

NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 166

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

Held On: Tuesday 28th July 2015
Held At: Dee Why Hotel
Pittwater Road Dee Why
Commenced: 7.00 pm
Theme Christmas In July



SERGEANT AT ARMS Brian Paull – opened the meeting and read the mission statement.

PRESENT Sharon Austin, Beverley Barber, Steve Barber, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, Francis Elmes, Muriel Jones, Sue Loucks, Brian Paull, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Jan Vecchio (14)

APOLOGIES *Graham Blandy, Kevin Huang, John Inglis, Guy Loucks, Deanna Morpurgo, Keren Snell, Antonio Vescio (7)*

GUESTS Merinda Air – Area 8 Director

QUORUM Yes (14 present – 5 inactive – quorum 9) – total membership = 21

PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS Sue Loucks - spoke about looking forward to the year ahead and hoping everyone would continue to enjoy high energy meetings.

CHAIRMAN Errol Byrnes –welcomed our newest member, Luke Donabauer – advised that Sue Loucks had achieved her Competent Communicator and Competent Leader Awards – be prepared for a flexible program.

APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS Errol Byrnes – noted that 7 members had officially apologised – moved **THAT the apologies as listed be accepted.**

There were no program alterations.

WORD OF THE EVENING Muriel Jones - GRATEFUL

TOAST Sharon Austin – CHRISTMAS IN JULY – explained the reason for celebrating Christmas in July – especially in the warmer climates.

VOTING IN NEW MEMBER Sharon Austin - Moved **THAT Luke Donabauer be accepted into membership of Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club.** Seconded by Reg Stewart. Motion carried.

AREA GOVERNOR REPORT

Merinda Air – Area 8 Contest to be held on Thursday 24th September and the Hawkesbury Division Contest to be held on Sunday 25th October. Venues to be confirmed.

TABLE TOPICS

Jan Vecchio – presented Christmas themed topics -

1. Francis Elmes – Even today, I believe in Santa Claus because...
2. Muriel Jones – I don't believe we should give gifts at Christmas because...
3. Denise Tomlinson – We should not have holidays at Christmas because...
4. Luke Donabauer – Santa's costume should be blue and white because...
5. Kathy Stewart – I'm jealous of Santa Claus because...
6. Sue Loucks – I don't believe in buying things during the Christmas Sales because...
7. Merinda Air – Celebrating Christmas in July is a great idea because...
8. Steve Barber – Giving gifts at Christmas is more fun than receiving gifts because...
9. Beverley Barber – The best time to buy gifts at Christmas is on Christmas Eve because...
10. Sharon Austin – I like to stay home at Christmas because...

Odd number Evaluator – Brian Paull

Even number Evaluator – David Tomlinson

MEAL BREAK

30 minutes

PREPARED SPEECHES

Speaker	Manual Reference	Speech Title	Evaluator
Steve Barber	#7 CC	You Deserve a Rolex	Kathy Stewart
Francis Elmes	#6 CC	Where I Now Live	Sue Loucks
Errol Byrnes	# 7 CC	Let's Celebrate Our Legal System	Reg Stewart

GRAMMARIAN'S REPORT

Jan Vecchio – reported on the use of the word of the evening – GRATEFUL – commented on interesting phrases and words used by speakers – descriptive language and use of rhetorical devices to enhance speeches – noted that we should be careful to match singular nouns with singular verbs and plural nouns with plural verbs.

TIMER'S REPORT

Reg Stewart – reported that Table Topics were generally all close to 1 minute – speakers ran over time with Steve at 9.11, Francis at 8.29 and Errol and 9.29 (all with 5-7 minutes allocated) - evaluators spoke for 4.24, 3.24 and 3.20 respectively.

GENERAL EVALUATORS

Denise Tomlinson – connected her overall evaluation of the meeting with the theme and the gifts that members give –

Errol – serenity
Muriel – thought
Sharon – melody and confidence
Merinda – time and experience
Jan – cool, calm and collected
David – heart – the ultimate giver
Brian – makes everyone feel special
Kathy - education in a structured, fun way
Sue – amazing vocabulary
Reg – powerful voice with explanations
Jan – precise reports
Reg – time

AWARDS

Errol Byrnes –
Excellence Award – Kathy Stewart
Best Speech – Steve Barber

GUEST COMMENTS

Merinda Air – second visit to the club – different from other clubs – feeling of warmth.

PROMOTION FOR AUGUST MEETING

Sharon Austin – Chairman – TIME FOR THAI in Telopea Street Collaroy Plateau – as no members are interested in entering the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests, this will be an un-themed meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING

Sue Loucks –
Called for the secretary to confirm the minutes of the last meeting –
Moved THAT the minutes of the June 2015 meeting as circulated, be confirmed as read. Seconded by Errol Byrnes. Motion carried.
Jan Vecchio – a quick presentation of the Mick Renvoize Award for Commitment to Steve Barber.

President's Pick – Errol Byrnes for excellence as VPE, selecting the venue, preparing the agenda and giving a speech.

MEETING CLOSED

9.35 pm

Secretary

Jan Vecchio

Chairman

Errol Byrnes