

Minutes of the District 112 Executive Committee

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1	Call to order and Welcome
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District Director (DD) James advised that this meeting was being recorded.

DD James extended a warm welcome to all present for the second to last Executive meeting for the year. He drew attention to his virtual background highlighting the quote from Ralph C Smedley "*We learn best during times of enjoyment*" which is in direct alignment with his vision for District this year.

The official charter of the first new D112 club was announced with congratulations extended to Club Growth Director (CGD) Marlene Krone and her team for their efforts.

DD James noted the change in name of the monthly "Pathways on-boarding workshops" to "New Member Orientation workshops" which all were welcome to attend.

The final COT for Round 2 was to take place the day following this meeting.

On 23rd February 2024 a Town Hall gathering is being held. Everyone is invited to attend and bring marketing ideas that may well be approved on the spot. There will also be a Guest Speaker with the topic of "*Insights to winning the International Speech Contest*".

Finally, DD James informed all of the exciting news that International President Morag Mathieson will be attending the 2024 Taupo Conference. All were encouraged to register for this event.

Administration Manager (AM) Toni

Notice is hereby given of the Virtual District 112 District Executive Meeting to be held on Monday 12th February 2024 commencing at 7:00 pm

DD James reminded all present of District Meeting Procedures.

Confirmed the Zoom and Chat Master was Jobet Panton

2	Confirmation of Quorum
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District Parliamentarian (DP) Alun

The Executive currently has **6** senior officers, **8** Division Directors and **29** Area Directors making a total of **43** members.

A quorum is therefore **22** members.

DD James, as there are **23** voting members present, I confirm that you do have a quorum.

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3 District Mission Statement

Program Quality Director (PQD) Richard

“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence”.

4 Speaking Rights

DD James confirmed all District Officers have speaking and voting rights.

Speaking rights only were extended to the following attendees:

- Alun Chisholm, DTM, PDG as District Parliamentarian
- District Webmaster, Mike Diggins, DTM
- District Trainer, Amy Overington, DTM
- District Extension Chair, Aroha Heene, DTM
- District Retention Chair, John DiLeo, DTM
- District Quality Chair, PDD Neil Stitchbury, DTM

5 Apologies

AM Toni confirmed apologies were received from:

- Area L1 Director James Edly
- Area R3 Director Craig Robinson
- Area N5 Director Tim Muhundan
- Division P Director Clarence Tong

“That the apologies be accepted”

Moved: Area K3 Director Murray Coutts

DD James: The motion is adopted.

6 Confirmation of Agenda

There were no extra items added.

“That the agenda be adopted”

Moved: Area P4 Director Jobet Panton
Seconded: PQD Richard Perkins

DD James: The motion is adopted.

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7 Confirmation of the Minutes

Several spelling errors and one grammatical error were highlighted requiring the minutes to be updated and republished.

1. CGD Marlene Krone - Under item 15 asked for the spelling of her name to be corrected.
2. DP Alun Chisholm - under Item 15 there is a club that is close to chattering, needs to be correction to chartering.
3. Division M Director Joanna Perry - under Item 6 Speaking Rights, there is a full stop misplaced that requires correction.

“That the minutes of the District Executive Meeting held on Saturday 18th November 2023 as corrected are a true and correct record”

Moved: Area P3 Director Craig Holz

Seconded: Area O3 Director Cameron Phillips

DD James: The motion is adopted.

There were no matters arising.

8 Correspondence

DD James advised that there were no items of correspondence to be brought before the committee.

9 District Officer Appointments / Resignations

9.1 Officer Resignations received:

- Stacey Marris, Area Director M2
- Barry Shaw, Area Director O2
- Ben Ross, District Administration Manager

9.2 Confirmation of District Officer Appointments:

- Margot Burton, Area Director M2
- Toni Sharp, District Administration Manager

“That the District Executive Committee approves the appointments as listed.”

Moved: District Director James Hippolite

Seconded: Club Growth Director Marlene Krone

DD James: The motion is adopted.

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10. District Conference Taupo 2024

10.1 Confirmation of Registration Terms

AM Toni advised that due to slow registrations to date, it is the recommendation of the Taupo 2024 Conference Committee, as published, be extended until the 29th February 2024.

Some discussion began at this point and Area K3 Director Murray Coutts raised a Point of Order. That the motion needs to be moved and seconded before it is open to discussion.

Moved: Administration Manager Toni Sharp

Seconded: Area K3 Director Murray Coutts

The motion was then formally open for discussion.

DP Alun noted that the date extension was already published on the District website.

As Conference Chair, Toni explained that the original early-bird pricing concluded on the 31st January 2024 and in anticipation of the DEC approving the time extension the published updates were made. It was clarified that the dates would revert back to the original dates if the DEC did not approve the extension.

District Retention Chair, John DiLeo asked how registration numbers were looking at this stage. It was confirmed that there were 67 registrations to date with 82% of these being fully paid.

Area M1 Director Cliff Hall asked if we had reached the break-even point yet and it was confirmed that we are still approximately 60 registrations short.

Area K3 Director Murray Coutts highlighted a Facebook post he has recently seen that indicated Conference registrations could be made on the day. Given catering requirements this is not acceptable.

However, should anyone choose to register on the day they would need to pay in cash for the correct amount as no change will be on hand.

“That the early-bird period for the Taupo Conference and the associated early-bird payment in full date, be extended to 29th February 2024”

Moved: Administration Manager Toni Sharp

Seconded: Area L4 Director Rob Wightman

DD James: The motion is adopted.

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10.2 (a) Confirmation of Programme

AM Toni advised that based on the recommendation of the Taupo Conference committee, as published, we would like to recommend that the programme be accepted.

Discussion followed:

Division N Director Joanna Perry disagreed with the Sunday timing given the late finish with no lunch break.

PQD Richard Perkins and others agreed with this.

Area K3 Director Murray Coutts acknowledged responsibility for the programme and offered two possible alternatives.

1. Insert a 45-minute lunch break at the cost to attendees of \$35.00 – this option would also extend the finish time of conference and incur an extra rental fee from the venue that District would be responsible for paying.
2. Move the morning tea session back to 11:35 am and add an extra food item which would incur an extra cost of \$7.00.

Division N Director Joanna Perry indicated the moving of morning tea was an acceptable option.

DP Alun Chisholm also preferred the moving of morning tea to ensure the timing of the International Speech Contest was not delayed.

The following amendment to the motion was proposed:

“That the Taupo Conference programme for Sunday be amended by:

- (i) shifting morning tea to immediately before the International Speech contest,**
- (ii) increasing the time for morning tea to 30 minutes and**
- (iii) adding a third food option”.**

Moved: Area K3 Director Murray Coutts

Seconded: Area M1 Director Cliff Hall

DD James: The amendment to the motion is accepted.

“That the Conference Programme as amended be adopted”

Moved: Administration Manager Toni Sharp

Seconded: Division M Director Howard Chaffy

DD James: The motion is adopted.

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10.2 (b) Confirmation of Presenters

AM Toni advised that the Taupo Conference Committee recommends the presenters as listed:

Area K3 Director Murray Coutts expanded on the presenters.

Division N Director Joanna Perry sought clarification of who some of the workshop presenters were.

As Conference Chair Toni Sharp confirmed that Johnny Quinn is a Toastmaster from Queenstown who is a renowned International speaker.

Rachel Gregory was highly recommended by Conference Committee member Kevin Prohl however none of the Conference committee present at the DEC were able to expand on Rachel any further. More definitive information will be forthcoming.

PQD Richard explained that Louise Grevel was CEO of Neighbourhood Support, was his boss, and Murray confirmed she would be presenting at two workshops only basing her presentation on leading volunteers.

Area K3 Director Murray Coutts expanded on the Panel discussion indicating he will be moderator for this and the panelists will be selected in conjunction with CGD Marlene.

Discussion took place around the 20-minute speaker slot still requiring fulfillment. This presenter needs to have experience in the higher Path levels across a variety of Paths, they are also requested to be a polished presenter.

PQD Richard Perkins asked that any potential presenters be checked with the DLC to ensure there are no crossovers.

CGD Marlene Krone noted that, if necessary, we could always look to another District for a presenter.

James initially agreed to fill this position however a caution from Area M2 Director Margot Burton re him not over-committing his time was raised.

Area K3 Director Murray Coutts made a reference motion for the unlisted Speaker 2B

“That the selection of the speaker position for the Communications Workshop 2B is referred back to the Conference Committee”

Moved: Area K3 Director Murray Coutts
Seconded: Area P3 Director Craig Holz

DD James: The motion is adopted.

The meeting continued with the original motion

“That the presenters of educational sessions, as amended, be approved”

Moved: Administration Manager Toni Sharp
Seconded: District Director James Hippolite

DD James: The motion is adopted.

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11	Any other Business
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11.1 General Business

DD James advised there was no General Business to be brought to this DEC.

11.2 Other General Business, introduced at the start of the meeting

DD James advised that no other items of General Business were introduced to the DEC.

11.3 Close

DD James advised that the next meeting of the District 112 Executive Committee will be held on Friday 3rd May 2024 in Taupo beginning at 9:30am

DD James declared the meeting closed at 7:54pm.

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ATTENDANCE LIST:

- DD James Hippolite
- PQD Richard Perkins
- CGD Marlene Krone
- AM Toni Sharp
- FM Bruce Collis
- IPDD Wendy Wickliffe

- Div K Marcus Bristol
- Div L Elizabeth Viljoen
- Div M Howard Chaffey
- Div N Joanna Perry
- Div O Mark Tweedale
- Div Q Suresh Paleti

- K1 Gavin Lamb
- K3 Murray Coutts
- K4 Helen Madden
- L2 Natalia Ortega
- L3 Nick Woods
- L4 Rob Wightman
- M1 Clifford Hall
- M2 Margot Burton
- M3 Lukshmi Ranasinghe
- M5 Simon Weaver
- N3 Dean Ching Yee
- O3 Cameron Phillips
- O5 Derek Hiscoke
- P1 Tracy Bovett
- P2 Helen Ivess
- P3 Craig Holz
- P4 Jobet Panton
- Q2 William Walker
- R1 Kim Baxter

Others IN ATTENDANCE:

- Alun Chisholm, DTM, PDG as District Parliamentarian
- District Webmaster, Mike Diggins, DTM
- District Trainer, Amy Overington, DTM
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