



NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES

Club No: 609136 Area 8 Hawkesbury Division District 90
Meeting No: 227 On: 22nd September 2020 At; Via Zoom online Meeting

Theme: "SPRING FORWARD"

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Sergeant-At-Arms: Brian Paull

Present: Steve Barber, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, Rob Geoghegan, Gail Goff, June McKimmie, Brian Paull, Heather Rickard, Robyn Doyle, Reg Stewart, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Sue Loucks, Anastasia Loucks, Adrian Oostuizen,

Apologies: Graham Blandy, Deanna Morpurgo, Alexis Martin, Kathy Stewart, Shaun Curry,

Guests: Beverley Barber, Steve & Julie Carratt, Jan Vecchio, Ricky Cavanagh, Thomas Knight, Vibica Auld.

Quorum: Yes - 20 members less 1 inactive = 19. Quorum is 50% + 1 =10

Presidents Opening Remarks: David Tomlinson warmly welcomed members and guests including our Area Director Ricky, PP Jan Vecchio, Steve & Julie from northern NSW and also Vibica and Tom who had visited our club before. He said that spring is a time of growth and regeneration and the executive had been busy tilling the figurative soil to facilitate that in our club. David asked if members had checked out the club web site or Heather's interviews on the Facebook page and announced that the club will be hosting a virtual Speechcraft course next month. He concluded that many more activities are under way and we are well on the way to creating the foundations of the club for many years to come.

- Chairman:** Heather explained the theme of “Spring Forward” and gave us a treat with her three random Affirmation Cards which were very appropriate with the challenges we have endured through the present isolation.
- Adoption of Minutes:** Steve Barber moved that the minutes for the meeting held on 25th August 2020 (#226) be confirmed as read. Proposed by Reg and seconded by BP. Motion carried unanimously.
- Word du jour:** Gail Goff chose “Mellifluous”, meaning ‘Sound pleasant, smooth and musical’.
- Agenda changes:** Errol Byrnes confirmed the agenda had no changes from the last issue yesterday.
- Toast:** June McKimmie gave us a toast to the theme “Spring Forward”
- Area Director:** Ricky Cavanagh introduced himself and offered assistance with any Pathways enquiries and spoke about the Area contests.
- Speaker #1:** David Tomlinson presented a speech with the title “Two men and a Boy” evaluated by Adrian Oosthuizen, timing was 7.48.
- Table Topics Master:** Annastasia Loucks, theme “Spring Forward”
1) Adrian, 2) Jan, 3) Sue, 4) Thomas, 5) June 6) Robyn, 7) Denise, 8) BP, 9) Reg, 10) Luke.
- Dinner Break:** 7:50 - 8.00pm.
- Call to Order:** Brian Paull
- Table Topics Evaluations**
- Odds Evaluator:** Jan Vecchio
- Evens Evaluator:** Denise Tomlinson
- Speaker #2:** Robyn Doyle presented a speech with the title “On the Edge” evaluated by Reg Stewart, timing was 8:00 minutes.
- Speaker #3:** Sue Loucks presented a speech with the title “Making a better Me” evaluated by Brian Paull, timing was 7.43 minutes.
- Speaker #4:** Steve Barber presented a speech with the title “Sydney my new home” evaluated by Luke Donabauer, timing was 8:00 minutes.

Evaluator #1: Adrian Oosthuizen evaluated Davids speech.

Evaluator #2: Reg Stewart evaluated Robyns speech.

Evaluator #3: Brian Paull evaluated Sue's speech.

Evaluator #4: Luke Donabauer evaluated Steve's speech.

Grammarians: Gail Goff reported that the word "Mellifluous" had been used 11 times by members during the meeting and also noted several sayings worthy of mention.

General Evaluator: Errol Byrnes gave a comprehensive general evaluation of the meeting, he liked the Sgt at Arms giving two minutes notice before the meeting started and suggested the TT Master try to avoid giving questions to the TT evaluators.

Timers Report: Rob Geoghegan gave a very comprehensive report with the majority of members right on time with their assignments.

Awards: Chairman Heather awarded the Best speech to Robyn Doyle and Best Assignment to June for her excellent Toast.

Promotion of next meeting: **27th October 2020-** Chairman Reg Stewart, via Zoom and will host the annual Humorous Speech and TT Contests.

Comments - Guests: Thomas - All very good, Steve Carratt - comfortable with Zoom and enjoyed the speeches, Jan V - loved the word Mellifluous, Ricky - Exceptional, high quality meeting.

Presidents closing remarks: Thanked everyone and reminded us about the upcoming Speechcraft course that many members are involved with.

Meeting Close: 9.28pm

Secretary; Steve Barber