

## NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 167

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

**Held On:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
**Held At:** Time 4 Thai by Chelsea  
3/23 Telopea Street  
Collaroy Plateau  
**Commenced:** 7.00 pm  
**Theme** SPRING



**SERGEANT AT ARMS** Steve Barber – opened the meeting. Luke Donabauer read the mission statement.

**PRESENT** Sharon Austin, Beverley Barber, Steve Barber, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, Muriel Jones, Sue Loucks, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, Jan Vecchio (10)

**APOLOGIES** *Graham Blandy, Francis Elmes, Kevin Huang, John Inglis, Guy Loucks, Deanna Morpurgo, Brian Paull, Keren Snell, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Antonio Vescio* (11)

**GUESTS** Helena Dewis, Kathy Allen, Alison Burrell (3)

**QUORUM** Yes (10 present – 7 inactive – quorum 8) – total membership = 21

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS** Sue Loucks – welcomed our three guests – thanked Sharon for finding the venue, preparing the agenda and promoting on Face Book - thanked Sharon for club newsletter.

Advised the members that John's daughter had died and that the funeral was today – attended by Jan. Our thoughts are with John at this sad time.

Called for the secretary to confirm the minutes of the last meeting – **Moved THAT the minutes of the July 2015 meeting as circulated, be confirmed as read.** Seconded by Reg Stewart. Motion carried.

Called for the secretary to confirm the Club Executive Committee minutes – **Moved THAT the minutes of the Club Executive Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 meeting as circulated, be confirmed as read.** Seconded by Sharon Austin. Motion carried.

Members were asked if they wanted to represent the club at the Area 8 Contest to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Sue Loucks agree to represent the club for the Table Topics Contest but there would be no representative for the Humorous Speech Contest.

**CHAIRMAN**

Sharon Austin – officially welcomed Alison, Kathy and Helena – noted an email from Pambela Gum re the death of Keith Shaw and that there would be an afternoon tea on Saturday to share memories of Keith.

**APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS**

Errol Byrnes – noted that 11 members had officially apologised – moved **THAT the apologies as listed be accepted.**

Steve Barber to evaluate Speaker #2.

Kathy Stewart to present the Grammarian Report and Listening Post.

**WORD OF THE EVENING**

Errol Byrnes – SPLENDID – magnificent, glorified, excellent.

**TOAST**

Sharon Austin – OPPORTUNITY – related an experience in judging year 6 children at Sacred Heart Primary School – confident, excelled in content, structure and delivery – choosing a winner was difficult – everyone is a winner.

**ROUND ROBIN**

Sharon Austin – question for members *What has Toastmasters done for me;* question for guests *What do I hope to get out of the Toastmasters meeting this evening.*

**TABLE TOPICS**

Errol Byrnes – presented Spring themed topics -

1. Beverley - in spring my favorite colour is not...
2. Luke – I celebrate spring by...
3. Sharon - on spring my favorite activity is...
4. Alison – the word I most associate with spring is...
5. Muriel – spring is different in Canada...
6. Jan – what I should smell like at the end of the day...
7. Reg – how I should spend an evening in spring...
8. Steve – my choice of country to spend spring is...
9. Kathy – my main shopping item for spring is...

Odd number Evaluator – Steve Barber

Even number Evaluator – Jan Vecchio

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Sharon Austin - inducted Luke Donabauer into membership of the club – Sharon pledged to mentor Luke and share knowledge with him – Luke pledged to honor the Toastmasters Promise – Sharon presented Luke with a Competent Leader Manual, club badge, welcome ribbon, bookmark (10 tips for public speaking) – note that Luke was given a Competent Communicator Manual at the previous meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF PR CAMPAIGN**

Sharon Austin –

No less than 4 new members between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Face Book – fans have increased from 56 to 70 in the last week.  
 Twitter – we have 50 followers but would like to increase to 100.  
 Need new members - to bring in new ideas; it is difficult to have exclusive use of a venue because the attendance is low; doubling up of assignments.

Campaign will run for 1 year.

Public Relations Committee will consist of the CEC plus volunteers – most of the work will be done by Sharon.

Public Relations Campaign Chair in project 8 in the CL Manual can be checked by Sharon and for those assisting project 6 in the CL Manual can be checked.

Reports will be presented at the quarterly CEC meetings.

Methods of promotion to include –

- Manly Daily
- Peninsula Living
- Social media – Face Book, Twitter – need to be active and start liking the FB posts
- Radio – 2CH?
- Website – newsletter will be sent as a link to the website to encourage members to use the website
- Community notice boards – Office Works, Centrelink
- Doyle Spillane – LED window display
- Magazines – leave at doctors’ surgeries, hairdressers etc.
- Visitor packs – What’s In It For You, Membership Application + Toastmaster Magazine
- Mailbox drop

**MEAL BREAK**

7.55 pm to 8.35 pm

**PREPARED SPEECHES**

Speaker	Manual Reference	Speech Title	Evaluator
Luke Donabauer	#1 CC	Ice-Breaker	Reg Stewart
Jan Vecchio	#2 CC	Viva Las Vegas	Steve Barber
Sue Loucks	#5 Entertaining Speaker	Preconceived Ideas	Kathy Stewart

**GRAMMARIAN AND LISTENING POST REPORT**

Kathy Stewart – challenged the members with questions to establish that we had been listening.

**UMS/AHS REPORT**

Muriel Jones – mentioned names of those who had ums/ahs when speaking.

**TIMER’S REPORT**

Beverley Barber/Kathy Stewart – reported on the timing for all assignments.

**GENERAL EVALUATOR**

Sue Loucks –  
 Thanks to Brian for dropping the club equipment to Reg.  
 Congratulations to the VPE and Chairman for putting the agenda together.  
 The word for the day is a useful word, which we can use everyday.  
 The Toast was brilliant, in both content and substance.

An excellent theme for Table Topics – suggest the topic be given first and then the name of the speaker.

Table Topics Evaluators need to seek suggestions for improvement for all speakers – focus on speaking in the third person.

Induction of Luke was the best ever!!

Food – lovely and abundant.

Speech Evaluators – observe the project objectives – focus on speaking in the third person – loved the concept of the “forensic analysis” – Kathy allows us to reflect and invites the speakers to self-evaluate.

#### **AWARDS**

Sharon Austin -

Excellence Award – Luke Donabauer (speech)

Best Speech – Jan Vecchio

#### **GUEST COMMENTS**

Helena – feeling more confident

Kathy –enjoyed the meeting but does not want to learn public speaking

Alison - inspiring

#### **PRESIDENT’S CLOSING**

Sue Loucks –

Area 8 contests – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Forestville

Area 8 council meeting – DYRSL - this coming Thursday

Speechcraft –consider a course to be held in February/March – need a member to co-ordinate and others to assist in delivering educational – purpose is to increase membership.

Next meeting – Sue is Chairman – meeting to be held at Chinese Restaurant in Forestville – Speakers – Luke, Errol; Educational – Sharon; Table Topics – Steve; General Evaluator – Jan

#### **MEETING CLOSED**

9.35 pm

Secretary

*Jan Vecchio*

Chairman

*Sharon Austin*