

NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 168

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

Held On: Tuesday 22nd September
2015

Held At: Frenchs Forest Chinese
47 Bantry Bay Road
Frenchs Forest

Commenced: 7.00 pm

Theme Change and Stability



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

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

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

GUESTS June McKimmie, Jason Rowe, Jon Roberts (Ellenbrook Toastmasters Club) (3)

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

PRESIDENT'S OPENING Sue Loucks – welcomed our three guests

REMARKS

The Area 8 Contests are on Thursday 24th September – 48 hours away – Sharon will be a Counter – NBTC does not have a Humorous Speech Contestant – Sue will be representing the club in the Table Topics Contest – the event is at Forestville RSL Club, 22 Melwood Road Forestville – 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm – cost is \$5 plus a club levy of \$50.

Moved **THAT the club sponsor members to attend the 2015 Area 8 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests.** Seconded Kathy. Motion passed.

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

The Immediate Past President presented a banner ribbon to the club for achieving Distinguished Status in the Distinguished Club Program in 2014-2015. The ribbon was handed to Sue to affix to the old banner.

APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS

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

Errol advised that Denise had hurt her back and that Deanna's father had died (and her partner's mother had died) in recent weeks.

Only two speakers – Errol and Sharon.

Members were asked to exchange both speech and leadership manuals. Assignments which can be evaluated in the CL manual are indicated on the agenda with an asterisk.

WORD OF THE EVENING

Kathy Stewart – explained the role of the Grammarian and advised that her focus would be on how well speakers contrasted pause, pace, pitch and power – emotion and expression of the spoken word.

TOAST

Reg Stewart – CHINESE – landmarks, remarkable points of interests such as the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall.

ROUND ROBIN

Sue Loucks – what is best? Change or stability?

TABLE TOPICS

Steve Barber – had 10 topics in a hat – speakers were to speak to the opposite of their beliefs

1. Jan – the European refugee crisis
2. Reg – create homes for the homeless or build light rail
3. Sue – Ford/Toyota to build submarines
4. Jon – Bronwyn Bishop for Prime Minister
5. Kathy – more nursing mothers in cabinet
6. June – religious organisations should pay tax
7. Muriel – the new northern beaches hospital
8. Errol – the royal family

Odd number Evaluator – Beverley Barber

Even number Evaluator – Brian Paull

MEAL BREAK

7.55 pm to 8.35 pm

PREPARED SPEECHES & EDUCATIONAL

Speaker	Manual Reference	Speech Title	Evaluator
Errol Byrnes	#8 CC	How The Modern World Can Help Us Change	Reg Stewart

Sharon Austin

The Successful Club
Series

The Toastmasters
Educational Program

**GRAMMARIAN AND
LISTENING POST REPORT**

Kathy Stewart – the secret to great communication is PAUSE PACE PITCH AND POWER – complimented all members and gave examples of uses of pause, pace, pitch and power used by speakers during the meeting.

UMS/AHS REPORT

Muriel Jones – mentioned names of those who had ums/ahs when speaking – suggested a pause instead of an um or ah.

TIMER'S REPORT

Brian Paull – provided a detailed report – we were behind in time but then caught up.

GENERAL EVALUATOR

Jan Vecchio –

- Gave praise for members who had undertaken assignments.
- Suggested that a word for the night is useful in that it helps us to expand our vocabulary.
- Table Topics Master to announce the evaluators to avoid any confusion as to who is evaluating what.
- Need to keep an eye on time – especially during the Round Robin.
- Thanked Sue for finding the venue and Errol for his input into preparation of the agenda.

AWARDS

Sue Loucks –
Excellence – Steve Barber
Best Speech – Sharon Austin

**GUEST/MEMBER
COMMENTS**

June – feels part of the group already.
Jon – felt welcomed and had a great time.
Jason – will return.
Brian – Kathy and Reg are supreme contributors to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING

Sue Loucks –
Voting in June McKimmie would happen at the October meeting.

MEETING CLOSED

9.35 pm

Secretary

Jan Vecchio

Chairman

Sue Loucks