

Speaker	Time	Content
James Hippolite, DD	0:03	Good evening, fellow Toastmasters. The September 22, 2023, meeting of the district 112 semi-annual District Council will come to order. I ask the acting district administration manager otherwise known as the District parliamentarian to read the notice of meeting.
Alun Chisholm, DAM	0:30	Mr. District Director notice is hereby given of a virtual district 112 council meeting to be held on Friday 22nd September 2023, commencing at 7pm. Mr. District Director.
James Hippolite	0:44	<p>Thank you, Alun. The officials for this meeting are the presiding officer is myself, James Hippolite DTM as District Director. The district parliamentarian is Alun Chisholm, DTM. And PDG. The district Zoom Master, I will step into that role. The ballot counters are Alun, it was going to be Ben. Oh, the timer was going to be Ben. Wendy, would you mind stepping in as timer? Is that... thank you very much. So, as I said it was a very late apology from our administration manager.</p> <p>The procedures for a virtual District Council meeting: if you've not already done so, please insert your role before your name. And I will demonstrate that myself by going into hover my mouse over my name where the triple, blue triple dots, I get a drop-down menu, choose Rename by rename you get a pop up. If I go to the beginning of my name and go DD space James Hippolite. Put my role as district director in front of my name. Please do so yourself.</p> <p>If you are on a touchscreen, it's press and hold I believe to get the menu to be able to rename yourself. Club presidents please use p r e for Pres, VPE, VPPR, VPM, SEC, TRE and SAA plus your club then your name. Some members hold more than one office. And I request you to just use one of the options above we know who they are. And that is taken into account in any votes. If there are any members present, who are not either a club president, VP education or a district officer, please just use your name and no other information.</p> <p>A reminder that Presidents and Vice Presidents education can carry both votes for their club. And no other proxies are allowed for this meeting.</p> <p>2. During the meeting, everyone will be muted. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand using the Zoom option. So, you bring your mouse over to the window that has Zoom and down the bottom you have a toolbar pop up. And in my case, I have the not enough wins... Because I've got multiple windows open, I don't have enough space for the whole toolbar. Therefore, I have a three dots dot dot dot more. When I click on that, then I can get to Reactions. And under reactions, I can raise my hand and by raising your hand will push your window to my top left and I will be able to see that your hand is raised and then I can call upon you and then you can lower your hand. And that is what I would like you to do. Please if you have any questions if you wish to speak, I will call on the members to speak in turn and when I call on you to speak, you will then need to unmute yourself.</p> <p>3. If you have any questions, please type your name into the chat and wait to be acknowledged. The chat will be monitored. I will put a motion and then ask if there is any opposition to it. If no member objects to the motion, the motion is carried. If there is any opposition, then we will use the district voting platform. The poll will be open for up to two minutes or until the result is clear. As we are on Online the parliamentarian will not be sitting next to me. There may be times in this meeting when I need to check with Alun. If that happens, I will adjourn the meeting, have the conversation and then resume the meeting. Those adjournments will be short, and I request your tolerance and patience. The District Public Relations Manager, Kenneth Costello, may take screenshots of the gallery to use on social media. A few minutes</p>

		<p>warning will be given. If you do not want your image shown, it gives you time to turn off your video. This meeting will be recorded as a backup to the minutes the recording will be deleted once the May 2024 District Council meeting approves the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>I have looked forward to this we have a number of motions before us; the most pressing being the budget, which I hope that you will be able to approve. Now in order for you to approve the assumption is that you have read the budget that has been available online on the district website for the past month. And in addition, last week, the DEC had (the district executive committee) had opportunity to dissect the budget and discuss it and vote in recommend it to this council. So, if you trust your area director, then all is well. I was just reminded, please mute your cell phones because someone started to phone me and then thought better of it.</p> <p>2. The district mission, would the program quality director Richard Pickens DTM, please read out the district mission statement?</p>
Richard Perkins, PQD	7:02	Thank you, Mr. District Director. The district mission is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.
James Hippolite	7:10	<p>Thank you, Richard. Yes, and my vision for achieving that district mission is summed up in three words we are to Educate, Enjoy, and Excel. So, we are training to be better communicators and leaders but having fun in a safe and supportive environment to become the best versions of ourselves. So, the three E's: Educate, Enjoy, Excel.</p> <p>3. The credentials report and confirmation of quorum. I ask the district parliamentarian, Alun, to confirm whether a quorum is present.</p>
Alun Chisholm	7:57	Mr. District Director according to the registrations, we do not have a quorum.
James Hippolite	8:03	Okay.
Alun Chisholm	8:05	I think it's a good time we make sure people start registering, so we have a quorum.
James Hippolite	8:10	Okay, so there's 83 people online, if some of those have two or three votes and register on the portal, that district voting platform, and we will get to the quorum. So, if you haven't registered on that district voting platform, please do so now. So, I see only of the 83 people who are present. Only 44 have registered.
Marlene Krone , CGD	8:44	Mr District Director, I think that should read 84, because we've got Joanna... two division directors together in one window.
James Hippolite	8:54	Thank you for that, Marlene.
Alun Chisholm	8:59	A point of order. Marlene, they might be in the room but unless they are holding club votes they don't count towards the quorum.
Marlene Krone	9:07	Fair enough. Thank you.
James Hippolite	9:11	Obviously, they're both division directors. So, they do have district officer votes.
Alun Chisholm	9:16	They have votes but they're not part of the quorum.
James Hippolite	9:19	Oh, I did not realize that. Okay, thank you. President Neville Isherwood, you have a point?
Neville Isherwood, PRE, PN	9:29	If we've registered, would we be showing as having numbers under the available votes by you on the voting dashboard?

James Hippolite	9:42	If you are registered... so you are... I don't see...
Neville Isherwood	9:46	I'm just logged in and it's showing that I have got 2 available votes.
James Hippolite	9:51	<p>Yes. So please claim them. You need to claim them. That's what I mean by register, I mean, so you need to log in and claim the votes please. Good point. This is an important point that it's worth pausing until we get this right.</p> <p>Perfect. I'm seeing progress. I'm seeing 50 registrations. But again, as I said, there's at least 86 people here who have more than 86 votes. So please, all of you go on, sign-in to that district voting platform and claim your votes. Yes. VPE, Nirav [Shah - Daybreak]? Did you want to say... your hand is up? Did you want to say something to me?</p> <p>I can't hear you, Nirav. I'm gonna move on... President Bob. PRES from Geyserland. How can I help?</p>
Robert Edis, PRE, Geyserland	11:03	Kiaora, what is the link to register for voting?
James Hippolite	11:08	Yep. Now, fair enough. I will give you that again. For those who were early, that was in the chat. But can you see the chat window? Yeah, in the chat window. So please, go there, you do need to log in with your member ID. And which, if you want to know how to get your member ID, your member ID can be found on the Toastmasters International home profile page, of which there is the link for that. So, if you're going...
Erica Richardson, PRE, Silver Service	11:47	James, you might have to explain how to claim the votes.
James Hippolite	11:51	Okay. I will show my screen. So, once you have logged in to move that over there, once you have logged into the district voting platform, I've already registered but here is the screen that you will click that will not say start voting that will say Register voting here. So, you will click on Register voting, the screen will change. And it will say you are eligible for one or two or three votes and there is a button to claim the votes. So, you need to click I think there's a green button to claim the votes. Once you do that, then I will be able to see that a) you have registered and b) that on my dashboard, I can see there are 70 of you. And that's 76% of towards quorum. That's a huge jump. Thank you everybody. Is anybody confused? Hasn't done that yet. I need all of you please. So, as I say, let me just stop sharing so I can see you. There are 86, at least 87 of you present. And so, if you all log into the voting platform, I should see at least 87. But some of you have multiple votes we should get to quorum.
Fiona Hippolite, PRE, MCBC TMC	13:14	Do they need to answer the dummy question as well?
James Hippolite	13:17	The dummy question is not a requirement. It is a practice. It is a practice. Yeah. So the dummy question is that all... that hot chocolate should be served at all district functions. And if you do that, then I can show you a result later. Yes, Murray Coutts.
Murray Coutts, AD K3	13:43	When you put your screen up, I was looking at my screen, which had a far lower quorum number. And I had, but if updated when I refreshed. So, do we need to keep refreshing that screen?
Alun Chisholm	14:04	Well, James, and I need to refresh that screen. So, we see the numbers going up. Yes.

James Hippolite	14:09	Yep. So, I see 73 Where 80% towards quorum. This is exciting. Yes, club growth director Marlene Krone.
Marlene Krone	14:18	Thank you, division director. There is a question in the chat. And it's to do with a... the club president for a club is not here. Can the person who's here reclaim the alternate vote now I thought you might like to explain that. For the benefit of all on this meeting.
James Hippolite	14:38	Ideally, you would claim the vote of your missing or absent co-officer however, that co-officer should have logged in and register their absence. And by registering their absence that makes their vote available to be claimed by you. If they haven't registered... so I do have some apologies in there. I have got 16 Apologies. So, some of you will be able to take the proxy or claim the votes of your co-officers. Yes, program quality director, Richard Pickens.
Richard Perkins	15:21	We probably we probably will get a quorum pretty soon. However, there may still be people in the meeting after that, who would still want to vote. If you do not have your number to log in? Please put your name in the chat for me and I can look it up for you and reply to you. Your name and your club, please
James Hippolite	15:37	In a private chat to you.
Richard Perkins	15:39	Privately. Thank you.
James Hippolite	15:41	Yep, send a private chat to Richard. He will help you look up your member ID if you're and sure how to log into Toastmasters International and find your profile. Is that all Richard? Your hands still up? All right. I'm showing 82% towards 85% towards quorum. It's like a Telethon. Yes. Thank you very much for your kind donation. Thank you very much. Thank you very, very, very much. Thank you very much for your kind donation. Thank you very, very much. You don't know how much it all means... Alright. And I just realized I'm being recorded and that's not cool.
Rob Wightman, AD L4	16:28	I was just gonna say don't give up the day job.
James Hippolite	16:31	Yes. Yes, the good old days. Yes, Gavin Lamb. I remember sitting up watching all night television, because normally there wasn't any. And seeing people do weird and wonderful things as what was it? Pledges. Let me get on TV and do a belly whistle song and I'll give you money for your charity. It was a special time in New Zealand history. Telethon is what I'm referring. Yes, Toastmasters is all about speaking and not reading emails. Hitting Refresh. What we're stagnant at Oh no, we 81 have registered. We're 89% to quorum. So are the 88 the 89 people logged into zoom. And I know that there's at least a couple. There's 90 people in this meeting, 81 have successfully registered on the district voting platform. I'm surprised that we're not higher. The registered report is showing me 111 have registered, which is wonderful. So that's the duplicate votes have been claimed. So the unregistered... there's still 192 unregistered, which is very sad. Neither are they apologies, nor have they registered. Anyway, what I can do is... please continue with that. I don't need to wait to continue the meeting. Because a majority of the motions won't require a vote. It's only when we go to the vote that we require the quorum, and we require to use the voting platform. So let us...  If I sort by role names that I would normally ask the administration manager Ben to confirm the number of registered votes held by the club presidents and vice-presidents' education. Oh, sorry, I sorry, that would be the district parliamentarian with us. The administration manager to do that. I'm asking the district

		parliamentarian. Are you prepared? Do you know the numbers? Alun? Can you share that?
Alun Chisholm	19:32	The only numbers I have are ones that are registered online. I don't have the number registered for zoom.
James Hippolite	19:39	Okay. Shall I go and get that number for you, now?
Alun Chisholm	19:44	If you could think the number was...
Richard Perkins	19:48	I have a number: 107. According to the voting platform.
Alun Chisholm	19:57	What do you mean Richard?
Richard Perkins	20:00	Notice there's 112 People are on the voting perform, but the top five have got a zero in front of them. So there's one of seven leftover.
James Hippolite	20:08	Okay, so there's 80 to progress. The core of 90% was corn is what alcohol? that's those are the numbers that matter.
Marlene Krone	20:17	Murray has got his hand up.
James Hippolite	20:20	Yes, Murray,
Murray Coutts	20:23	District Director, the governing documents have a procedure, if we don't get a quorum. My suggestion is we actually get the meeting underway. And the credentials chair can be beavering away in the background, creating miracles. And if he fails, all it means is the motions which have to be voted on are then sent out by the admin manager to every club to ratify. Because there is a procedure, and we're just spending a lot of time...
James Hippolite	21:02	<p>Okay, yeah. No, fair enough. Thank you. Alright, so you've already specified at the time that we do not have quorum, but we can continue. And so that is what we will do. We will continue. And hopefully if and when we get to the vote, we will look at look at the numbers again. All right.</p> <p>Speaking rights. Only club presidents, vice-presidents' education and district officers have voting rights at this meeting. This includes the right to move and second motions or amendments. However, Toastmasters International policy gives me the right as district director to invite those I believe have business before the council to attend this meeting. I invite all those Toastmasters present to officially attend and I extended speaking rights only to current district 112 field officers and all past district governors... (and I'll just put you on mute Mike, if that's alright?). All persons wishing to speak are reminded that 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. Please clearly state your name, your office and your club before you commence speaking. Please also note that once that two minute time is elapsed, the speaker will be muted by the Zoom Master.</p> <p>Apologies. The apologies received that I can read from the voting platform are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Madden, ADK4.</li> <li>• Isabelle Carter, President Bell block,</li> <li>• Ivan Radojevic, President East Coast Bays.</li> <li>• Susan Caldwell President Lake City.</li> <li>• Kate Scanlon President Ma-Runga-Waka.</li> <li>• Joan Hook, President Maungakiekie.</li> <li>• Cheryl Jacobs, President Orakei.</li> <li>• Georgina Templeton, President Piako.</li> </ul>

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Joan Hook , PRE, Maungakiekie	23:58	Mr. District Director I am here.
James Hippolite	24:01	You are! So you're not an apology. So I'm wondering [if you] register[ed] your vote.
Joan Hook	24:10	I registered my vote.
James Hippolite	24:13	Okay, why does it think you are an apology? I don't know. So can you see the ability to start voting on that platform? In the top left hand corner under dashboard is Voting and there should be a button Start Voting
Joan Hook	24:40	Actually, it was there and now I've got an apology.
James Hippolite	24:46	I wonder if you can claw that back. I don't know. Okay, any other so no, no further.
Tracy Bovett, AD P1	24:58	There's an apology from Helen Ivess, Area Director of P2.
James Hippolite	25:04	Thank you. Alun, are you noting these? No, you're busy.
Alun Chisholm	25:11	I was busy with something else. Sorry.
James Hippolite	25:13	You're busy. I will note the extra apologies. Helen Ivess. Yes, I have this is area director P2. Yes. Thank you any other actual.
Marlene Krone	25:28	I have, there are 2 in the chat. Mr. District Director, one from Jan Stroup, President of Napier club and one from John Davey, President Silverdale-Orewa?
James Hippolite	25:45	Pres Silverdale-Orewa. Thank you.
Stephen Budai	25:51	James, don't forget...
James Hippolite	25:53	Jan Stroup was also a division R director, as well says there's another vote. Yes. Who is next? Sorry,
Stephen Budai	26:01	James. James don't forget that it's being recorded, so I wouldn't worry about it.
James Hippolite	26:07	Okay, thank you. Yep.
Stuart Sang, PRE, Eden-Epson	26:09	Serena Pei, VPE for Eden-Epson.
James Hippolite	26:13	Okay, great. Thank you, Serena VPE, Eden-Epson noted. Next, that's all the apologies. Cool.
Alun Chisholm	26:27	I'll just jump in to say we need six. We need five more people to register. And I'm looking at clubs where only one of the President or VP Ed have registered.

James Hippolite	26:47	Potentially...
Alun Chisholm	26:48	Shall we do the name and shame?
James Hippolite	26:53	Or potentially if the Pres is here and the VPE is absent, but the VPE hasn't absented their vote, the PRES can't claim it. The VPE, would have to log in and note themselves as an apology, and there's very few apologies in the platform. Very few people have bothered to do that. And in fact, oh, actually, that's a good point. Let me show you the 11... ah, no, I just read out the 11 apologies. If any of those names are your club, and you're here, then you can claim their vote.
Joan Hook	27:36	Why can't I claim my own?
James Hippolite	27:39	Yeah
Elizabeth Viljoen, Division L Director	27:39	Sorry. I can't claim because they did not register their absence on the platform.
James Hippolite	27:45	Okay. Yeah. That is that is...
Elizabeth Viljoen	27:50	Under normal circumstances that would not be a problem.
James Hippolite	27:53	Well, then registering their apology is equivalent to permitting you to use their proxy. If they don't do this. Yeah, if they haven't done their apology, they haven't given you permission to use their proxy.
Elizabeth Viljoen	28:14	Yes, but they are an apology because they're at work. So, there's no way they can do that now.
Alun Chisholm	28:21	Okay, we need three more.
James Hippolite	28:24	Oh, thank you. All right. Murray Coutts. And then James Edley.
Murray Coutts	28:31	I think we need to move on. However, the governing documents and the club constitution say that the President or VP had can only carry the two votes if the club has decided, and I don't remember the clubs being reminded of that. Probably a note for the May council meeting.
James Hippolite	28:56	Thank you, Murray. Good point, James.
James Edley , AD L1	29:02	Thank you, Mr. District Director. James Edley, L1 Area Director. If memory serves, you mentioned earlier, the members who may not know their membership ID can ask Richard in private chat. Just politely remind that is an option.
James Hippolite	29:22	Okay. Thank you, James. Yep. Ok, I will remind members that if you don't know your membership ID, you can private chat to Richard and he will help you find that. Thank you, James. Yes, Neil Stichbury.
Neil Stichbury, VPE, Franklin	29:38	James a question. Do you know how many people actually registered through Zoom for the meeting?
James Hippolite	29:46	Yes, I was going to do that, and I got delayed. The Zoom registration yields, for this meeting...
Wendy Wickliffe, IPDD	30:03	You need to remove the duplicates though, too, James.

James Hippolite	30:06	Oh, which I don't have. The registration numbers on Zoom are 109. I do not know how many duplicates there are in that.
Neil Stichbury	30:19	Are you absolutely certain that is not the quorum number? Because it was, previously. It was the number of registrants for the meeting.
Alun Chisholm	30:32	Neil, it says clearly it is the number of clubs votes, not registers.
Neil Stichbury	30:40	Right. Okay. When did they change it?
Alun Chisholm	30:42	We're 2 away.
James Hippolite	30:44	Two away? Whoa! So close. Alright, so, we'll carry on for now. Normally, at this point, I would ask the Administration Manager that the apologies be accepted. Alun, can you move that the apologies be accepted?
Alun Chisholm	31:03	Yes, I will move that the apologies be accepted.
James Hippolite	31:06	The motion is that the apologies be accepted.
Murray Coutts	31:10	Point of order. Sorry, just a quick point of order. Alun doesn't have a club role...
Alun Chisholm	31:21	Yes, he does!
Murray Coutts	31:23	It just says "AM". Does that mean...
Alun Chisholm	31:28	You know what roles I have, Murray.
James Hippolite	31:31	He's District Parliamentarian, so he's a District Officer.
Murray Coutts	31:36	Field Officer. That's a field officer.
Alun Chisholm	31:39	I'm also a Vice President Education. Sorry, I'm jumping in here. Murray, I am a Vice President of Education. You saw me at Club Officer Training being trained for the role of Vice President of Education.
James Hippolite	31:52	Alright, moving on.
Wendy Wickliffe	31:55	Could I make a suggestion? Marlene, as an ex-Administration Manager, could you help James out, here?
James Hippolite	32:02	Oh, Okay. Yeah.
Marlene Krone	32:03	I don't have the access to the link, though, to be able to...
Wendy Wickliffe	32:07	Don't need the link, just the script.
James Hippolite	32:10	Ok. So, given that the Parliamentarian is doing such a wonderful and very important and busy job, I will switch to using Marlene as acting Administration Manager. I will ask Marlene to move that the apologies be accepted.
Marlene Krone	32:29	District Director, I move that the apologies be accepted.
James Hippolite	32:32	The motion is that the apologies be accepted. No seconder is required. Is there any opposition to this motion? Alright. As there are no [objections], the motion is passed. Yay! Number One. Alright. Confirmation of the agenda. Are there any additional items which need to be added to the agenda, as published on the District website? Right. District Parliamentarian.
Alun Chisholm	33:10	Yes, there is a motion that Murray wants to bring to this meeting.
James Hippolite	33:15	Yep. Okay, I recognize... Do you want Murray to read it?



Alun Chisholm	33:22	I want Murray to read it.
Murray Coutts	33:24	It actually comes up, further down the agenda. Okay, I'll read it. That the September 2023 Semi-Annual District 112 Council, delegates to the November 2023 District 112 Executive Committee the authority to approve the District 112 financial statement for 2022-2023, for the purposes of complying with requirements of the New Zealand Charities Commission. I will move that. Actually, I'm not moving that, it comes up later in the agenda.
James Hippolite	34:10	Okay. So, we're adding it to the agenda. Right. Thank you. We will speak to that at the appropriate time in this meeting. Thank you for bringing that to the agenda. So, that has been added to the agenda. Add to this, the 11.3 The Financial Statement. Are there any other items to add to the agenda? Yes, Joanna Perry.
Joanna Perry	34:40	James, does the motion that's in the papers around the hybrid meeting not need to be an agenda item?
James Hippolite	34:47	It is.
Joanna Perry	34:49	Where? It's not on the agenda. Or it's not on the agenda that's in the papers that I saw.
James Hippolite	34:56	Checking... I've got the agenda. Ok. Yeah. Good point. It is coming up in the vote, so I'm adding it to the agenda. The vote on the contest... style? Format! So, thank you. Thank you for bringing that. It's good.
Joanna Perry	35:22	And the other thing was, but I guess it's covered in the confirmation of the minutes, is the ratification of the particular minutes for the April meeting?
Murray Coutts	35:35	April.
Marlene Krone	35:36	It's mentioned in the 24th of June minutes, isn't it?
Joanna Perry	35:41	Yep. But we need to separately ratify that. So, just when we get to minutes, it just needs to be a separate item.
James Hippolite	35:48	Cool
Howard Chaffey	35:50	James, we now have a quorum.
Marlene Krone	35:54	Yay!
James Hippolite	35:57	Actually, I heard a voice say what I wanted to hear, but I didn't hear it from the voice I was expecting to hear it from. Mr Parliamentarian.
Alun Chisholm	36:06	Apparently, we've got 91 people registered. I'm just checking that, but yes, we do have a quorum.
James Hippolite	36:12	Yay, thank you. Alright. So, we've added those two things to the agenda, Mr. District Parliamentarian? They were: the format of the conference, and... (I've forgotten already).
Marlene Krone	36:30	The ratification of the minutes.
James Hipplite	36:33	Ratification of the minutes. Yep. Have you got that noted?
Alun Chisholm	36:39	Yep
James Hippolite	36:40	Thank you. Is there a mover for the motion that the agenda be adopted? I see...
Wendy Wickliffe	36:50	Wendy Wickliffe, IPDD

James Hipplite	36:51	Yes. Is there a seconder? James Edley, Area... James, who are you and what role?
James Edley	37:03	Thank you, Mr District Director. Area Director L1, James Edley.
James Hippolite	37:10	Thank you. The motion is that the agenda be adopted. Is there any opposition to this motion? The motion is adopted. Yay! Two down. Confirmation of the minutes. The minutes of the Special District Council meeting held virtually on the 24th of June 2023 have been posted to the District website. If there is no objection, we will dispense with the reading of these minutes. Any minor corrections/spelling should have been advised to the District Administration Manager prior to this meeting. Are there any significant corrections to these minutes?
Murray Coutts	37:52	Quick query: why are we looking to approve the council meeting in June, when the June one did not approve the minutes of the May one. We should be approving the May ones first, ahead of June.
James Hippolite	38:09	Ok. Thank you. Alright. So, I will go off script. The minutes of the District Council meeting in May have been... corrected minutes...
Alun Chisholm	38:21	That's 29 April.
James Hippolite	38:25	29 April. Thank you, for that correction. The minutes of the District Council meeting, on the 29 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023, have been posted to the District website. Are there any significant corrections to those minutes? 29 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023. I ask acting District Administration Manager, Club Growth Director Marlene Krone to move the motion.
Marlene Krone	39:06	The minutes of the Special District Council, no this is referring to the minutes of the 24th of June. Ok. Look. In the minutes of the 24th of June, under Item 9, Confirmation of Minutes of the Virtual District Council Meeting held on the 29th of April, that those minutes, as circulated, were confirmed. And then, there is another piece added, that it was raised that Item 18 of the District Structure for the 2022-2023 Toastmaster Alignment had a significant error in it, in how the resolution was written, and that discussion points leading to the resolution were not added to the minutes. It says here, "after the discussion, it was concluded... agreed by the council that the minutes pertaining to item 18 would be reviewed and that accepting the April 2023 Annual District Council meeting would be ratified at the September 2023 Semi-Annual District Council meeting", which is this one. It follows that "this has no consequence on continuing with Item 13 below." I have no idea what that relates to.
James Hippolite	40:32	At that point of time. Right, so I'm asking you to pass the motion that the minutes, as corrected, for the 29th of April, are and true and correct record. Can you...
Marlene Krone	40:48	The minutes of the Virtual District Council held on the 29th of April 2023, be taken as a true and correct record of that meeting.
James Hippolite	41:00	Thank you, Marlene Krone. Is there a seconder? Thank you, I see that hand. Murray Coutts, Area Director K3, thank you. Is there any opposition to this motion? Did someone speak? No? Is there any opposition to this motion? No. So that motion is adopted. 29th of April, cleared. Now we can go to the 24th of June. The minutes of the Special District Council meeting held virtually on the 24th of June 2023, have also been posted to the District website. If there's no objection, we will dispense with the reading of the minutes. Any minor corrections or spelling should have been advised to the District Administration Manager prior to this meeting. Are there any significant corrections to those minutes? 24th of June, 2023. I ask the action District Administration Manager, Marlene Krone to move the motion.

Marlene Krone	42:16	I move that the minutes of the Special District Council meeting held on the 24th of June 2023 as circulated, are a true and correct record of that meeting.
James Hippolite	42:26	Thank you, Marlene. Is there a seconder? I see that hand, Richard. What is your title and name, please?
Richard Perkins	42:36	Sometimes I think it's on mute. Title is PQD, Richard Perkins, thank you.
James Hippolite	42:40	Thank you. Is there any opposition to this motion? Yay. This motion is adopted. 8. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Are there any matters arising from the minutes which are not already covered in the various published reports? Great. I will inform the true District Administration Manager, Ben Ross, that he can delete the recording of the 24th of June, and he will get that done.
Alun Chisholm	43:19	And he'll also need to delete the recording of the 29th of April.
James Hippolite	43:23	Great. Alright. That's in the minutes. That's in the recording. He will be listening to this and he will be typing up the minutes of this meeting, and he will action those. Thank you. Correspondence. The following correspondence needs to be considered by this meeting. We have a letter from TI about contests. The rulebook states "all contests must be in person." The letter states the Board has given us an exemption to the rulebook. We need, as a District, to decide the format of all contests going forward, from Area, Division and District levels. Whatever format we make available at Area, has to be available at District. So that there is a level playing field for all contestants. We can't chop and change. So, that's a letter. So, that's coming up for the vote later, so we don't need to vote on that now. I'm just informing you that that letter has arrived. The second letter is from Toastmasters International, about an International Officer will be visiting us for the Taupo Conference in May, which is fabulous news. We haven't had an International Officer visit us for a couple of years. Not since Lark Doley, 3 years ago? I think that was. Before lockdown, obviously. Thank you, 2019. Yeah, getting on 4 years. So, it's wonderful that we will be visited by either... well, we don't know yet. They haven't assigned one to us yet. I'm hoping for the International Director for Region 12, Ben McCormack. He looks after Region 12, which is Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia. But he may be busy, and we may not get him. So we might get somebody else. We might get Region 14, who is our near neighbour, who is Asia. So, we will see whoever is assigned to us. So that is just a wonderful letter that we have received. Yes, Joanna Perry.
Joanna Perry	45:50	Just reading this, and I understand your enthusiasm, James for somebody coming. However, by reading it, it looks as though there is going to be a significant cost to us to host this person, whoever it may be, and we have a very, very, very limited budget. So, have we thought about how we are going to host this person and pay for the costs. In fact, in reality, despite your excitement, is it actually something we want, or should we try to stop them coming?0
James Hippolite	46:23	I see it as... well, this is not me trying to convince you. This is just informing you of that letter. I hear your point. I'm not going to argue against that point. You make a valid point. I'm not going to address it. I acknowledge your point. The motion is "That the inwards correspondence be received". Is there a seconder?
Marlene Krone	46:52	Marlene Krone, Club Growth Director
James Hippolite	46:54	Thank you, Marlene. I saw that hand, Bob. I'm coming to you another time. Is there any discussion? So, we've had some discussion on the correspondence. Is there any opposition to this motion? No? Okay, that motion is adopted.

		<p>Item 10. Confirmation of Officer Appointments since the May District Council. The governing documents require us to confirm the officer appointments made by the District Executive Committee since the May District Council. These are published on the District website. There have been 5 appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Relations Manager, Kenneth Gustilo</li> <li>• Area K4 Director, Helen Madden</li> <li>• Area M2 Director, Staci Marris</li> <li>• Area N3 Director, Dean Ching Yee</li> <li>• Area R3 Director, Craig Robinson</li> </ul> <p>I'm quite excited by having a full team. Unfortunately, last year, we lost some clubs. We had to do a realignment. But I believe now instead of 38 areas, we have 31 areas. We're quite strong in those 31 areas. There's quite a number of clubs lending their strength to each other within each area. By having that solid base, we can move forward with strength. By having a full team of district officers, we're able to engage the members and support them.</p> <p>I move that the District Council approves the appointments as listed. Is there a seconder? Bob, did you have your hand up? No? Not this time. Did you want to do it this time? I missed you. Thank you. The more names in the minutes, the more it proves you were here. Are there any questions on those appointments? Is there any opposition to this motion? This motion is adopted.</p>
Marlene Krone	49:30	James, just for the purposes of the minutes, it's Bob Edis, President of Geyserland.
James Hippolite	49:37	Yes, thank you.
Robert Edis	49:40	It's probably listed in the documentation as Robert Edis.
James Hippolite	49:45	<p>Okay, thank you. Thank you for that clarification.</p> <p>11. Financial Reports. Aroha is sick and cannot present the District Audit reports. As far as I'm aware, it's still not available, is that right, Murray?</p>
Murray Coutts	50:02	Correct. That is not available. We can deal with it in the next meeting.
James Hippolite	50:08	Okay. Thank you.
Aroha Heene	50:11	We have a meeting... I do apologize. We have a meeting on Tuesday. We should expect a good, robust report coming back to you.
James Hippolite	50:23	<p>Okay. Thank you, Aroha. Just for the benefit of the District Council who haven't heard the explanation. It is not Aroha's team's fault at all. Toastmasters International have been very tardy in closing off our June accounts. So, the audit committee couldn't proceed until those have arrived. So, it's not our side's fault at all. Ok, so there's no audit report to present, so there's nothing to be received. Moving on.</p> <p>11.2 District Profit and Loss report for Q4. This is the District Profit and Loss report for April 2023 to June 2023 (Q4 of the Toastmasters Year). It is for your information and does not need to be approved. I ask the District Finance Manager, Bruce, to present the report.</p>
Bruce Collis	51:26	<p>Can everyone see that? I'll make it a bit bigger. It's always a bit hard on these things. What I've done, is, I've got the 3 months instead of trying to swap 3 reports, and shuffle them around. What happens is you have Month, and then you have the Year to Date. Then that Month and that Month and then that Year to Date as well. There will be a lot of people quite familiar with the format. So this is the month of April. Revenue for the month was 14.7 thousand. Expenses 3.2 thousand. Surplus 11.5 compared to budget which was break-even. In the month of May, the revenue was down a little bit, compared to the budget. That's obviously a timing thing. Expenses</p>

		were up. So, it showed a deficit, and that's in line with the budget as well. Then, in the month of June... I'll scroll across so that I can see people's faces... for the month, the revenue was 3 and a half thousand and expenses were 10.2 thousand, and a deficit of 7.6 overall for the month. Any questions on any of that? It's really just for your information. We've got another document shortly where we show the June position.
Murray Coutts	53:11	Probably what's most important is the year to date at the end of March. That's off the edge of my screen. Can you just scroll it a little bit to the left, so we can see that year to date for March.
Bruce Collis	53:27	For March? That would be April, Murray, because I don't got March there.
Murray Coutts	53:36	Realistically, for us, the year to date figures are more important than the monthly.
Bruce Collis	53:45	Ok. Why don't I move it across a little bit then, so people can see the Year To Date? I thought I was presenting the monthly. If that makes it easier for everyone? So that's the Year to Date for April. I'll put a Year to Date there, so everyone sees. And that's Year to Date, as at May.
James Hippolite	54:10	So, for Year to Date, we expected Membership revenue of 78 thousand, we actually got 76 thousand. That's pretty close. Slightly smaller. That's how I read that. Conference revenue and other revenue. So Total Revenue, actual revenue of 97 thousand.
Marlene Krone	54:37	Bruce, there is a question in the chat. "Why isn't it in these papers?"
Bruce Collis	54:47	I'm not sure. I submitted them, some of them, last week, but they were in a bit of a flurry of a whole pile of emails. I'm not sure why they didn't get into the papers, to be honest. Thanks Marlene. And another thing. Obviously, this is for information. Really, I'm presenting the prior year's District Finance Manager's results, as well.
James Hippolite	55:13	Again, the April and May... the reason it wasn't available a month ago is that we didn't have the TI figures, literally, a month ago. They were that far behind. That's why we're catching up now. Yes, Richard?
Richard Perkins	55:35	Mr District Director, I can see his report in the papers which does include this chart. Maybe not the full one, but it does include this chart.
James Hippolite	55:44	Is there 4, 5 & 6? It won't have 5 & 6.
Richard Perkins	55:48	Doesn't have the full one, no.
Bruce Collis	55:50	Could have June, maybe. That was one of the documents I put in last week, as well.
Murray Coutts	55:56	May I suggest, as we don't have to actually approve this one, perhaps the Finance Manager can get this up to date in the papers, so the people who are interested can actually go through in detail.
Bruce Collis	56:13	Okay. No worries.
James Hippolite	56:15	Great, thank you. If you can stop sharing? So I can see. Thank you.
Marlene Krone	56:23	Sorry, there was another question just popped up in chat. I think it's worth answering. It is "what does the education and training expense mean?" Probably a question for Bruce.
James Hippolite	56:40	I don't know if Bruce can answer that. Can you answer that, Bruce?

Bruce Collis	56:44	It's usually central training, isn't it? Someone else can probably jump in for me.
Murray Coutts	56:55	Sorry, if I may? It's the District Officer Training (there have been 2 events so far) and the Club Officer Training, Round 1. I don't think we've done any other training. Richard may... Richard is shaking his head. Just District and Club Officer training.
James Hippolite	57:12	Yep. So it's...
Richard Perkins	57:15	Venue, food, yep.
James Hippolite	57:17	Yep. So as I said, in the Vision, part of the "E" for Enjoyment, is an in-person event, one per month. So, an in-person event means venue costs and food costs, because, everyone loves food. So that's presentation... oh, yep? Joanna, go ahead.
Howard Chaffey	57:44	Actually, Howard on this occasion, James. Part of my "E" for Enjoyment would be, if we've got something on the agenda item, could we have the papers ahead of schedule so that we can read the damn things before we're presented them on the night. If you don't have the information, don't put the damn thing on the agenda.
James Hippolite	58:06	Yep. So, we set the agenda, in advance, on good faith that we would have the material from TI and we would have those reports in place.
Joanna Perry	58:16	In which case, update the agenda, to say "no paper available". Not to be covered on the agenda. Something, because...
James Hippolite	58:25	Except, it did arrive last week, and so we did follow up last w...
Joanna Perry	58:30	Yeah, but you could have done it today, even. This morning. Because I spent most of the day, trying to find the papers.
James Hippolite	58:37	Right. Okay. Point...
Howard Chaffey	58:40	We are trying to keep ahead of these things, James, so if you're going to want us to be prepared to make a contribution, we should have the information available ahead of the meeting.
James Hippolite	58:48	Very good. Good point. Ok, so, it doesn't need to be approved, we're just presenting it. There's nothing to vote on. It's just for your knowledge this time. Item 11.3 District Financial Statement for the 22/23 year. I ask District Finance Manager Bruce to present the financial statement for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. Bruce will present it and then there will be a separate motion about approving it.
Bruce Collis	59:30	Ok, I'll just make it a bit bigger for people.
Howard Chaffey	59:37	James, I thought we weren't approving anything? There wasn't a motion to approve anything. So now we are approving something?
James Hippolite	59:43	Yeah. The previous report was the District Profit and Loss for Q4. This one is the Financial Statement for 2022/2023.
Murray Coutts	59:50	Point of order?
James Hippolite	59:55	Sure
Alun Chisholm	59:56	Murray has raised a point of order.
Murray Coutts	1:00:00	What is shown, is the financial one, which comes from TI. Normally, we don't approve... we essentially approve that by approving the audit report, because TI always has these numbers. Because our District has two masters from a financial point of view. We have TI, and they already know those figures. That confirmation is

		part of the audit report. Which, of course, is not an audit report to an accountant. The other master we have is the Charities Commission. And we don't have that report because it hasn't been finished because TI have not provided us some information needed for the balance sheet. For the accountants, that report is under a Tier 3, which has a lot more information. That has not been finished because TI hasn't given us the information. The motion we talked about earlier defers that consideration. What is on the screen is what would go with the audit report to TI. The audit report isn't finished yet. If it is signed off next week, it can go to TI by the end of the month, which is required. Then we can approve it at the November Exec meeting.
Howard Chaffey	1:01:34	We are not approving it now, is that what you are saying Murray?
Murray Coutts	1:01:37	Correct.
Howard Coutts	1:01:39	So why were we asked to approve it?
Alun Chisholm	1:01:43	We weren't. You weren't listening correctly, Howard.
James Hippolite	1:01:45	I did just use that word. Maybe I used that word incorrectly. I apologize.
Murray Coutts	1:01:53	To be fair, I don't think last year's finance manager is with us. In conversation with him, he had significant problem for at least the last half of the previous year in getting information out of the district finance department at world headquarters. There were staff changes. There were system changes. Everything was so incredibly late. Not an excuse. It's just what it is.
James Hippolite	1:02:31	Ok. So, you presented this. Do you want to speak to it, Bruce?
Bruce Collis	1:02:40	The things that stand out are the revenue was fairly aligned to budget, but the expenses were quite under the budget side, which is a significant surplus, compared to the budget which is basically breakeven.
James Hippolite	1:02:56	Yeah, it broke my heart when I found that out. As PQD last year, I was begging clubs to put in a request for boosting of posts/anything and I was getting nothing back. I know that there were poor clubs needing money, but they weren't asking, so we couldn't give. So, that was annoying. I hope we do much better this time. I want to get as close to 100% spent. As they say, "if you don't spend it, you lose it".
Murray Coutts	1:03:33	May I make some comments on it as well, please? Yes, the clubs weren't asking for the money, but that is only one line on this report. The Conference expenses were significantly under budget. However, the budget was approved when we were having the Conference down at the horsey place. That was shifted to a different venue, that didn't cost nearly as much. So that's \$10,000 difference. Travel, remarkably, was close to budget. It is usually under budget, because we have to budget on the grounds that everybody will use their full entitlement. The other ones are actually quite minor, but it's still a situation where TI expect us to spend all the money they give us each year. That's probably a comment for when we talk about approving our budget.
James Hippolite	1:04:43	Thank you, Murray. Toni Sharp has got her hand up. I recognize Toni.
Toni Sharp	1:04:51	Thank you Mr. District Director. There is a very valid question in your chat field asking if the figures that are shown are the combined totals of all club figures. Can you please clarify that for everyone?

Murray Coutts	1:05:07	May I? Club Finances are total separate and distinct from the District and are not a District issue.
James Hippolite	1:05:20	I'm not understanding the question. A number of items that overlap: lodging expense and travel expense. Lodging and travel...
Toni Sharp	1:05:30	Before that one.
James Hippolite	1:05:32	Oh, okay. The lodging one is the Trio going to Convention, and to Mid-Year Training. The Travel one is primarily the Area Directors doing club visits. But not only that. It's also District Officers coming for District Officer Training.
Murray Coutts	1:05:55	Comment on the lodging: When we do the budget, we don't always know... Sorry, the District Trio go to the International Convention and they also go to Mid-Year Training. When we do the budget, we don't always know where the Mid-Year training is going to be or how much the accommodation is going to cost. So we are very conservative in budgeting for that.
James Hippolite	1:06:20	Thank you, Murray. Question in the chat, from Jobet: "Does District expense include Division conference expense?" So the Division Conference revenue and expenses are meant to Net Zero. As you can see, we did budget 27 income and 27 thousand expense. But we actually receive 17 thousand revenue and we spent 17 thousand expense. So we're pretty bang on with that. So, the requirement is that the conference pays for itself. So that answers your question, hopefully. Thanks for the question. Ok. Thank you Bruce. Any further questions on those? So, now I'm confused. Am I bringing...? Ok, so Murray what is the statement? We're not approving this.
Murray Coutts	1:07:24	No, we're not.
James Hippolite	1:07:25	Ok.
Murray Coutts	1:07:26	Now is probably the appropriate time for me to move the motion I notified. Preamble: this motion relates to the requirement for the T3, very detailed financial report for the Charities Commission. We have six months from the 1st of July to actually present it. The motion is "That the September 2023 Semi-Annual District Council delegate to the November 2023 District Exec meeting the authority to approve the financial statement for the 2022/23 year, for the purposes of complying with the requirements of the Charities Commission."
James Hippolite	1:08:08	I actually understood that. Is there a seconder? Thank you, Elizabeth Viljoen, Division L Director. Comments. Are there any... So, Murray, do you need any comments before questions?
Murray Coutts	1:08:29	No
James Hippolite	1:08:30	Ok, so are there any questions about what we are proposing? We're deferring the decision to... normally we would have all the information up front, and we would be able to do it now. But because we didn't have all the information up front, we can't do it now, we're deferring it to November. Are there any further questions on this motion that Murray has brought. Yes, Fiona Hippolite, President MCBC Club.
Fiona Hippolite	1:08:57	Did you say Tier 3, Murray?
Murray Coutts	1:09:00	Yes.
Fiona Hippolite	1:09:03	So in Tier 3, you have to advise them of volunteer hours?



Murray Coutts	1:09:10	Yes. It is a multi-page document. If you're interested, I could send you previous ones. We also have to report on all the objectives set out in the District Success Plan and how we did on them. Then there are various other financial reports like...(unintelligible). It's a very... Last one I saw was about 30 pages long.
Fiona Hippolite	1:09:40	Yeah, I do charities submissions. I just want to know how we record all the volunteer hours and names and people.
(unknown)	1:09:49	Fiona, can I suggest you have a long conversation with Murray at another time?
Fiona Hippolite	1:09:56	Ok.
Murray Coutts	1:09:58	Very happy to.
James Hippolite	1:10:00	Ok. The motion has been put. It has been seconded. Any further questions on this motion? Is there any opposition to this motion? This motion is adopted. Well done. Convention Budget. Murray, are we ready to do this, or not?
Murray Coutts	1:10:21	It is not normal that the Convention Budget goes to the Council, because it's a(n) Exec meeting [item]... However, it is not listed on the order paper. However, I am more than happy to read it out line by line.
James Hippolite	1:10:39	No, thank you. Ok, so we're going to skip adopting... We don't need to adopt the Taupo Con... I don't know why we're calling it a Convention. It's a Conference.
Murray Coutts	1:10:52	It's a conference. The thing is, it has been adopted by the Exec, and the Grand Totals are already included in the District Budget, which we're coming up to next.
James Hippolite	1:11:02	Ok. Excellent. Alright. 11.5 The District Budget. The District budget is comprised of two documents, both are on the website. These are: a) The Budget Proposal, which explains the rationale behind the budget and contains all the budget information; and b) The Budget Summary, which just shows the summarized figures.  The Budget Summary will show on the screen, however we will be approving the budget proposal. So, I'm showing you the summary, but I'm asking you to approve the detail. I call on District Finance Manager Bruce to present the budget summary, and move that the budget be adopted. You need to unmute yourself.
Bruce Collis	1:12:04	Sorry, everyone. I'll just run through the summary. So this is obviously a 12-month budget. The membership allocation is advised to us by TI. The Conference we've viewed this as provided by Murray and his team, in terms of what they're planning for the conference, and also the expenditure associated with the conference. TI has allocations for certain costs, and that comes from TI as well. Then effectively, we work through the other items, which is... let me get on the right line...  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing Outside Toastmasters</li> <li>• Recognition Expense</li> <li>• Club Growth</li> <li>• Public Relations</li> <li>• Education and Training</li> <li>• Speech Contests Expenses</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Food and Material Expense</li> <li>• Travel Expense</li> <li>• Lodging Expense</li> </ul>

		<p>That all adds up to the grand total of a bit over \$103,000. There's a surplus. We need to budget a surplus. Ours is \$9. Grant Robinson would be pretty pleased to have a surplus like that. (Without being party political on this call.) Then there's a check about, does it comply with the policy? So these are policies that Toastmasters International have set. As I said, the Conference needs to have a surplus, which Murray and his team have budgeted and put together. There's a cap that we need to spend at least 5% on Marketing Outside Toastmasters. We've achieved that. These are collars, where you're not allowed to go over certain amounts. The only one we go over is Lodgings. That's because of the higher expenditure that we've had with the Trio attending the Convention in the Bahamas. We've already signalled to Toastmasters International that we would be over that by, we estimated, 18.5%. They said there were a lot of Districts that had the same issue. They were basically accepting. Go through, was the feedback to James and I, which is a good result. The good thing is we comply for most things. The only one that we don't comply, we've already asked permission to go over. In principle, we've received acceptance from them. Any questions on any of that? There's a lot of work that goes into these things. There's the full Word document where that is broken down as well, and supported. There's been lots of input and involvement from multiple people on it, which I appreciate as well. Especially, my first year in this role.</p>
Marlene Krone	1:15:00	I commend you Bruce for all the work you've done. Great job.
Bruce Collis	1:15:06	Thank you Marlene. It's really been a team effort. There's been a lot of people involved. James helped me significantly at the start of the process.
James Hippolite	1:15:20	Thank you, Bruce. Are there any questions or comments on the proposed budget? I will direct the comment to the appropriate category owner.
Cliff Hall	1:15:40	There is a question in the chat about Recognition Expense.
James Hippolite	1:15:42	Yep. So, "What is recognition?" We buy plaques for (significant) club anniversaries. We buy plaques for 25 year long service award. We buy the DTM medals, to present. We buy the Triple Crowns. That is a District expense, so the clubs don't have to pay for those. So, those [are] recognition of educational qualifications, essentially. There's a hand up: Joanna/Howard?
Howard Chaffey	1:16:27	This is a question for you on Club Growth. There's \$4,000 in it. Which is 4.6% against the maximum of 15. I thought Club Growth was one of our key drivers this year for the District. Is that enough?
James Hippolite	1:16:45	Good point. Marlene?
Marlene Krone	1:16:49	Well, we figured that would be... I was just following what was presented to me. In terms of our Club Growth plan, a lot of that is the soft licenses, for using media and that sort of thing. I'm not a marketer. I figured that that would be sufficient. We will work towards that.
Bruce Collis	1:17:19	Can I chip in slightly? I think there's sometimes cross-over between Marketing Outside Toastmasters and Club Growth as well. You would need to look at a couple of categories together. In terms of last year, there was very low club growth expenditures. So this is a... while it is still a modest amount, it's actually quite a step up compared to last year.
James Hippolite	1:17:48	We've got 2 people who have raised their hands. Yes, Craig Robinson.
Craig Robinson	1:17:53	Yes, I have a question. Sorry, getting a bit of feedback here. I have two devices in the room. Carry on with the next person while I fix this.

James Hippolite	1:18:19	Murray?
Murray Coutts	1:18:20	It's already been alluded to that a lot of clubs didn't claim some of the funding for club growth that was available to them. My suspicion is, that they didn't know about it, or it was too hard. Maybe either, or one of the two. My first question is: Last couple of years, it has been a Google document. I know, when I wanted to show it to a club, I actually had to complete 1 page before I could get to the next page. We used to have a paper version, which was a lot easier to show to a committee, to make a decision on, and then we'd go away and do the nice, funny Google thing. The other one is the clubs need to know about it. My question is: what are the plans from the District to actively promote that level of support to the clubs and make it easy for them to claim it?
Marlene Krone	1:19:41	Murray, as far as I'm aware we do have a... Are you talking about the application for marketing funds? From clubs that require it. We do have a hard copy that's available on the District website.
Murray Coutts	1:19:54	Alright. My main question is about how are we going to promote it to the clubs? I'm suggesting that there are a number of clubs who would have benefitted from it last year, didn't apply because they didn't know that support was available. Now, part of it is the role of the Area Directors. But it's probably something through the newsletter as well.
James Hippolite	1:20:26	Ok Murray. Wendy, are you wanting to respond to Murray?
Wendy Wickliffe	1:20:31	I do. Just a reminder, for your budget this year, you're bringing a Marketing budget down to the Divisions. Are you not, James?
James Hippolite	1:20:41	Yes
Wendy Wickliffe	1:20:43	So that's going to make it closer to the clubs. That's your strategy, was to get it out that way, was my impression.
James Hippolite	1:20:51	Yep.
Wendy Wickliffe	1:20:52	That make it easier for the Divisions to help their clubs without having to apply. Wasn't that what you were going to do?
James Hippolite	1:20:03	Yep. Yes, absolutely.
Wendy Wickliffe	1:20:06	That helps.
James Hippolite	1:20:07	Thank you. Craig, have you sorted out your sound?
Craig Robinson	1:20:13	Yes, sorry about that. Just before my question, which regard to the Public Relations or Marketing Outside Toastmasters, and for the other 305% of what we... well... half of what we allowed to use, basically, I realise that funds are not unlimited, as unlike the government, who can just go out and print money, but I have 2 clubs that are desperately in need of members. I know that when I visit them, I'm going to get a lot of flack about what is District doing to promote Toastmasters. What is that 4,300 (which is a minimal amount for a national organisation) going to be spent on?
James Hippolite	1:21:58	Boosting, advertising. Whoever asks first. Marketing is PRM and CGD together. If they have a campaign, and they have a budget, and we look at it, and they send us in the form on the District website which is for helping clubs to grow, then yes, first come first served.
Craig Robinson	1:22:41	So, there is no actual plan at this stage for a national advertising campaign of some kind?
Unknown	1:22:47	That is not what the Club Growth fund is for.
James Hippolite	1:22:50	Yeah. When we have done TV ads, [there was] minimal [results]. How is that going to help? Yes, national exposure, but eyes on screens is very difficult now. We don't have monolithic television anymore. PRM Kenneth Gustilo wants to respond to that.
Kenneth Gustilo	1:23:22	Hi Team! I just sent a survey, to understand the Public Relationship team: what they really need help at. The target setting. Also, the level of their confidence. I sent an email 2 days ago for the Division Directors, to alert their VPPR that I'll be sending survey. The survey hasn't been sent. If the VPPR team could answer that then I could fast-track how to structure what is needed.

James Hippolite	1:23:53	Cool. Thank you for that. Jobet, then we'll move on from this. Yes, Jobet?
Jobet Panton	1:24:03	Just to clarify regarding the discussion from our last DOT meeting: we can only be reimbursed for our own Division and Area Contests?
James Hippolite	1:24:25	Yes. As you can see, it's very limited. We've given Divisions discretion. I suspect they'll want to retain it for Division Conferences rather than Areas, but that's up to Division Directors. Cool, alright. We'll move on? Any further questions to this? Cool. If I could have the screen back, please, Bruce?
Marlene Krone	1:25:04	Actually, I wonder, District Director James, whether at this point, for our listeners, which Presidents and VPEs are involved. Just a reminder that clubs can apply for funding from the District. Some of that money is in that budget. The form is available. Please go ahead. Email me if you want to. Apply for some funding. We'll guide you if you're not so sure where to get the form. I just want to remind everyone again that you can apply for some funding from the District. Use the form that is available online.
James Hippolite	1:25:43	I've just put Club Growth Director's Marlene Krone's email into the chat. Alright, so, I ask the Finance Manager to move the motion.
Bruce Collis	1:25:54	I move that the District 112 budget, be adopted.
James Hippolite	1:25:59	Is there a seconder? I see that hand. Vice President Education, Botany, please give us your name.
Allan Chung	1:26:09	My name is Allan Chung.
James Hippolite	1:26:11	Thank you very much. Is there any opposition to this motion? This motion is adopted. Well done. 12. The District Director's report on the Toastmasters Convention. The District procedures require that I report on the recent International Convention. My report is published on the website. I do not wish to make any additional further comments at this late stage in the evening. Are there any questions? No-one even wants to know how it felt? It was great. It was very hard to come back. 35 degrees C. Auckland, especially, was having a battering that week, my kids were telling me, and we were loving it. Alright. I move that the District Director's report on the Toastmasters International Convention be adopted. Is there any opposition to this motion?
Murray Coutts	1:27:20	Is there a seconder?
James Hippolite	1:27:22	I don't have that in my script. Is it necessary? Okay, we'll put it in.
Marlene Krone	1:27:31	I'll second it.
James Hippolite	1:27:33	Thank you, Club Growth Director, Marlene Krone. Is there any opposition to this motion? The motion is adopted. The District Director's Report. This item includes all the reports from the Program Quality Director (PQD), the Club Growth Director (CGD), the Public Relations Manager (PRM), the Division Directors and the Immediate Past District Director, are deemed part of this report. These have been published on the website. I will ask each officer to give verbal updates to their reports and will accept questions to each officer. I am first. I have no verbal updates to my report. Are there any questions on my report? Program Quality Director, Richard Perkins: your updates.
Richard Perkins	1:28:30	Thank you, Mr District Director, James. My report has been published already. I would like to make one update to it. I'll keep it short for the sake of time. I sent an email to all Division Directors, all Area Directors and all Club Officers regarding our Welcoming message, our information about our District, and information about the possible Pathways choice, if they wish to go to the online Pathways Onboarding workshop. I would like to report that I received a number of emails (about 60 of them) 100% in favour of this. So I am going to continue with this, as usual. If anybody wishes me to make small adjustments to the letter (grammar, for example), I would gladly accept it, to make it as perfect as possible. I also want to mention to all Area Director and Division Directors – I can understand. I do not wish to put egg on your faces when someone comes to you and says "What do you know about the

		Onboarding Pathways Workshop”, and you don’t know about it. It is advisable for me to inform everybody like that (all District Officers) that we are doing it. I’m showing you respect, that I’m going to do so. So that you at least know about it before I do it. I will do it on around about the 20 <sup>th</sup> of each month, about 1 week before the onboarding Pathways workshop. I do wish to show all people respect. I thank you for the thumbs up, especially from the few that I especially wanted to see. I do respect that. I have no further updates. Any questions, I am happy to take them.
James Hippolite	1:30:02	Are there any questions for Program Quality Director Richard? No. There’s a love-heart from Jobet. Thank you, Jobet. Club Growth Director, Marlene Krone. Your updates.
Marlene Krone	1:30:18	Thank you, District Director James. I have the following updates to my report that has already been presented. I’m very happy to say that our District continues to grow. As of today, we have 235 new members to our District. We also have 1 additional club. Totalling, we have 137 clubs already. That club was Havelock North, which have brought themselves back into the fold. They’re back on online. They’re from R2. So, they’re back on deck. We need 871 more payments. We have 1,509 today. We need another 871 to meet our goal at the end of this month. My pledge tonight to Division Directors/Area Directors and all Club Officers, please do your best to get those payments in. We have 11 days left. That’s my update. Back to you Mr District Director.
James Hippolite	1:31:27	Those are exciting. There are congratulations in the chat. Are there any questions for Club Growth Director, Marlene? No questions. Public Relations Manager, Kenneth Gustilo
Kenneth Gustilo	1:31:41	Thank you, District Director. Good evening, fellow Toastmasters. Be kind to me, please. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facebook visits, we had 1,139</li> <li>• Post impressions, we got 2,499</li> <li>• Post reach, the highest is 2,460, for just only 3 days; and</li> <li>• Engagement is 115, that was from the first PRM journal.</li> </ul> Also, I did send a first survey. The survey is very important for the VPPR, to understand the level of their understanding/knowledge/confidence to use Social Media. What else to do they need? How we could help each other. Bounce back on DS on explore opportunities. I’m requesting all Division Directors, Area Directors, Vice Presidents of Education and Presidents of each club to help me encourage the VPPR to answer the survey. So we can create plan, create goal and execute! As of this moment, I sent it to 100 clubs. I only have 18 [responses]. That is within 24 hours already. I’m hoping I could have a strong data. I could present it to everyone, so that, if we will request for a budget, we know how to use the budget, effectively and efficiently. Aside from that, everyone will have understanding how we can promote our clubs. Any questions? Of course, none! Everyone understands. Thank you.
James Hippolite	1:33:27	Thank you, Public Relations Manager, Kenneth Gustilo. Immediate Past District Director, Wendy Wickliffe. Your updates.
Wendy Wickliffe	1:33:41	I have no verbal updates. It was a very successful District Awards evening. Thank you James, District Director.
James Hippolite	1:33:49	Yes, it was a very successful District Awards dinner on Saturday the 16 <sup>th</sup> of September at Waipuna. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I didn’t have to organise it. Thank you, Wendy, it was wonderful. I move that the officer’s reports be adopted. Is there a seconder? I see a new hand. President Jason Monson.
Jason Monson	1:34:15	Yes, President, Pohutukawa Coast Toastmasters.
James Hippolite	1:34:18	Thank you, Jason. Is there any opposition to this motion? The motion is adopted. Item 14. District Conference 2024. I ask Program Quality Director Richard to present a report on the Taupo District Conference 2024.

Richard Perkins	1:34:44	<p>Yes, we got the conference; I can't wait. Taupo Conference is going to be stunning. Lakes Conference Centre in Taupo. You are all welcome to come. It is not free, no. You're going to have to do your bit in that as well.</p> <p>However, this is going to be a conference that we haven't had for a while in Taupo. In fact, I can't even remember when last we had one. We tried it once. Covid came along and just, argh! Messed it up for all of us. Well, we're back. And you are invited. We want you there.</p> <p>If you want to find out more about the conference, there will be more details about this coming out soon. They will have their own Conference website to work with. Costs, Murray is working on that.</p> <p>I would like to recommend you take the early bird as soon as possible. That's what early bird means. It also means, that's the cheapest possible option you can have. Including everything that goes on in that conference. I want you there. I look forward to seeing you there. It's time for us to have a... back to a bit of fun, where we are together. It's in-person conference. I've already spoken to the weatherman. He's told me the weather will be brilliant. So, no problem. Come along. Enjoy us.</p> <p>One little option that you might need to think about. (Someone is telling me that I must speak slower.) One option to think about is, accommodation is a walk away. About 3 minutes' walk away, 4 minutes' walk away, 6 minutes' walk away. It's your call. So do a bit of research on that. I don't know if anybody else would like to add anything to that? Yes, looking forward to seeing you there!</p> <p>Back to you, Mr. District Director James.</p>
James Hippolite	1:36:19	Thank you, Richard. There is a question in the chat. "Is there a registration link?"
Murray Coutts	1:36:24	<p>May I add to that report? I am the treasurer. First of all, the dates are the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. First full weekend in May. We have 2 Early Bird options. There is no limit on the number of Early Bird registrations. Early Birds finish on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. If somebody hasn't paid by then, it's no longer an Early Bird registration. They are a Full Registration.</p> <p>We have a very special deal. We have an All Inclusive: we call it the Gold Early Bird, which is \$280. This is the Early Bird registration plus the lunches on Friday and Saturday plus the Dinner and Dance on the Saturday night. That is by far the best deal. You get a substantial discount. As opposed to waiting until after February and then paying for each thing individually. We're doing... What we are going to do is... there are currently, (and this may change when we know when the International Visitor is arriving, and whether we have them for the full day or not, because that's going to affect the programme) but the current intention is that we have three education breakout sessions. Each educational is repeated in all three. So essentially, we're looking to have probably four educationals. You will be able to attend three of them. Sort of, working through with that. Of course, we have the District Council, and we have the finals of all the contests. As far as accommodation goes, I'm working with Mike Diggins at the moment to put stuff on the website. We're unlikely to have a separate website for the conference. It will all be on the District website, to make it easy to find. One of the things on the website will be a listing of accommodation venues in Taupo, with the travel times between them and the Great Lakes. You will have to do your own negotiation regarding rates. Those are the main things. There will be more information coming out. There will be information available for the District Conferences.</p>
James Hippolite	1:38:59	<p>For those of you who may not have been to a District conference before, these are significant. In the past, we have had mayors open for us. That is a potential (I'm not saying it is a definite). The mayor of [Rotorua] (should be Taupo) may be present to open for us.</p> <p>Is there a registration page available as of right now, Murray?</p>
Murray Coutts	1:39:24	I believe it is already up on the website. If not, it will be within a few days. It is actually a link to a Google form, which is the Registration document.
James Hippolite	1:39:36	Ok, great. Someone can try and find that, Jobet or James? That would be great.
Murray Coutts	1:39:45	I have provided it to Mike a couple of days ago. Whether he has put it up yet, I don't know.

James Hippolite	1:39:52	Ok, cool. Thank you. Are there any further questions for Treasurer or Chair? Chair is Ben? So, you're speaking on behalf of the chair. Any further questions for the team? Yes, Alun.
Alun Chisholm	1:40:18	Just a quick one about the convention. The question was asked earlier whether or not we can tell the International Visitor to go away. The answer is no. We are required in procedure 11.5.5: "Districts must accept visits by Board members." So, the answer is no, we can't tell them to go away.
Joanna Perry	1:40:41	It doesn't say we have to spend money on them.
James Hippolite	1:40:44	Correct. We could either do it on the cheap, or potentially we could use them to earn money. I don't know. But we may not have them for the entire duration. We might have to share them with District 72.
Murray Coutts	1:41:01	If I could speak to that. Regarding the costs. Once we've broken even, which is only 130 registrations, and we're praying for 200, the additional cost for the conference of them attending is \$79.60. That's not a major cost. In the past, we've managed to persuade International Visitors to actually charge their accommodation to their TI Credit Card. We claimed poverty. We have that [option]. Realistically, the cost for them is not high, because we do everything we can to get TI to pay for as much of as possible.
Marlene Krone	1:42:19	We also look at billeting them, where possible. You're right Murray, we do everything we can to keep the cost down.
Murray Coutts	1:42:29	We haven't yet had the negotiation. We're looking at Suncorp Hotel as a recommended headquarters hotel. If we can get a group booking, and we fill the group booking, we could get a complimentary room. It would go to the International Visitor. That's still a work in progress.
James Hippolite	1:42:50	Thank you Murray. Toni, you had your hand up.
Toni Sharp, PDD	1:42:53	Three things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I know the cost at Suncorp were pretty extravagant. It wasn't one we were recommending last time, for accommodation.</li> <li>• However, when Lark Doley was with us in 2019, it did not cost the District anything. Her accommodation, etc. was all covered by TI.</li> <li>• The question I actually raised my hand for in the first instance [was] in relation to the Council meeting. Would that be in person or what format is that going to be held in, please?</li> </ul>
James Hippolite	1:43:26	The Council meeting will be hybrid. Those that are present at the Conference, will be in a room, and we'll have Zoom capabilities for other to dial in.
Toni Sharp	1:43:45	Excellent, thank you.
James Hippolite	1:43:47	Thank you, Toni. Yes, Murray? Did you want to add something? Thank you. Are there any further questions for the conference team? Great. 15. General Business. Motions on Notice. A) Speech Contests Format – in person or online? We received a letter from Toastmasters International, on the 25 <sup>th</sup> of July 2023, directing the District Executive to make a choice of the format of the speech contests to be either in-person, online or hybrid, for each level from Area to District. The District Executive has recommended that the speech contests at all levels, from Area to District should be held in a hybrid format. I call on Program Quality Director Richard to move the motion. We can have comments after that.
Richard Perkins	1:44:47	Thank you, Mr. District Director. I move that the speech contests for 2023/24 are to be conducted in the hybrid format, at the Area, Division and District level.
James Hippolite	1:45:17	Thank you. Is there a seconder? I see that hand, Vice President Education, Pacific, Stephen Budai. Program Quality Director, do you have any comments?
Richard Perkins	1:45:30	I do think this is a system where people who are in distant places can now take part in contests. It is great for them. We have international people. We're on Zoom. It's an opportunity for everybody to have a representation at a contest and to be able to

		attend a contest. So for the sake of the greater good, in spite of sometimes difficulties with Zoom, I certainly believe it's the right way to go.
James Hippolite	1:45:56	Ok. Those are your comments. Are there any questions? Yes, Neville.
Neville Isherwood, PRES, PN	1:46:07	Not so much about the type of contest to be held, there was discussion about how many contests we would be holding in the up-coming year. I believe the Trio at the time said that they would approach the clubs to see what they wanted. Were the clubs ever approached?
James Hippolite	1:46:37	Did we make that undertaking last year, for this year? Or, did we... I think that on 1 July we followed precedent and chose for... we were challenged. So, this year we could go to the clubs for them to make a decision for next year. That was the plan. Noone has asked them yet. But I take your point. That should be an action item in the minutes on the Program Quality Director this year, to send some kind of a survey, asking the clubs if they're happy to continue with the 4, or change the 4, or add a 5 <sup>th</sup> . The vote on 1 July was for the 4 to go forward for this year. Yes, Area Director K3, Murray Coutts.
Murray Coutts	1:47:43	The rules say that the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the District Executive has to decide on the format, from the motion from the new District Director. That did happen. I'm making the point, mainly to the Presidents and the VP-Eds who are here: essentially, it is the brand-new Area Directors who will make that decision, because they are the majority on the Exec. Really, give feedback to them, please, well before the 1 <sup>st</sup> of July, so they can reflect the views of your clubs. That's it.
James Hippolite	1:48:34	Thank you, Murray. Excellent points. Are there any further questions to the motion? If there are no more questions, is there any opposition to this motion? The motion is adopted. Well done. Now, from the agenda at the beginning, was there another General Business item added, Alun?
Alun Chisholm	1:49:15	Just checking... No, it was only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ratification of the minutes; and</li> <li>• Hybrid; and</li> <li>• Murray's motions</li> </ul> Were the only 3 that were added. And we've covered all of them.
James Hippolite	1:49:29	Perfect. Yes, Murray?
Murray Coutts	1:49:36	Nobody here has been brave enough to object to something, so we can test out your new-fangled voting system.
James Hippolite	1:49:45	Oh! Hey! I tell you what. Let me just briefly... We are at the end, people. Let me just share screen and show you the result of the poll on whether we should have hot chocolate. This is it. Can you see my screen? The question was opened. Here are all of the motions that could have been opened. The only open question is "That at all District events, hot chocolate will be served." I will now close the motion: 3, 2, 1. The motion is now closed. Now I can look at the results of the motion. Motion 1: That at all District events, hot chocolate will be served. There were 86 votes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, 68%.</li> <li>• 7 votes no. 5%</li> <li>• 6 votes abstained; and</li> <li>• 27 of you didn't bother to vote at all.</li> </ul> The motion would have been carried if it was real. So, that how we would have voted on any of the motions if any of them had been contested. So, thank you for that opportunity to explain that, Murray.
Murray Coutts	1:51:04	Could I also just make a suggestion? If you attend the in-person Council in May, it means you're sitting in the room. You know what's going on, and you only have to use your phone or your tablet or laptop to do the voting. You don't have to move



		between this Zoom account and the other one. That is a really good reason to attend the conference in person.
James Hippolite	1:51:34	<p>That's a really good point. Yes! Come in person, and you only need your hand-held device to vote. You don't need to be on Zoom.</p> <p>As there is no further General Business, we will move on to Item 13: Close.</p> <p>This has been a wonderful meeting. It's gone on a little bit longer than I would have liked. I was aiming for 8:30pm. It's 8:53.</p> <p>The next meeting of the District Council will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024, in Taupo.</p> <p>The time is now 8:53pm, and I declare the meeting closed.</p>