

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Spinnaker Toastmasters Club No 7868

held at St Andrews Parish Centre, Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 8.20 pm

1. **Opening remarks** - Darrell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Quorum achieved 16 members present.

Attendees: Darrell Phillips(President), Katina Beauchamp, Ron and Jacqui Blackwell, Dave Cook, Peter Gibbs, Mazina Jalal, Vicky Jecks, Megan Kloppenburg, Shannon Lynds, Frances Martin, Karinna McDonald, Kathy Murphy, Gary Nicholson, Susan Finlay, (Secretary/Treasurer) Rob Waanders

Guest: Chalaka Salpadoru – Area director

2. **Apologies** Mike Brooker, Albertus Viljoen, Dale Hartle, Gerry Twist

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held 17 May 2016 were taken as read and approved.

MOVED: Susan Finlay, SECONDED: Megan Kloppenburg. MOTION CARRIED

4. **Matters arising from Minutes** No matters arising.

5. **Correspondence In/Out -** None

6. **Matters arising from Correspondence -** None

7. **President's Report**

President Darrell read his report

- Good growth in Membership
- Congratulations to Gary and Albertus who competed in area and division contests
- Thanks to those club members Dale, Gary, Megan, Francis, Mike and Darrell who acted as competition judges for other clubs.
- We should achieve Select Distinguished Club status this year.

MOTION: That the president's report be accepted

MOVED: Ron Blackwell, SECONDED: Frances Martin MOTION CARRIED

8. **Discussion/Business arising from President's Report.**

Sue Finlay thanked the president for his wonderful year of leadership and our now thriving club.

9. **Treasurer's Report to 30 April May 2016**

Sue presented the interim financial report to 1 May 2017 - the club is in a similar financial position to last year and even though there has been a steep rise in TI fees we can still maintain club fees at \$90.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be received

MOVED: Ron Blackwell SECONDED: Kathy Murphy MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion/Business Arising from Treasurer's Report

Consideration may need to be given to raising our subscriptions at the next annual business meeting in May 2018 (or earlier if necessary by Special General Meeting) if club funds should begin to diminish through rises in rent and/or the exchange rate.

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10. Election of Office Bearers

President Darrell led the nomination of officers saying that he was extremely pleased that there were 3 new volunteers for office. There were no further nominations from the floor.

1. President – Megan Kloppenburg
2. Vice President Education – Dale Hartle
3. Vice President Membership – Katina Beauchamp
4. Vice President Public Relations – Mike Brooker
5. Secretary – Suresh Sanadeera (and assistant treasurer)
6. Treasurer – Sue Finlay
7. Sergeant at Arms – Albertus Viljoen

MOTION: to accept the nominations received and presented

MOVED: Ron Blackwell, SECONDED: Kathy Murphy MOTION CARRIED

12. General Business

Jacqui and Darrell will continue to give their support to the committee.

Megan discussed how excited her children were at the prospect of their mother being 'president'. – and their disappointment when they found out that it was only of the Spinnaker Toastmasters...

She added that she is looking forward to the year ahead and thankful for the support of the club.

13. Meeting closed 8.40 pm

President's Report 2016/17

By Darrell Phillips ACG 16 May 2017

2016/17 has been a good year for the club on a number of levels.

We have experienced growth in numbers, depth in performance, success in our goals and, above all, the pleasure of each other's company.

Membership growth

On the back of hard work in the 2015/16 year and early 2016/17 term we were rewarded with a growth spurt in the early part of 2017. As a result the club count is now 21 members, up from 13 last year.

Already our newbies are bringing their new voices to our meetings, invigorating and enthusing the entire membership.

While we have experienced pleasing growth we will continue to explore ways to get more visitors thru our doors. There is no silver bullet simply a need to keep ourselves in the public eye via our

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website, Neighbourly, and other social media (old like supermarket noticeboards and the new being explored by an Area initiative).

The Toastmaster Stage

The club has been well represented in the national competitions and on the Toastmaster International scene.

Gary Nicolson - went all the way to the District Table Topic finals as Division J champion

Albertus Viljoen – is our 2016/17 International Speech and Humorous Speech champion, going on to take 2nd place in the Area J International Speech contest.

Darrell Philips – was our club Evaluation contest champion. Darrell was also fortunate to have a piece on judging published in the November 2016 edition of Toastmaster magazine.

DCP Status

Thanks to our improved member count the club is this year eligible to receive a DCP award resulting from goals met during the term. As at the time of this report we have achieved Distinguished status and only one goal away from Select Distinguished status, which we should achieve before the end

Club interaction

The club has continued to interact with other clubs and organisations over the year.

Dale, Gary, Megan, Francis, Mike and Darrell judged speech contests at fellow clubs or Area level.

Dale, Darrell and Gary helped Rotary as judges for their Special Needs and Porirua Secondary Schools speech contests.

Annual Awards

The club's silverware awards for 2016 were presented to-

Most Improved Speaker – Dave Cook

George Nicholson Trophy – Albertus Viljoen

Knight Award – Mike Booker

Toastmaster of the Year – Gary Nicholson

2017/18 Challenges

It is important we allow our new members every opportunity to flourish over the next year and that senior members do everything to mentor their progress.

We need to ensure we keep the club firmly in the public eye and bring in a steady trickle of new members to the fold.

We need to foster more interaction with our fellow clubs – exchange visits, guest speaker/evaluator to or from them.

It has been a privilege to preside over the club during 2016/17 and a comfort to know it will be in good hands for 2017/18.

I can't wait to hear what you all have to say. *Darrell Phillips*

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VP EDUCATION REPORT

By Dale Hartle, 1 May 2017

Educational goals achieved:

1 Competent Communicator

1 Advanced Communicator

1 Leadership Award

We need to obtain by 30 June:

1 more competent communicator

1 more advanced communicator

1 more Leadership award

Potential achievers:

Jacqui Blackwell – Advanced Communicator Bronze

Megan Kloppenburg - Competent Leader

Other educational activities:

We recently held a successful Speechathon with 7 speeches.

Our club contests were keenly contested with our winners competing at Area, Division and District level.

Club officers have attended District-sponsored training.

All of our new members (except Daniel) have delivered their Icebreaker speech.

Darrell Phillips had an article printed in The Toastmaster Magazine November 2016 edition.

We held an open meeting on 1 November to celebrate Toastmasters Week, with 4 mini-educationals.

Forward Programme:

This continues to be on a fortnightly basis, with a club email announcing the roles scheduled and the chairperson. Each meeting has a topical theme, which is sometimes carried through with table topics.

Future planned events include a “back-to-front” meeting, and a “pot luck” meeting. Visits to other clubs are always possible if members would like to do a speech at another club, and we always invite our other J4 clubs and Area Director to our special events.

Educationals have been presented by Rob Waanders – on “Planning and Preparing a Speech”, and “How to get ideas for a speech”.