



District 112 Annual Council Meeting
Saturday 4th May 2024
Commencing at 1.00 pm

1. Meeting opened at 1:03pm

Administration Manager Toni Sharp read out the Notice of Meeting.

District Director James Hippolite warmly welcomed all present, extending a special welcome to our International President Morag Mathieson and her husband David.

He expanded on the theme of our conference as part of this welcome confirming some of the events that were still to take place and congratulated all those members who had registered awards in the current Toastmaster year.

DD James Hippolite confirmed this meeting was being recorded.

DD James Hippolite confirmed the Officials for this meeting were:

- Presiding Officer James Hippolite, DTM as District Director
- District Parliamentarian Alun Chisholm, DTM PDG
- Zoom & Chat Master Zoom Team
- Ballot Counters Amy Overington, DTM, Alun Chisholm, DTM PDG
- Timer Rob Wightman, DTM

DD James Hippolite confirmed the procedures for the District Hybrid meeting.

2. District Mission Statement

Program Quality Director (PQD) Richard Perkins read the District Mission Statement

3. Quorum

A quorum for a Virtual District Council Meeting is one third of the Club Presidents and Vice-Presidents Education. The District currently has 113 clubs in good standing, making 226 votes. One third of this is 76 votes.

There were 81 Club Presidents, and Vice-Presidents Education registered with votes present, we **do have a quorum**.

There were 25 District Officers registered. The total number of votes was 106.

4. Speaking rights.

District Director James Hippolite Confirmed the speaking rights, inviting all toastmasters present to attend the meeting

He extended speaking rights only to:

- International President Morag Mathieson
- Past International President John Fauvel
- All past District Directors and Governors
- Current D112 Field Officers

5. Voting rights.

District Director James Hippolite Confirmed the voting rights

6. In Memorium.

PDG Joan Hook was invited to speak in memory of Past District Governor, and TI Presidential Citation recipient, Laurel Francis, DTM PDDG.

Past District Officers Jenny Murphy and Helen Gaensicke were also remembered.

A moment of silence was held.

7. Apologies.

AM Toni Sharp confirmed the following apologies were received:

- A M Toastmasters Club
- Academic
- Achieve Toastmasters
- Botany Toastmasters
- Hamilton Central Essential Toastmasters Club
- Ma Runga Waka
- Ngamotu Breakfast Toastmasters Club
- Pohutukawa Coast Toastmasters Club
- Rotorua Toastmasters Club
- Stratford Toastmasters
- Thames Toastmasters
- Three Kings Club
- Uptown Lunchtime Toastmasters
- Waiheke Island
- Area K4 Director, Helen Madden
- Area O3 Director, Cameron Phillips
- Area Q2 Director, Willy Walker

MCBC VPE Victor Huang was added to this list along with Dinsdale President Melanie Coleman.

“That the apologies be accepted”

Moved: AM Toni Sharp DTM QSM

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

8. Confirmation of Agenda

DD James Hippolite added one Item to Item 21 around Future Conferences to vote for the 2026 Conference

“That the amended agenda be adopted”

**Moved: Area Director P4 Jobet Panton
Seconded: President Taupo Toastmasters Scott Howell**

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

9. Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Semi-Annual District Council meeting held on 22nd September 2023, as circulated are a true and correct record”.

**Moved: AM Toni Sharp DTM QSM
Seconded: Area Director K3 Murray Coutts DTM PDDD**

There being no opposition - the motion was **adopted**.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters Arising from the Minutes

DD James Hippolite confirmed the recording of the Semi-annual Council meeting held on 22nd September 2023 would be deleted.

11. Correspondence .

There were no items of correspondence to bring before the District Council

12. Confirmation of Officer Appointments.

Since the Semi-Annual District Council meeting held on 22nd September 2023 there have been two appointments:

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

"That the District Council approves the appointments as listed"

**Moved: Division O Director Mark Tweedale
Seconded: Club Growth Director Marlene Krone**

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

13. District Audit Report for the period July 2023 – December 2023.

Finance Manager (FM) Bruce Collis explained the incorrect report had initially been published and that this had been updated to an Audit Certificate document to meet with TI requirements.

There are three figures on this report:

Monthly Net Income/(Loss)	-\$1,054.82
Year to Date Net surplus	\$8,667.99
Total Available Funds	\$131,309.25

Bruce acknowledge the work of the Audit team chaired by Grant Pepper.

"That the report of the half yearly District Audit be adopted"

Moved: Finance Manager Bruce Collis
Seconded: President MCBC Fiona Hippolite

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

14. District Financial Statement for the period 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023.

FM Bruce Collis presented the report as published.

**"That the financial statement for the period
1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023 be Adopted"**.

Moved: Finance Manager Bruce Collis
Seconded: Immediate Past District Director (IPDD) Wendy Wickliffe

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

15. District Profit & Loss Report for period 1st July 2023 to 31st March 2024

DD James Hippolite confirmed this report was presented for information only and was not to be approved at this time.

AD K3 Murray Coutts raised a point of order, that this report be deferred to the District Executive to be approved.

**"That The D112 Profit and Loss report is referred back
to the District Executive Committee for approval"**.

Moved: Area Director K3 Murray Coutts DTM, PDDG
Seconded: Division N Director Joanna Perry

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

16. Reports

16.1 District Director's Report

DD James Hippolite presented his report with verbal updates since publishing of the April reports.

D112 has dropped 28 clubs from 140 to 112. There was hope of more new clubs coming through however some of these have not come to fruition. The increase in subs has been attributed to closure of some Advanced clubs who were made up of dual members.

16.2 Program Quality Director's Report

PQD Richard Perkins presented his report with no verbal updates.

16.3 Club Growth Director's Report

CGD Marlene Krone presented her report with verbal updates.

We have 57 days to reach the District goal of 140 clubs
and we need 370 more membership payments to achieve this goal.

We currently have 29 of the 56 required clubs that are distinguished to also meet the District goal.

Since January 2024 two clubs have chartered:

- Waikorero
- TWG Verbal Voyagers

One club NZ Police is scheduled to charter this month and there are two more hot leads in the system, Xero and Genesis.

Five clubs are recipients of the “Talk Up Toastmasters” award

- Palmerston North
- Mt Albert
- Spark Speakers
- MCBC
- West Harbour

“Beat The Clock” challenge is now active running from 1st May – 30th June 2024.

AD O2 Barry Shaw queried how 50 clubs had been acknowledge at the end of December in the 5-goal project, however these clubs were not showing as distinguished. It was confirmed this project was to encourage members/clubs to strive to complete DCP goals however the distinguished status still requires membership goals to be achieved in alignment with TI guidelines.

AD P4 Jobet Panton sought clarification of the “Talk Up Toastmasters” promotion. It was confirmed this was a TI incentive and that the current promotion is “Beat The Clock”.

Past International President (PIP) John Fauvel commented he had seen the enormous trajectory of International collateral and how it feeds down to Districts and Clubs. He had also been witness to the enormous amount of over-enthusiasm in trying to reach goals of Distinguished, Select and Presidents Distinguished Districts.

He was very well aware that this can come at a cost to Districts.

He reminded all that the ultimate goal of the in-coming District Director and team is to set the goal to leave District in a better condition at the end of the TM year, than what it is when the year starts on 1st July.

PIP John Fauvel reminded all that we need to ensure new members are well supported when they come into our clubs, and he warned us not to get too excited by accolades.

16.4 District Public Relations Managers Report

As the report was not published in time it was necessary to vote to receive it.

"That the Public Relations Manager's report be received"

Moved: Lake City Breakfast VPE Jennie Perkins
Seconded: Division Q Suresh Paleti

Kenneth presented her report with the following details:

We have 618 followers on LinkedIn, Facebook page has 1100 followers and there is a stringent focus on building the District online presence through meaningful conversations and ensuring the D112 marketing efforts count.

16.5 Immediate Past District Directors Report

PD Wendy presented her report with no verbal updates.

16.6 Consideration of the Reports

“That the reports of the Trio, the Public Relations Manager and the Immediate Past District Director be adopted”

**Moved: Pacific Toastmasters VPE Stephen Budai
Seconded: AD M1 Cliff Hall**

DD James reiterated the encouragement of PIP John Fauvel, that we don't rush to take on new members that we are not able to fully support.

There being no further comment or opposition the motion was **adopted**.

17. District Structure for the 2024 – 2025 Toastmasters Year

The Alignment Report was not published on time, and required to be received before opening for discussion.

"That the District Alignment Committee Report, as amended, to include Hamilton Central Essentials Club in Area p4, be received"

**Moved: Division R Jan Stroup
Seconded: AD R3 Craig Robinson**

There being no opposition the motion was **received**.

DD James confirmed the main alignment changes were in Divisions N and P, resulting in the loss of one Area in Division P. James highlighted the changes for all present.

DD James also acknowledge the work done by PQD Richard Perkins with club allocations on Google maps. This creates a visual of groupings of clubs within specific areas.

DD James opened the floor for discussion. This focused mostly on clarification of some clubs under the new proposed alignment however nothing was challenged. It was confirmed the proposed changes would take place as from 1st July 2024.

"That the changes in the assignment of clubs to Areas and Divisions, for the following year, as proposed by the District Alignment Committee, and as recommended by the District Executive Committee, be adopted."

**Moved: Silver Service Pres Erica Richardson
Seconded: Ellerslie Sunrise VPE Glen Irving**

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

18. Elections

2024 – 2025 District Director – Richard Perkins, DTM

There being only one candidate for this role, the District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot to confirm the position.

DD James congratulated Richard Perkins on his election.

2024 – 2025 Program Quality Director – Marlene Krone, DTM

There being only one candidate for this role, the District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot to confirm the position.

DD James congratulated Marlene Krone on her election

2024 – 2025 Club Growth Director – Mark Tweedale

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Division Director Elections

There were nominations for Divisions K, O and R.

There being only one candidate for each of these Divisions the District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot to confirm the positions.

DD James congratulated:

- Helen Madden as Division K Director
- Sandeep Kinge, DTM as Division O Director
- Meegan Herewini as Division R Director

There were no floor candidates.

19.2024 to 2025 Appointed District Officers

DD James invited DD Elect Richard Perkins to confirm his appointed positions for the Top Table and Area Director roles.

- District Administration Manager Toni Sharp QSM, DTM
- District Finance Manager Warrick Brooks
- District Public Relations Manager - Vacant

Area Directors:

- Area K3 Sonley Johnstone, DTM
- Area I1 Beryl Bourhill, DTM
- Area N2 Jerry Jacob
- Area N3 Dan Winwood
- Area O2 Steven Cui
- Area O3 Ravikeerti Patil
- Area O4 Victor Huang
- Area O5 Yen Cheung
- Area P1 Tracy Bovett, DTM
- Area P2 Helen Ivess
- Area Q3 Paul Jacobs

“That the appointments as listed be adopted”

**Moved: AD L1 James Edley
Seconded: MCBC Pres Fiona Hippolite**

There being no opposition the motion was **adopted**.

PIP John Fauvel, DTM highlighted the opportunities that had flowed for him during his years as a District Officer and encouraged those thinking about taking a District Officer role on board to “just do it!” He iterated that you don’t know what doors of opportunity will open if you don’t take the opportunity for learning on board when it arises.

DD James invited DD Elect Richard to introduce his appointed Field Officers.

- District Parliamentarian: Murray Coutts, DTM PDDG
- District Logistics Manager: John (BJ) O’Leary, DTM
- District Web Master: Mike Diggins, DTM
- District Training Chair: Amy Overington, DTM
- District Contest Consultant: Alun Chisholm, DTM PDG
- District Extension Chair: Aroha Heene, DTM
- Quality Club Chair: PDD Neil Stichbury, DTM

20. General Business

There was no general business.

21. Future District Conferences

PQD Richard announced a bid had been received from Three Kings Club for the 2026 Conference to be held in Auckland at Waipuna with Kevin Prohl, DTM as chair.

“That the bid for Auckland 2026 be accepted.”

**Moved: AD K3 Murray Coutts
Seconded: Division R Jan Stroup**

There being no opposition to the Auckland bid it was **accepted**.

PQD Richard confirmed the next District Conference was being held at the Novatel Rotorua from 16 – 18 May 2025. The 2025 conference is to be promoted as part of the closing ceremony.

22. Final Comments and Valedictory

This being the last meeting for IPDD Wendy Wickliffe, DTM, before falling off the end of the Top Table, Wendy was called on to present her Valedictory address which was focused on her journey over the last four years.

DD James sincerely thanked Wendy for her service over these years.

23. Close

DD James thanked and acknowledged his team and confirmed the next District 112 Council meeting will be the Virtual Semi-Annual Council meeting to be held on the evening of 20th September 2024.

The meeting was declared closed at 2:38 pm.

Appendix 1 - ATTENDANCE REGISTER

DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Director		James	Hippolite
Program Quality Director		Richard	Perkins
Club Growth Director		Marlene	Krone
Immediate Past District Director		Wendy	Wickliffe
Public Relations Manager		Kenneth	Gustilo
Administration Manager		Antonia	Sharp
Finance Manager		Bruce	Collis
District Parliamentarian		Alun	Chisholm

Division Director	K	Marcus	Bristol
Division Director	L	Elizabeth	Viljoen
Division Director	M	Howard	Chaffey
Division Director	N	Joanna	Perry
Division Director	O	Mark	Tweeddale
Division Director	Q	Suresh	Paleti
Division Director	R	Jan	Stroup

Area Director	K1	Gavin	Lamb
Area Director	K3	Murray	Coutts
Area Director	L1	James	Edley
Area Director	L2	Natalia	Ortega
Area Director	L3	Nick	Woods
Area Director	L4	Rob	Wightman
Area Director	M1	Clifford	Hall
Area Director	N3	Dean Ching	Yee
Area Director	N5	Tim	Muhundan
Area Director	O2	Barry	Shaw
Area Director	O5	Derek	Hiscoke
Area Director	P1	Tracy	Bovett
Area Director	P2	Helen	Ivess
Area Director	P3	Craig	Holz
Area Director	P4	Jobet	Panton
Area Director	R1	Kim	Baxter
Area Director	R3	Craig	Robinson

CLUBS

Bay of Islands
Northern Impromptu
Whangarei
Silverdale-Orewa
Albany
Eco City Waitakere
Northwest
West Harbour
Birkenhead
One Hour
Auckland Advanced
Devonport Esplanade
Milford

Review
Takapuna Midday
M.A.R.C.
Flying Start
Morning Toast
Maungakiekie
Ernst & Young Achieving Potential
Auckland
Spark Speakers
Kings Speech
Talking Heads
Datacom
Silver Service
Ellerslie Sunrise
Harrison Road
Meadowbank
Good Vibes
Pakuranga
Pohutukawa Coast
Manurewa T.A.L.K.
MCBC
MITe Speakers
Pacific
Franklin
Karaka
Papakura
Nga Manu Reo
Bell Block
New Plymouth
Dinsdale
Te Awamutu
Hamilton Central Essential
First Impressions
Wired For Sound
Arawa
Taupo
Lake City Breakfast
Katikati
Tauranga
DRI Remark
PN Advanced
Napier

After the meeting it was determined that a number of apologies had been registered on the voting platform that had not been relayed to the Admin Manager. These clubs were:

Dawn Shakers
Flying Start
Glenfield
Hibiscus Coast
Kickstart