizabeth Viljoen.

Sharon advised all attendees they had been muted by the host to minimise any background noise and distractions.

2. Notice of Meeting

Administration Manager James Hippolite read the notice of meeting.

3. Speaking and Voting rights

Only Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education and District Officers have voting rights. This includes the right to move and second motions or amendments. Speaking rights **only** were extended to all Toastmasters present. Members were requested to indicate a request to speak by sending a "Chat message" to the participant labeled "Public Relations Manager, Elizabeth Viljoen, Chat Monitor". Speaking limits were advised: a mover of a motion has two minutes with a one-minute right of reply. All other speakers to a motion have two minutes and may only speak **once**.



4. Apologies

Name	Role	Club
Andre Eberhard	VPE	Ingenio
Audrea Warner	PRES	Ingenio
Lindsay Hart	PRES	Top Start
Kate Scanlen	PRES	Ma Runga Waka
Clare O’Shea	PRES	Hamilton
Brian Fong	PRES	Franklin
Thomas Newman	PRE	MITe Speakers
Helen Bourne	PRES	Whitianga
Cathie Sheely	VPE	Kickstart
Grant Matthews	VPE	Manukau
Colin Burnett	PRES	TM on Fanshawe
Carol Hardie	PRES	Pioneers Rotorua
Christine Alcott	VPE	Auckland Advanced
Christine Alcott	VPE	Pakuranga
Karla Crawford	PRES	West Harbour
Liz Day	VPE	Three Kings

Name	Role	Club
Beverley Storer	VPE	Waiheke Island
Lovise Hellner	VPE	Spark Speakers
Shawn Lawyer	PRES	Botany
Gordon Rutherford	VPE	Talking Heads
Jacinda Murphy	PRES	Westpac
Sophie Dennis	VPE	Westpac
Paul Leong	AD K1	
Lyn Johnson	PRES	Te Awamutu
Robert Lubbe	PRES	East Coast Bays
Ian Milne	VPE	Tauranga
John Auld	PRES	Howick
Loes Dermott	PRES	CBD
Carley Nicholson	VPE	CBD
Innes Curin	AD K3	
Ingrid Bao	VPE	Kristin
Jenny Charleson	PRES	Lake City Rotorua

Division K Director, Murray Coutts, DTM, asked if 100% of District officers were present, District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips advised there was not 100% attendance of District Officers, she started to name the District Officers who had tendered their apologies and advised these would be highlighted in the quorum count. Murray withdrew his request.

“That the apologies be accepted”

Moved: Division P Director Isabel Carter

5. Mission Statement

The District mission statement was read by PQD Stephen Budai.

6. Confirmation of Agenda

No new items added to General Business.

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, advised that as the District 112 Audit Committee report had still not been completed, this report will be discussed only.



7. Confirmation of quorum and Voting Procedures

This is a District Semi-Annual Council Meeting. A quorum for a District Semi-Annual Council Meeting is one third of the Club Presidents and Vice-Presidents Education and Training. District 112 currently has **165** clubs, making **330** votes. One third of this is **110** votes. Confirmed that 112 voters were registered, and a quorum was present online.

District 112 currently has **35** Area Directors **8** Division Directors and **7** senior officers – making a total of **50** members. **39** District Officers are present.

The total number of votes available is 151
A simple majority is 76
A 2/3 majority is 101

8. Minutes of District Annual Virtual Council meeting held 2nd May 2020

The minutes of the District Annual Virtual Council meeting held 2nd May 2020 had been circulated.

8.1 Corrections to the minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes.

“That the minutes of the District 112 Annual Virtual Council Meeting held 2nd May 2020, as circulated are a true and correct record”

Moved: Program Quality Director - Stephen Budai
Seconded: Public Relations Officer - Elizabeth Viljoen
Abstention: Auckland Advanced Club - Rob Wightman
CARRIED

8.2 Matters arising from the minutes

9. Correspondence

There were no correspondence relating to this meeting.



10. Urgent Business

10.1 Confirmation of Officer Appointments

“That the District Council approves the appointments of the District Officers made since the District 112 Council Meeting held on 2nd May 2020 as listed on the D112 website”

Moved: Program Quality Director - Stephen Budai

Seconded: Vice President Education Ruakura Midway Toastmasters –
Wendy Wickliffe

CARRIED

Division K Director, Murray Coutts, asked what the list of appointments posted on the website was listed as, as he could not find the list. It was confirmed the list was on the website.

Refer to list of appointees attached as an addendum, including Robert McLaren and Tim Charleson.

Please note there have been no resignations of District Officers since the District Council Meeting held 2nd May 2020.

Voting poll:98% approved

10.2 Confirmation of new clubs into areas

No new clubs chartered since 1st July 2020.

11. District Financial Statement for period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020

Past Finance Manager, Murray presented the District Financial Statement for the period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020.

“That the District Financial Statement for period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020 be received”

Moved: Past Finance Manager – Murray Coutts

Seconded: President, Meadowbank Toastmasters - Peter Chatteris



There being no discussion.

“That the District Financial Statement for period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020 be approved”

Moved: Past Finance Manager, Murray Coutts
Seconded: Area Director R2 – Neville Isherwood
CARRIED

Zoom Poll Result: 95% in favour, 0% against, 5% abstained

12. District Audit Committee Report

The District 112 Audit Committee report was not ready to be presented. Immediate Past District Neil Stichbury advised the report currently has a few qualifications. Once these qualifications have been addressed, the audit report will be circulated to Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education for approval.

13. District Budget

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, explained why three budget proposals were being presented for approval, including. Sharon advised that clarification was being sought re different advice received from Toastmasters International as to whether the Toastmasters International administration charge needed to be reflected as an Administration expense or could be deducted from the reserves.

“That the 2020-2021 District 112 Budget proposals be received”

Moved: Finance Manager - Madelaine Luke
Seconded: Vice President Education Orakei - Sachi Rana

Finance Manager Madelaine presented the 2020-2021 District 112 Budget proposals with detailed explanations.

The 2020-2021 District 112 Budget proposals were opened for discussion.

1. Chat query re the Speech Contest expense being different in the Budget Proposal One.

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips explained that was to accommodate the percentage categories required and was to facilitate placement certificates to being couriered out for Area Contest first place winners.



2. Barry Shaw, Division O Director. Commended the District Team for their hard work in drawing up the budgets, obtained clarification re the percentage categories set by Toastmasters International, requested the percentages in Proposal 3 be corrected and advised of a typing error in Proposal 2.
3. Andrew Pass, President, Maungakiekie Club. Are you recommending (in proposal 3) to over-spend our budget by 50%?

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips - yes, we are attempting to claim back a portion of our surplus reserve already appropriated by Toastmasters International. The purpose of this is to provide assets that will last a long time to the Clubs, in the form of correctly branded Club banners. This was our previously stated three-year vision plan. In addition, to conduct Market Research to establish the best way in which to spend our limited budget.

Andrew Pass, President, Maungakiekie Club asked that in a business case, what is the return on investment?

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips advised the return on investment was membership growth. With respect to Market Research, the return to Toastmasters International is a return not only in this District, but if a Corporate has a Toastmasters club/program in D112, they may start a club in D72 or elsewhere in the world.

4. Anita van Beek, President, First Impressions Club: We are attempting to use our reserve that we had prudently saved up over the years?

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips - yes. This is an attempt to try to get back a little bit of that. Sharon explained that the surplus reserves had built up due to her predecessors wanting to protect the District from potential future exchange rate fluctuations.

“That the 2020-2021 District 112 Budget proposals be approved”

Moved: Andrew Pass, Maungakiekie Club
Seconded: Area Director O1 – Maris Dunn
CARRIED



District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, reminded Council members that if anyone wanted their name recorded as an abstention for any of the polls held, they could send a chat message to James Hippolite.

Result:

1. *Ugly Duckling Budget – approved (91%, 5% against, 5% abstain)*

Abstentions

- i. Robert McLaren, Area Director M1*
- ii. Neville Isherwood, Vice President Education, Speaking of Levin*

2. *Cinderella Budget – approved (89%, 5% against, 6% abstain)*

Abstentions:

- i. Robert McLaren, Area Director M1*
- ii. Dione Coleman, President, Silver Service*
- iii. Neville Isherwood, Vice President Education, Speaking of Levin*

3. *Ralph Budget – approved (87%, 5% against, 8% abstain)*

Abstentions:

- i. Robert McLaren, Area Director M1*
- ii. Dione Coleman, President, Silver Service*
- iii. Neville Isherwood, Vice President Education, Speaking of Levin*

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, explained that as presiding officer, she had not enforced the speaker time restrictions outlined at the start of the meeting under this item. Having three budgets is an unusual occurrence and the District wants members to be completely comfortable with how their funds are being spent.

14. **District 112 Alignment Report**

This year, due to the changes brought about by COVID, we were given the unique opportunity to submit additional alignment changes to Toastmasters International before the 25th July 2020. These changes were approved by the District Executive on the 18th July 2020.

“That the District 112 Alignment Report be received for ratification.”

Moved: Rob Wightman, Auckland Advanced Toastmasters
Seconded: Sachi Rana, Vice President Education, Orakei



Past District Director, Toni Sharp thanked the current and past District Officers for their help in achieving the alignments and presented the District 112 Alignment Report.

“That the recommendation from the District 112 Executive regarding changes to Areas and Divisions from 1st July 2020 be approved / ratified.”

Moved: Rob Wightman, Auckland Advanced Toastmasters
Seconded: Sachi Rana, Vice President Education, Orakei
CARRIED

Zoom Poll Results: 95% yes, 0% No, 5% abstain

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips explained the number of people being mentioned confirming votes received as they came in did not necessarily include District Council members who had more than one vote. Council members who had more than one vote due to holding multiple roles, had been able to sign in from an additional device or note their additional vote(s) in the chat if required. This has not been required so far as all of the items had been approved by a vast majority.

15. Senior District Officer Reports

Public Relations Manager, Elizabeth Viljoen, presented her report with verbal updates:

- Online we have a Facebook live interview conducted by our District Director of our presenters at the Toastmasters International Virtual Convention
- Our new video format District newsletters for 15th August and mid-September have been sent out
- We have had extra articles printed in the Rotorua daily which is where our winner and presenter comes from
- The three videos have been uploaded to the District workshop channel
- Workshops have been presented
- The Awards Dinner has been postponed
- We have two future training sessions planned

Club Growth Director, Wendy Wickliffe, presented her report with verbal updates.

- Dashboard summary of paid clubs be amended to read 681 where the figure was previously 165



Program Quality Director, Stephen Budai, presented his report with verbal updates.

- Additional three DTMs have been awarded to Moses Cherrington, Jonathan Darby and most recently, Lauren Parsons. Congratulations to those three people and to the five people who have attained their DTMs this year.

District Director Report Sharon presented her report with verbal updates.

- Excited that we have Tauranga Toastmasters celebrating their 50th anniversary on the 29th of September and Morning Toast celebrating their 25th year anniversary.
- Big thank you to all our District officers, an incredible team, working so hard and well together to be there for all of our clubs.

Immediate Past District Director Neil presented his report with verbal updates.

- Our District Awards event in September – events have precluded this, we were then looking at having an awards event in November but as this was very unlikely to go ahead, the chances were low, we are looking at having an award event in the May Contest period, this is likely to be two weeks after the District contests.
- There will be an opportunity when the Government permits us to get face to face to present these awards. There is a backlog of awards.

“That the Senior District Officer Reports be received”

Moved: Kirstin MacDonald, Vice President Education, Eastern Bays

Seconded: Clarence Tong, President, Toast of Broadway

Zoom chat: Anji Adams advised that Three Kings is celebrating their 35th anniversary this year.

15.1 D112 Conference 2021

PQD Stephen presented a report for D112 Conference 2021.



- Whilst the Conference committee headed by Kevin Prohl and his team have worked extremely hard planning for the conference over the past few months but alas, COVID-19 have smashed their plans.
- Toastmasters International have instructed all Area, Division and District Contests must on held online. The decision has been made that all District activities will be held on-line which includes the Contests, District meetings and the Candidates Showcase.
- There will be an event targeted for the 15th May 2021. It will capture the awards event to which Neil alluded and a few other activities.

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, emphasised that Toastmasters International does recognise the benefit of in person meetings. This is not a move to change Toastmasters, the ultimate goal is to have it in person, with the additional benefit of people being able to join online in a hybrid environment.

Discussion:

Murray Coutts, Division K Director: Regarding the Waipuna Conference, what is the status of those of us that have already paid money for the conference?

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips, advised that, as per latest newsletter, the members would receive a refund for their monies paid, that correspondence will be sent out about that shortly.

Peter Chatteris advised he is against holding contests on-line. Peter asked if we have challenged this decree by Toastmasters International to hold online contests and if not, why not?

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips – Toastmasters International does not have to only deal with one country, they deal with multiple countries, Sharon explained the prohibitive costs of having Area, Division and District Contests cancelled at very short notice. Sharon specified this did not pertain to clubs, that clubs can hold meetings and club contests how they choose, providing they are adhering to the Government's regulations and requirements.

Clarence Tong: All contests must be held on-line does this include this year?

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips confirmed the ruling pertaining to contests being held on-line applies to this year only and that this ruling does not apply to clubs.



Clarence asked that if the Government alert levels changed, if they went to Level one or two, whether clubs could meet and hold contests in person.

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips reiterated that other than the restrictions required by Government, there is no restriction on what clubs can do, Clubs may hold in person meetings and contests

Peter Chatteris asked to raise another question.

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips advised that in terms of the meeting protocols explained at the start of the meeting, a District Council member is only afforded one opportunity to speak, so advised a discussion regarding online contests would be held later.

Kevin Prohl advised that to help everyone, the conference committee is taking some of the activities planned for the Conference and adding those to the Awards Dinner, such as a genuine TED talker, three TED type of speakers, two educationals, entertainment, lunch, afternoon tea, and the dinner. Kevin advised the team was still deciding what to do after dinner and that all events were pending approval.

Peter Chatteris requested that his protest be lodged and minuted against the meeting protocol that a member may only speak to a motion once.

District Director Sharon Kerr-Phillips confirmed his protest has been noted and minuted.

15.2 D112 Conference Bid Proposal 2022

“That the D112 Conference Bid Proposal 2022 be received”

Moved: Program Quality Director, Stephen Budai

Seconded: Area M3 Director Anji Adams

Program Quality Director, Stephen Budai presented the bid proposal, advising he had ventured down to Taupo with Sean Walton DTM, where he had met with Past District Director Toni Sharp QMS, DTM and Jennie Perkins DTM and Richard Perkins DTM to discuss the bid.

Stephen advised that Taupo has never been venue for a D112 or D72 Toastmasters Conference.



Stephen advised the Conference would be hosted by clubs from Taupo and Rotorua.

Stephen pointed out that as a venue, Taupo created a strong bonding opportunity for the District, being smack in the middle of the District equal distance from all the main centers.

While three venues have been considered, the venue the conference committee has chosen is Wairakei Conference Centre to be held from the 6th-8th May 2022.

The other two venues that had been considered were as Plan B Great Lakes Centre and Sun Court as Plan C

Stephen confirmed this proposal had been ratified by the District Executive Council meeting on the 13th of September 2020.

The D112 Conference Bid Proposal 2022 was opened for discussion.

Discussion:

Murray Coutts: Wairakei has accommodation as a part of the venue hire, making for an enjoyable visit. Stephen Budai, the Wairakei venue is eight minutes away from Taupo Centre, 30 minutes away from the airport and has a wide range of different rooms available (older and newer parts of the venue)

Dave Henderson advised he would be staying with Toni Sharp.

“That the District 112 Conference Bid Proposal 2022 to hold the conference in Taupo be approved”

Moved: Penny Kennett, President, Orakei

Seconded: Kevin Prohl

CARRIED

Result: 97% approval, 2% no, 1% abstain

16. General Business

District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips presented core value medallions to Public Relations Manager, Elizabeth Viljoen, Finance Manager, Madelaine Luke, Zoom Master, Troy Smith and Acting District Parliamentarian, Chrissy Meyer in recognition for the hard work, commitment and support they had given this early in the year already.



Rob Wightman, a lot of people will be interested to know how Kingsley is? District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips said that Kingsley is doing much better, he is out of hospital and growing in strength every day. He still has a long way to go, when he is ready to be back, he will let us know, he is much better.

17. Announcements

The next meeting for District 112 Council will be an Annual Virtual meeting to be held in May 2021 – Date and time to be confirmed.

“That District 112 Semi-Annual Council meeting be closed”

Moved: Program Quality Director, Stephen Budai
Seconded: Area R Director Neville Isherwood
CARRIED

Results: 93% yes, 3% no, 3% abstain

18. Close

District Director Sharon Kerr-Phillips declared the meeting closed at 7.59 pm



Appendices

Attendance Schedule

District Officers

- District Director – Sharon Kerr-Phillips
 - Program Quality Director – Stephen Budai
 - Club Growth Director – Wendy Wickliffe
 - Administration Manager – James Hippolite
 - Finance Manager – Madeline Luke
 - Public Relations Manager – Elizabeth Viljoen
 - Acting Past District Parliamentarian – Chrissy Meyer
 - John O’Leary – Logistic Manager
 - Alun Chisholm - Statistician
 - Division K Director – Murray Coutts
 - Division L Director – Aroha Heene
 - Division M Director – Devi Subramaniam-Jack
 - Division N Director – Dean Ching Yee
 - Division O Director – Barry Shaw
 - Division P Director – Isabel Carter
 - Division Q Director – Dave Henderson
 - Division R Director – Clifford Kerr-Phillips
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- Area Director K4 - Shishir Kumar
 - Area Director L1 - Suzy Elks
 - Area Director L4 – Richard Jebb
 - Area Director M1 - Robert McLaren
 - Area Director M3 - Anji Adams
 - Area Director M4 - Owen Welsh
 - Area Director M5 - Alex Saifiti
 - Area Director N1 - Shyamal Maharaj
 - Area Director N3 - Hooi Ling Ng
 - Area Director N4 - Angela Hollings
 - Area Director O1 - Maris Dunn
 - Area Director O2 - Ben Ross
 - Area Director O3 - Jehan Kateli
 - Area Director P3 - Melvin Powell
 - Area Director P4 - Ralph Connor
 - Area Director P5 - Jess Vargas
 - Area Director Q1 – Wendy Booth
 - Area Director Q2 - Tim Charleson
 - Area Director Q3 - Anne-Marie Andrews
 - Area Director Q5 - Nikki Henderson
 - Area Director R1 - Jessica Whitley
 - Area Director R2 - Neville Isherwood



- Area Director R3 - Anna Coleman
- Area Director ?5 – Sabrina Naseem

Clubs

- Rosebank Toastmasters
- Fidelity Life Toastmasters
- Long Bay Toastmasters
- Tohi Toastmasters
- Eden-Epsom Toastmasters
- Napier Toastmasters
- Wake Up! Communicate Toastmasters
- Rotorua Toastmasters
- Pioneers Toastmasters
- Cambridge Treetown Toastmasters
- Whitianga Toastmasters
- Eastland Toastmasters
- Flying Start Toastmasters
- Bell Block Toastmasters
- New Plymouth Toastmasters
- Lake City Breakfast Toastmasters
- Meadowbank Toastmasters
- Watch This Space Toastmasters
- Midway Toastmasters
- MITe Speakers Club
- Ruakura Midway Toastmasters
- Silver Service Toastmasters
- Weekend Toastmasters
- Whangarei Toastmasters
- Dinsdale Toastmasters
- West Harbour Toastmasters
- Hastings Toastmasters
- Pacific Toastmasters
- Tauranga Toastmasters
- Howick Toastmasters
- Silverdale-Orewa Toastmasters
- Orion Health Toastmasters
- Talking Heads Toastmasters
- Ellerslie Sunrise Toastmasters
- Franklin Toastmasters
- East Coast Bays Toastmasters
- Top Start Toastmasters
- Thames Toastmasters
- ANZ Bank Auckland Toastmasters
- Dawn Shakers Toastmasters
- Dairy Flat Toastmasters



- Spark Speakers Toastmasters
- First City Toastmasters
- MCBC Toastmasters
- Harrison Road Toastmasters
- Naumai South Taranaki Toastmasters
- Katikati Toastmasters
- Papamoa Toastmasters
- Talk of the Town Toastmasters
- Dynamic Diners Toastmasters
- Flying Start Toastmasters
- Speaking of Levin Toastmasters
- Palmerston North Toastmasters
- Rosedale Toastmasters
- Sunnynook Toastmasters
- Morning Toast Toastmasters
- Henderson-Waitakere Toastmasters
- Orakei Toastmasters
- Milford Club Toastmasters
- Review Toastmasters
- Wiri Ramblers Toastmasters
- Hastings Toastmasters
- Birkenhead Toastmasters
- Long Bay Toastmasters
- Papakura Toastmasters
- Taupo Toastmasters
- Eastern Bays Toastmasters
- Achieve Toastmasters
- Toastmasters at Kristin
- Auckland West Toastmasters
- Onehunga Toastmasters
- M.A.R.C. Toastmasters
- Arawa Toastmasters
- Waitemata Toastmasters
- Sylvia Park Toastmasters
- Hamilton Toastmasters
- PN Advanced Toastmasters
- Maungakiekie Toastmasters
- Hokianga Toastmasters
- On Top Toastmasters
- Auckland Toastmasters
- Ma Runga Waka Toastmasters
- IPU New Zealand Toastmasters
- Kickstart Toastmasters
- Waiheke Island Toastmasters
- Research on Toast Toastmasters
- Toastmasters on Fanshawe



- Three Kings Toastmasters
- Te Papa Communicators
- One Hour Toastmasters
- Midday Toastmasters
- Geyserland Toastmasters
- Ingenio Toastmasters
- Better Together Toastmasters (Fiserv & Latitude)
- Auckland Advanced Toastmasters