# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL Business MEETING Spinnaker Toastmasters Club No 7868 held at St Andrews Parish Centre, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 8.35 pm

1. **Opening remarks** - Albertus welcomed everyone to the meeting. Quorum achieved 11 members present, of current paid up 16.

#### Attendees:

Albertus Viljoen (President), Megan Kloppenburg, Angela Randall, Darrell Phillips, Kathleen Murphy, Katina Beauchamp, Jacqueline Blackwell, Ronald Blackwell, Tomoyo Gibson, Paul Daniels, Sarah Wood

2. Apologies/absent Dale Hartle, Gary Nicholson, Peter Gibbs, Linda Chamberlain, Dave Cook

## 3. Minutes of the last Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held 15 May 2018 were taken as read and approved. MOVED: Ronald Blackwell 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 Albertus read his report

This has been guite an interesting year for Spinnaker Toastmasters Club.

Not only have we lost, but also gained members, we've also seen <u>committee members</u> resign and replaced.

There's also been the change-over from the old system to Pathways from the longer-standing Toastmasters.

I'm happy to say according to the records all 16 of our members are now enrolled in Pathways. There's also been a significant amount of educationals on Pathways to make it easier for all, if in doubt, ask.

Regarding our club status, the big question is always, have we obtained Distinguished Club Status? The good news is we've met 5 goals which make us eligible – unfortunately we've had a significant drop in membership at the beginning of the year.

This brought our membership down to 16, 4 below the required 20 members.

The simple answer is this year we won't achieve Distinguished Club Status.

I do feel however Distinguished Club Status is a nice to have, what is more important is your own growth in your Toastmasters journey.

In this regard I'd like to congratulate the following:

# **Our Club Champions**

- First Place in the Area and the Division Table Topics Contest Gary Nicholson
- 2nd Place in the Area Prepared Speech Contest Gary Nicholson
- First in the Area Humorous Speech Contest Angela Randall
- Third Place in the Area Evaluation Contest Dave Cook

#### The Club Silverware winners this year:

- Spinnaker Toastmaster of the Year Award Darrell Phillips
- Most Improved Speaker Karinna McDonald
- George Nicholson Award Angela Randall
- The Knight Award for Motivation Katina Beauchamp
- Club Evaluation Trophy 2018 Dave Cook

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Club International Speech Trophy 2018 – Albertus Viljoen

We've also had a Club Survey done this year with lots of suggestions transpiring from it. Some changes have been made already and some is a work in progress.

Dale Hartle, our VP Ed resigned effectively 31 December. A special thanks to her for all the years of unenviable service she's given the committee and club. She is staying on as a valued member however so we haven't lost her which we are all glad for.

Dave Cook bravely stepped into her role and is doing a Sterling job as the new VP Ed.

Anastasia, our Treasurer also resigned and a big thank you to Megan who stepped up and into the role of Treasurer.

A special word of thank you from Tomoyo, our Sargent at Arms to the club for implementing the new Assistant Sargent at Arms as it has made everything run more smoothly. She commented it would be great if this role rotation can continue next year. She'd also like to thank everyone who's helped with setting up before, and tidying up after meetings.

Lastly and most importantly a special thank you from my side to this year's committee members, Dave, Katina, Kathy, Darrell, Megan and Tomoyo, Dale and Anastasia who's done an outstanding job in keeping this club running smoothly. I'm honoured to have been part of the Team.

It was an honour and privilege to have served as Spinnaker Toastmaster's President for 2018/2019 and I look forward to supporting the incoming committee as they prepare for the next Toastmaster year

MOTION: That the president's report be accepted

MOVED: Angela Randall, SECONDED: Kathy Murphy MOTION CARRIED

### Discussion/Business arising from President's Report.

None

#### 8. Megan's Treasurer's Report to 31 May 2019

The Club will make a loss for the year ending 30 June 2019, due to the reduction in club members during the year. As at 31 May, the loss was \$175, however there are a few expenses that are outstanding, including hall hire. I forecast a loss of approximately \$645 for the year, with a bank position of around \$2,100. I forecast that for the 18/19 income we receive from fees will only cover Toastmasters International fees and hall hire, and not the remaining club expenses.

It is unsustainable for the club to continue to make losses to this extent. In 2016, Toastmasters International increased their fees by 25% (from US\$6 per month per member to US\$7.50). Spinnaker Club has been in a position since then to absorb these fees increases due to the strong membership base. The club however may need to consider increasing the subscription fee in the future.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be received.

MOVED: Darrell Phillips SECONDED: Albertus Viljoen MOTION CARRIED.

## **Discussion/Business Arising from Treasurer's Report**

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Darrell asked if Gary had been given his expenses for the National Convention and Megan advised it is in progress.

Sarah asked if this is a first instance of a loss over the course of a year. Megan advised "yes" in terms of the her time at the club.

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#### 10. Election of Office Bearers

President Albertus led the nomination of officers for 2019/20. There had been one nomination/volunteer, pre-ABM, for each position and no further nominations from the floor.

- 1. President Kathy Murphy
- 2. VP Education Dave Cook
- 3. VP Membership Tomoyo Gibson
- 4. VP PR Angela Randall
- 5. Secretary & Treasurer Megan Kloppenburg
- 6. Sergeant at arms Katina Beauchamp

MOTION: to accept the nominations received and presented

MOVED: Ronald Blackwell, SECONDED: Sarah Wood MOTION CARRIED

Albertus acknowledged the new committee and wished them well when their term starts.

#### 12. General Business

There was no general business

# 13. Meeting closed 8.55 pm