Minutes of District 112 Virtual Council Meeting
held via Zoom Conferencing on
Friday 24 September 2021 starting at 6.02pm

The list of attendees is appended at the end of the minutes.

1. Call to order and welcome

District Director, Stephen Budai, called the meeting to order and confirmed the officials for this meeting who were:

Presiding Officer – Stephen Budai DTM as District Director
District Parliamentarian - Murray Coutts DTM PDDG
Zoom Master – Troy Smith
District Chat Master – Mike Diggin
Ballot Counter – Alun Chisholm DTM PDG
Timer – John O'Leary DTM

The procedures for a virtual District Executive Council meeting were outlined. Members were reminded that no proxies were accepted for this meeting. Should there be an opposition to a motion, then the polling option in zoom will be utilised. The Public Relations Manager may take screen shots of the gallery for publicity purposes and anyone not wishing to have their image shown can turn off their video. The recording for this meeting will be destroyed after the minutes have been approved at the May 2022 Council meeting.

In line with the consent of District members to hold the area, division and district contests in person, District Director Stephen advised that the district was working hard to deliver on this consent and asked members to continue to be patient while we await a level announcement that will allow the contests to be held in person.

2. District Mission

Programme Quality Director, Wendy Wickliffe, read the District Mission.

3. Credentials Report and Confirmation of Quorum

District Parliamentarian Murray Coutts advised that a quorum for a virtual District Council Meeting is one-third of the club presidents and vice presidents education. The District currently has 159 clubs in good standing, making 318 votes. One-third of this is 106 votes. There are 132 club officers present and confirmed we do have a quorum.

4. Speaking Rights

District Director Stephen advised that club presidents, vice presidents education and district officers present have speaking rights at this meeting. This included rights to move and second motions or amendments. He also extended speaking rights only to all past district governors/directors, current field officers and to the Immediate Past Finance Manager, Madelaine Luke, present at this meeting.

The process for speaking to a motion was outlined.

5. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Agnes Mazot	Area Q1 Director	
Audrea Warner	Area N3 Director	
David Regan	VP Education	Eastern Bays Toastmasters Club
Eileen Hawkins	President	Dawn Shakers Toastmasters Club
Heather Riches	President	Taumarunui Toastmasters Club
Judy Waugh	President	Hibiscus Coast Toastmasters Club
Kevin Dodsworth	President	Havelock North Toastmasters Club
Laura Fisher	President	TWG Toastmasters Club
Lavern Hodson	President	Achieve Toastmasters Club
Leanne Hunter	President	Eastern Bays Toastmasters Club
Nimmie Shanmugam	VP Education	Taniwha Hunters Toastmasters Club
Pollyanna Brodie	VP Education	Daybreak Leadership Toastmasters Club
Richard Gorrett	VP Education	Top Start Toastmasters Club
Sam Lloyd	President	Sylvia Park Toastmasters Club
Shyamal Maharaj	Division M Director	
Steve Breen	President	Eastland Toastmasters Club
Steve Holroyd	Area R2 Director	
Hamish van Lier	Area L2 Director	
Ben Pomare	President	Geyserland Toastmasters Club
Brendon Cutler	President	Milford Toastmasters Club

THAT THESE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED.

MOVED: Marlene Krone, District Administration Manager

6. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed with no further items to add.

THAT THE AGENDA BE ACCEPTED

7. Confirmation of Minutes of District Council Meeting held 1 May 2021

The minutes as circulated were confirmed.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2021 ARE CONFIRMED AS TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.

MOVED:Marlene Krone, District Administration Manager
SECONDED: Wendy Wickliffe, Programme Quality Director
CARRIED

8. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

The District Administration Manager was asked to delete the recording of the 1 May 2021 Annual District Council meeting, which she undertook to do.

9. Correspondence

The District Administration Manager confirmed there were no items of correspondence.

10. Confirmation of District Officer Appointments and Resignations since 1 May 2021 Council meeting

The following appointments and resignations were made since the 1 May District Council Meeting:

Division Director Q, Richard Perkins DTM
K1 Area Director - John O'Leary DTM
L1 Area Director - Fiona Hippolite
L2 Area Director - Hasnaa Ahmed (Resigned)
L2 Area Director - Hamish van Lier
L3 Area Director - Robert Wightman DTM
L4 Area Director - Clifford Kerr-Phillips
M2 Area Director - Clarence Tong
M3 Area Director - Ratna Shah (Resigned)
M3 Area Director - Graham Gunn DTM
M5 Area Director - Loes St.Arther
N1 Area Director - Kate Scanlen
N2 Area Director - Felix Fleming
N3 Area Director - Audrea Warner
N4 Area Director - Appu Geetha Byju
N5 Area Director - Shruti Jani
O2 Area Director - Nathan Piahana
P1 Area Director - Te Maramatanga Hohaia
P3 Area Director - Vanshika Prakash
Q2 Area Director - Beatrix Theobald
R1 Area Director - Fiona Perry
R3 Area Director - Marcus van Irsel DTM

THAT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APOINTMENTS AS LISTED ABOVE.

MOVED: District Director, Stephen Budai
SECONDED: Murray Coutts, VPE, Auckland Advance Toastmasters Club
CARRIED

11. District Audit Committee Report

Immediate Past District Director, Sharon Kerr-Phllips, presented the District Audit Committee Report and moved that it be received.

THAT THE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT AUDIT COMMITTEE BE RECEIVED.

MOVED: Sharon Kerr-Phllips, Immediate Past District Director
SECONDED: Elizabeth Viljoen, VPE Bell Block Toastmasters Club
CARRIED

There was no discussion on this report.

Immediate Past District Director, Sharon, thanked Sarah Bate and Madelaine Luke for their outstanding work on the Audit Report.

12. District Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Immediate Past Finance Manager, Madelaine Luke, presented the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and moved that it be received.

The financial statements were open for discussion.

Madelaine spoke to her report noting that the full budget was underspent due to COVID. She commented that full details of the financial statements were available on the District website should anyone wish to see them. She acknowledged the work of the District in achieving its District Success Plan outcomes and goals, and thanked all those involved for their contributions and effort.

THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021 BE APPROVED.

MOVED: Madelaine Luke, Immediate Past Finance Manager
SECONDED: Neville Isherwood, Division R Director
CARRIED

13. Profit & Loss Statement for period 1 July 2021 to 30 August 2021

District Finance Manager, Baptist Lobo, presented the Profit & Loss Statement for period 1 July 2021 to 30 August 2021. This report was for information only. No discussion took place.

14. District Budget 2021-2022

District Director, Stephen, commented that 2021-2022 budget comprised two documents, namely:

(a) The budgtet proposal which explains the rationale behind the budget and contains all the budget information; and

(b) The budget summary, which just shows the summarised figures.

These documents are published on the District website.

District Finance Manager, Baptist, presented the proposed District Budget for 2021-2022 budget and spoke to it. A budget deficit of $12,447 (15%) has been approved by Toastmasters International (TI), with quarterly reporting required by TI. The Taupo Conference is self-funding and is expected to break even or have a marginal surplus. The budget overall is driven by the District's "Member First" philosophy and the district being active in an in-person environment.

THAT THE DISTRICT 112 BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 AS PUBLISHED BE APPROVED.

MOVED: Baptist Lobo, District Finance Manager
SECONDED: Richard Perkins, Division Q Director
CARRIED

15. District Director's Report on the August 2021 Toastmasters International Virtual Convention

District Director, Stephen, presented his report as follows:

The International convention was held on 23 -29 August 2021. This year, like the last, was a virtual convention for Toastmasters International. I haven't seen the numbers that registered and would suggest there were more attendees this year than last year. The theme was "Make A World Of Difference".

The timing was not very user-friendly with most events starting around midnight making it a very long day for those that braved the viewing. It was worth it as we had probably the most amazing keynote speaker ever, Robyn Benincasa, an endurance adventurer with one of the most positive "never give up" story I have ever heard. She made endless references to Steve Gurney, our favourite Kiwi Ironman, who had an interesting philosophy when it came to competition rules in that he was looking for ways to do things that were "not" in the rules.

The election process was fascinating, and I tip my hat to ALL the candidates including those from the floor - they gave it their best shot and results showed it.

International President - Margaret Page, DTM
First Vice President - Matt Kinsey, DTM
Second Vice President - Rhahdi Spear, DTM
Region 1 International Director - Louisa Davis, DTM
Region 3 International Director - Michael J Holian, DTM
Region 5 International Director - Monnica B Rose, DTM
Region 7 International Director - Elmer T Hill, DTM
Region 9 International Director - Jeff Sobel, DTM
Region 11 International Director - Ali Shahbaz Ali Shah, DTM
Region 13 International Director - Gauri Seshadri, DTM

Congratulations to all the successful Directors.
The World Champion for Public Speaking 2021 competition was keenly contested, and the following were the winners:

1st Place - Verity Price from District 74
2nd Place - Nitay-Yair Levi from District 70, Sydney Australia
3rd Place - Roger Caesar from District 86

Workshop speakers covered topics that appealed to the greater audience. My personal favourite was Somesh Chablani with “Dynamic Communications Proven Secrets for Communicating with Power and Persuasion”. Fortunately, the workshop sessions were on demand and made it a very long day for those in D112.

The Board of Directors made the following decisions:

- 2022 mid-year training for District Leaders will be conducted online.
- All Districts have the option to conduct the Annual District Conference online or in a hybrid format through the 2021-2022 program year.
- All Districts must conduct their Annual District Council Meetings online through the 2021-2022 program year.

Decisions were made to ensure the safety of our members while allowing leaders to make the best possible decisions for their District, given the rapidly changing environment. The updates will ensure all members have the option to participate in District events and alleviate the burden on Districts to determine how to address proxies for a hybrid Annual District Council Meeting.

Level 1 is the foundation of Pathways, and we wanted to ensure that it provided a strong foundation for all new members as they embark on their Toastmasters journey. The “Evaluation and Feedback” project and the “Ice Breaker,” a beloved Toastmasters tradition, will be joined by two new projects to make up Level 1: “Writing a Speech with Purpose” and “Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language.” These new projects will teach basic public speaking skills and should help new members feel less overwhelmed and provide building blocks to expand on as they progress through their path.

“Researching and Presenting,” a project previously found in Level 1, will be repurposed as an elective in Level 3. Please note that the new Level 1 will only be available in paths selected after the launch of these new projects. Paths in progress or already completed will continue with the current Level 1 projects. New projects will only be available in English for the time being, with translated projects coming. We anticipate having these changes complete before the end of the calendar year.

The International Convention closed, and an invitation was extended to all toastmasters to attend the first HYBRID convention to be held in Nashville Tennessee, in August 2022.

THAT THE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR ON THE TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BE RECEIVED.

MOVED: Stephen Budai, District Director
SECONDED: Barry Shaw, VPE Meadowbank Toastmasters Club
CARRIED

16. District Director's Report

The District Director's Report is deemed to include reports from the Programme Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Public Relations Manager, Division Directors and Immediate Past District Director. All these reports are published on the District website.

THAT THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND ALL OFFICERS' REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

MOVED: Stephen Budai, District Director
SECONDED: Barry Shaw, VPE Meadowbank Toastmasters Club
CARRIED

Immediate Past District Director, Sharon, requested to add an update to her report that the District incentives for clubs, that were ordered from Toastmasters International last year, have arrived in the country and were awaiting Customs clearance. District Administration Manager, Marlene, has applied for a clearance code from NZ Customs, and once clearance is made, the incentives will be couriered to the clubs. Sharon undertook to make it her priority to get the incentives to the clubs as soon as they were available for distribution.

17. General Business

There were no items of general business.

18. Close

The meeting closed at 6.36pm.

Attendance list

District Officers	Role
Stephen Budai	District Director
Wendy Wickliffe	Programme Quality Director
James Hippolite	Club Growth Director
Elizabeth Viljoen	District Public Relations Manager
Marlene Krone	District Administration Manager
Baptist Lobo	District Finance Manager
Sabrina Naseem	Division K Director
Suzy Elks	Division L Director
Angela Radosits	Division N Director
Ben Ross	Division O Director
Isabel Carter	Division P Director
Richard Perkins	Division Q Director
Neville Isherwood	Division R Director
John O'Leary	Area K1 Director
Daniel Wang	Area K4 Director
Rob Wightman	Area L3 Director
Robert McLaren	Area M1 Director
Clarence Tong	Area M2 Director
Graham Gunn	Area M3 Director
Loes St.Ather	Area M5 Director
Kate Scanlen	Area N1 Director
Appu Geetha Byju	Area N4 Director
Penny Kennett	Area O1 Director
Nathan Piahana	Area O2 Director
Kulesh de Silva	Area O3 Director
Meegan Herewini	Area O4 Director
Te Maramatanga Hohaia	Area P1 Director
Ralph Connor	Area P4 Director
Agnes Mazot	Area Q1 Director
Helen Hunt	Area Q6 Director
Marcus van Irsel	Area R3 Director
Melvin Powell	District Club Coach (Field Officer)
Tony Sharp	District Mentor (Field Officer)

Club Officers	Role	Club
Nick Woods	Vice President Education	Albany
Jarrod Hill	President	AM
Harrison Leach	Vice President Education	AM
Steve Vale	Vice President Education	Auckland
Jesse Knight	President	Auckland
Neil Stichbury	President	Auckland Advanced
Soujanya Budde	President	ANZ Bank Auckland
Annette Fenton	President	Academic

Rose Olive	President	Arawa
Paulette Gotz	Vice President Education	Arawa
Umesh Thakur	President	Botany
Mark Tweedale	Vice President Education	Botany
Nicholas Willmore	President	Cambridge Treetown
Brad Wykes	Vice President Education	Dairy Flats
Zafraan Ameer	Vice President Education	Datacom
Tim Lok	President	Datacom
Mark Hornblow	President	Daybreak Leadership
Shalini Jennings	President	Devonport Esplanade
Richard Piechazek	President	Early Birds
Marcus Bristol	President	East Coast Bays
Lukshmi Ranasinghe	President	Eden-Epsom
Bond Cen	Vice President Education	Eden-Epsom
Ashley Doo	Vice President Education	Ellerslie Sunrise
Seumas McCroskey	President	First Impressions
Margot Burton	President	Flying Start
Anuradha Diygama	Vice President Education	Franklin
Karan Allen	President	Geyser Gourmet
Carol Bannister	Vice President Education	Geyser Gourmet
Rohan deSouza	President	Glenfield
Sayaka Takeda	Vice President Education	Harrison Road
Kelvin Lomberg	President	Hastings
Troy Smith	President	Hokianga
Mario Beer	President	Howick
Jamie DeGreat	Vice President Education	Howick
Kim Baxter	President	IPU New Zealand
Rory Fogerty	Vice President Education	Karaka
Rodd Castle	President	Kings Speech
Dan Windwood	Vice President Education	Kings Speech
Brad Nielsen	President	Long Bay
Mark Armstrong	Vice President Education	Long Bay
Emma Stevens	Vice President Education	Manurewa T.A.L.K
Alastair Priestley	Vice President Education	M.A.R.C
Justin Chand	President	Manukau
Sara Burgess	President	Massey
Lindsay Ng	President	Maungakiekie
Helen Korte	Vice President Education	Maungakiekie
Stacey Marris	Vice President Education	MITe Speakers
Quency Wong	Vice President Education	Morning Toast
Te Maramatanga Hohaia	President	Naumai South Taranaki
Callum McPetrie	Vice President Education	Naumai South Taranaki
Isabel Carter	President	New Plymouth
Frances Wash	Vice President Education	New Plymouth
Helen Ivess	President	Ngamotu Breakfast
Kate Thompson	President	North Shore

Mai Nguyen	Vice President Education	North Shore
David Lochery	President	North West
Shane Fenton	Vice President Education	North West
Paul Reeves	President	On Top
Peter Nowell	Vice President Education	On Top
Angela Yang	President	One Hour
Melisa Cohen	Vice President Education	One Hour
Brad Nielsen	Vice President Education	Onehunga
Charlotte O'Shea	President	Orakei
Georgina Kingsley-Smith	Vice President Education	Orators of Demosthenes
Brett Dickson	President	Orion Health
Leah Rickard	Vice President Education	Orion Health
Aroha Heene	President	Pacific
Jane Stephen	Vice President Education	Pacific
Christine Alcott	President	Pakuranga
Alun Chisholm	Vice President Education	Pakuranga
Marcus van Irsel	Vice President Education	Pania
Richard Perkins	President	Pioneers
Wendy booth	Vice President Education	Pioneers
David Miller	President	PN Advanced
Tony Sisson	Vice President Education	PN Advanced
Sheryl Hobman	President	Pohutukawa Coast
Robert McLaren	President	Ponsonby
Kane Liddell	President	Pukekura
Maris Dunn	President	Remuera
Warren Spiden	Vice President Education	Remuera
Stephen Lindsay	President	Review
Richard Jebb	President	Rosedale
Madelaine Luke	Vice President Education	Rosedale
Margaret McClintock	President	Rotorua
Wendy Wickliffe	Vice President Education	Ruakura
Kymberly Tupai	President	Shortland Street
Ken Madsen	Vice President Education	Shortland Street
Serena Irving	President	Silver Service
Murray Coutts	Vice President Education	Silverdale-Orewa
Christiaan William (Bredenkamp)	President	Silverdale-Owera
Lovise Hellner	President	Spark Speakers
Ariane Kracke	Vice President Education	Spark Speakers
Meegan Herewini	President	Sunnynook
Wendy Wickliffe	President	T&C Online
Natasha Turnbull	Vice President Education	Takapuna Midday
Robert Wang	President	Takapuna
Anup Plapetta	President	Talking Heads
Scott Howell	President	Taupo
Stacey Marris	President	Te Papa
Chrissy Meyer	President	Thames

Anji Adams	\President	Three Kings
Ilaisaane Tuakalau	Vice President Education	Three Kings
Rose Oosthuysen	President	Toastmasters @ Lunchtime
Kitty Zeng	President	Toastmasters at Kristin
Vanessa Jepson	Vice President Education	Toastmasters at Kristin
Natasha Turnbull	President	Tohi
Inilon Dulfo	Vice President Education	Wake Up: Communicate
Stephen Lindsay	Vice President Education	Weekend
Philip Turner	President	West Harbour
Vladimir Kvasnicka	Vice President Education	West Harbour
Tony Sisson	President	Whanganui
Ami Karni Hecht	Vice President Education	Whanganui
Gavin Lamb	Vice President Education	Whangarei
Mike Diggins	Vice President Education	Wiri Ramblers
Gaby Wu	President	Wordplay on Saturday
Qimo Zhang	Vice President Education	Wordplay on Saturday