



NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES

Club No: 609136 Area 8 Hawkesbury Division District 90
Meeting No: 231 On: 23rd February 2021 At: The Wok Bar, Manly

Theme: "Dreams & Aspirations"

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Sergeant-At-Arms: Brian Paull

Present: Steve Barber, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, Brian Paull, Reg Stewart, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Sue Loucks, Gail Goff, Adrian Oostuizen, Deanna Morpurgo, Heather Rickard, Shaun Curry, Kathy Stewart, Charles Salgado, Graham Blandy, Rob Geoghegan, Robyn Doyle,

Apologies: Anastasia Loucks, June McKimmie,

Guests: Ricky Cavanagh (Area Director), Beverley Barber, Cheryl Moses, Ledum Yorgure, Alison Lavic, Suzanne

Quorum: Yes - 20 members. Quorum is 50% + 1 =11

Presidents Opening Remarks: David Tomlinson warmly welcomed members and guests including Area Director Ricky Cavanagh. He said "Where else could you get a dinner and a show for just \$40"

Chairpersons: Deanna Morpurgo and Gail Goff presented a well prepared introduction using the theme, started with John Lennons evocative soundtrack "Imagine" and left a backdrop of inspiring images for the meeting as shown in the photos following.

Word of the Day: Rob Geoghegan presented the word "Ambiguous"

Adoption of Minutes: Steve Barber moved that the minutes for the meeting held on 26th January 2021 (#230) be confirmed as read. Proposed by Reg and seconded by Adrian. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda changes: Errol advised that there were no late changes to the agenda.

Toast: Kathy Stewart presented a thoughtful toast to the theme which was timed at 3 mins 20 seconds.

“Your moment of fame” Heather Rickard spoke about the club's Facebook page and encouraged members to respond to the live interviews she was recording to help promote the club.

Presentation of Clubs Contest Certificates; Sue Loucks presented the contestants of last month's online Zoom meeting with their paper certificates.

International Speech Contest: David Tomlinson, Deanna Morpurgo and Heather Rickard



Evaluations Contest: Adrian Oosthuizen and Heather Rickard



Table Topics Master: Brian Paull began his assignment with a definition of the theme subject: “to Dream: a cherished aspiration, ambition or ideal” and “to Aspire: direct one’s hopes or ambitions towards achieving something”. The speakers were; 1) Robyn, 2) Graham, 3) Gail, 4) Ledum, 5) Shaun, 6) Heather, 7) Suzanne, 8) Alison, 9) Luke, 10) Charles.

TT evaluators were; Adrian Oosthuizen and Steve Barber.

Area 8 Director Presentation: Ricky Cavanagh gave us an insight to his personal Toastmasters journey and the many benefits he has experienced. Then Ricky made a presentation to Sue Loucks to congratulate her for the winning both the Table Topics and Humorous Speech contests at Area level last year. Sue proudly received two awards for her worthy achievement and a standing ovation from the meeting.



Dinner Break: 8:00 - 8:30

Prepared speeches introduced by Deanna and Gail;

Speaker #1: Reg Stewart presented a speech with the title “My African Adventure” evaluated by Shaun Curry, timing was 7:26 minutes.

Speaker #2: Charles Salgado presented a speech with the title “How to live the life of your dreams” evaluated by Denise Tomlinson, timing was precisely 7.00 minutes.

Speaker #3: David Tomlinson presented a speech with the title “Know Thyself” evaluated by Robyn Doyle, timing was 7:37 minutes.

Grammarians: Rob Geoghegan reported his observations of the grammar used during the meeting and number of times the word “Ambiguous” was spoken.

General Evaluation: Sue Loucks gave us a comprehensive evaluation of the meeting procedure, noting points of excellence and possibilities for improvement at future meetings. (timing 7:17 mins)

Timers Report: Errol Byrnes gave a detailed analysis of how accurately the meeting had been kept to the times on the agenda.

Chairmans Awards: Best Speech of the meeting was awarded to Charles Salgado and Best Assignment was awarded jointly to Table Topics Evaluators Adrian and Steve.

Promotion of next meeting: 23rd March 2021 at Tex Mex, Mona Vale

Closing remarks: Chairpersons Gail and Deanna thanked everyone for their participation and help with a very successful meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9.29pm.

Club Secretary: Steve Barber