

NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 177

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

Held on: Tuesday 28 June 2016

Held at: Club Totem

105 Condamine Street

Balgowlah 2093

Commenced: 7.00 pm

Theme:

BLACK AND WHITE

CHANGEOVER DINNER



SERGEANT AT ARMS

Brian Paull – opened the meeting and welcomed all – read the Club Mission.

PRESENT

Sharon Austin, Steve Barber, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, Muriel Jones, Sue Loucks, June McKimmie, Deanna Morpurgo, Brian Paull, Talal Rossi, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, Jan Vecchio (13)

APOLOGIES

Graham Blandy, Michael Dunne, John Inglis, Keren Snell, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Antonio Vescio (7)

GUESTS

Beverley Barber, Guy Loucks (2)

QUORUM

Yes (financial members 20 less 4 inactive = quorum 9)

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Sue Loucks – meeting is about thanking the old executive and welcoming the new – changing seasons and past the shortest day in the new – our new executive is changing and our new team will be growing day by day

CHAIRMAN

Steve Barber – welcomed Guy to the meeting and all members to the Black and White themed Changeover

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Jan Vecchio – Moved **THAT the minutes of meeting 176 as circulated, be confirmed as read.** Seconded Sharon Austin. Motion carried.

APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS

Luke Donabauer – Moved **THAT the apologies as listed be accepted.**
Seconded Jan Vecchio. Motion carried.

Chairman – Steve Barber
Speaker #1 – Jan Vecchio
Evaluator #1 – Talal Rossi
General Evaluator – Luke Donabauer
Timer – June McKimmie

TOAST

Muriel Jones – Q&A – tax, grants, educations openly discussed – we live in a country where we are free to express our opinions and where politicians give their time....

POLITICIANS

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Sue Loucks – summary of the year - found her own path and in her own shoes.

“Power isn’t control at all — power is strength, and giving that strength to others. A leader isn’t someone who forces others to make him stronger; a leader is someone willing to give his strength to others that they may have the strength to stand on their own.” Beth Revis.

Thanked VPEs - Errol Byrnes and Luke Donabauer, VPM/VPPR - Sharon Austin, Secretary/Treasurer - Jan Vecchio and SAA - Brian Paull.

- Achieved 4 new members – Luke Donabauer, June McKimmie, Talal Rossi and Michael Dunne.
- June opened her home to the members for the Christmas meeting.
- Speechcraft – 8 participants – 1 joined and 2 more are likely to join – supported by Jan, Sharon and Errol.
- Suggest that we hold club contests.
- Achieved 7 goals in the Distinguished Club Program -making the club SELECT DISTINGUISHED – 144 clubs in District 90 and we are one of the 53 which are Distinguished or better.
- The club is healthy.

Presented certificates to members who submitted educational awards –

- Errol Byrnes – Competent Communicator
- Jan Vecchio – Advanced Communicator Gold
- Sharon Austin – Leadership

Dues were submitted on time, club executives trained and the club officer list submitted on time.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AWARDS

Sue Loucks –
Appreciation Award -donated by Keren Snell – helpful, enthusiastic, does more than expected

LUKE DONABAUER

Toastmaster of the Year – The Vecchio – donated by the Holterman family – enthusiastic, standard of excellence, fulfils the Toastmasters Promise

SHARON AUSTIN

Mick Renvoize Award for Commitment – donated by Jan Vecchio - committed to the club, to others, to Toastmasters (new trophy for this year)

JAN VECCHIO

Certificates presented -

Most Best Assignments – Steve Barber and Luke Donabauer

Most Best Speech – Jan Vecchio

DISCHARGE AND INDUCTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Reg Stewart –

Announced that Sue Loucks had also submitted a CC award.

- Brian Paull – Sergeant-at-Arms
- Jan Vecchio – Secretary/Treasurer
- Sharon Austin – Vice-President Membership/Vice-President Public Relations
- Luke Donabauer – Vice-President Education
- Sue Loucks – President

Reg invited Sue and Brian to roll up the club banner.

Reg then inducted for the following officers for 2016-2017 -

- Brian Paul -Sergeant-at-Arms
- Errol Byrnes – Treasurer
- Sue Loucks -Secretary
- Steve Barber -Vice-President Public Relations
- Talal Rossi– Vice-President Membership
- Luke Donabauer – Vice-President Education
- Sharon Austin - President

Each officer was presented with a Club Officer Handbook – a brief summary of their roles was read out.

Sharon and Brian unfurled the banner and placed it on the stand.

Sue Loucks passed her President pin to Sharon Austin.

Jan Vecchio passed her Past President pin to Sue Loucks.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Sharon Austin –

- thanked the members for electing her to the role of President
- plans to increase the membership by 3% which is in line with the District goals
- encourage members to achieve educational awards
- introduced wall charts to record speeches for the CC manuals, Advanced manuals and the CL manual
- 5 officers will be trained tomorrow (Wednesday 29th June)
- the first CEC meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th July where (amongst other items on the agenda) the Chairmen for the year ahead will be decided

- members were asked to update the wall charts which will be brought to each meeting
- Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest will be held in August – managed by Luke and Sue (in the absence of Sharon)
- more frequent educational presentations -priority given to members wanting to achieve either the ALB or the ACS awards
- Speechcraft will be conducted in February
- looking for fun ways and themes to improve meetings e.g. reverse order meeting.

INCOMING EXECUTIVE REMARKS

Sharon Austin – lead the team in presenting a short and entertaining poem reflecting the year ahead.

MEAL BREAK

Alternating Penne Pasta and Barramundi – yum!!!

TABLE TOPICS

Sharon Austin – explained the purpose and the benefits of Table Topics

1. Jan - what is something novel that is done in other clubs?
2. Deanna – is Toastmasters for education or fun and friendship?
3. Kathy – what change would you like to see implemented in the year ahead?
4. June – what help/resource will you need in the year ahead?
5. Luke -what ways can you bring members to the club?
6. Steve – what is the fun thing about the club?
7. Brian – what is the least fair thing about Toastmasters?
8. Sue – What would you say to Ralph C Smedley if you could go back in time?
9. Talal – what are your thoughts on the quote “The unprepared speaker has a right to be afraid”?
10. Muriel – is fault-finding without suggestions for improvement a waste of time?

Evaluators – Errol Byrnes and Reg Stewart

PREPARED SPEECHES

Speaker	Manual Reference	Speech Title	Evaluator
Jan Vecchio	#2 CC	Grey is Okay	Talal Rossi
Deanna Morpurgo	#1 Humorously Speaking	Yachties – They’re A Weird Mob	Kathy Stewart

GENERAL EVALUATOR

Luke Donabauer –

- analysed each segment of the meeting and gave positive comments for all speakers
- liked that the meeting was kept to time, formal and yet flexible
- enjoyed the recap of the year and the recognition given to members
- the Table Topics cleverly tied in with the Changeover theme

- Suggested that when evaluating speakers, that eye contact be made all around the room

TIMER'S REPORT

June McKimmie –

Speakers

- Jan - 6.18
- Deanna – 8.32

General Evaluator – Luke – 8.09

The majority of assignments were within a few seconds of the allocated time.

ROUND ROBIN -

Steve Barber – What's good about winter?

Responses included skiing, hot chocolate by an open fire, red wine, coughing and sneezing, Christmas in July, going to work, cuddles and snuggles, appreciation of the difference in the seasons, being homesick for Canada, snuggling up to cats, fitness and energy and driving a warm bus.

**NEXT AGENDA AND
MEETING CLOSE**

Steve Barber – closed the meeting at 9.28 pm

Secretary

Jan Vecchio

Chairman

Steve Barber