

NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

Meeting No: 223

On: 26 May 2020

At: Via Zoom Online Meeting Software

Theme: “Executive Elections”

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Sergeant-At-Arms: Sharon Austin (Guest and Past President NBTM)

Present: Steve Barber; Errol Byrnes, Shaun Curry; Gail Goff; Sue Loucks; June McKimmie; Brian Paull; Reg Stewart; Heather Rickard; David Tomlinson; Denise Tomlinson. (11)

Apologies: Graham Blandy; Luke Donabauer; Robyn Doyle; Rob Geoghegan; Anastasia Loucks; Alexis Martin; Deanna Morpurgo; Kathy Stewart; (8)

Guests: Sharon Austin; Beverly Barber; Robbie Tall.

Quorum: Yes - 19 members less 1 inactive = 18. Quorum is 50% + 1 = 10 - 11 members present.

President’s Opening Remarks:

Errol welcomed everyone, and stated that tonight is the May 2020 club meeting and the 2nd conducted through Zoom. The meeting in April 2020 went very well for a platform that is unfamiliar to some of the members, but it showed how we can adapt to changing situations when required.

Errol said that tonight is the club’s election night where Executive Committee is elected for the year beginning 1st July 2020. Errol mentioned that he had forwarded emails to members encouraging members to nominate for the committee. If members would like to nominate tonight, then please do so.

Errol handed over the meeting to the Chairman, Reg Stewart, who also conducted the elections.

Chairman: Reg Stewart.

Reg mentioned that a special guest, Sharon Austin, Past President NBTM, is attending tonight’s meeting via Zoom. Sharon lives in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and is a member of Belfast TM club. Robbie is a first-time guest a TM meeting.

Adoption of Minutes:

Errol Byrnes moved that the **Minutes for the meeting held on 28 April 2020 (#222)** be confirmed as read. **Seconded:** David Tomlinson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda
Changes/Apologies/
Manual Swap:**

David Tomlinson

David stated that the Sergeant-at-Arms, Luke Donabauer, is an apology, and Sharon Austin, guest, and Past President of NBTM, will be Sergeant-at-Arms. Sharon will also be an Evaluator for Heather Rickards' speech in lieu of Robyn Doyle.

**Word For The
Evening:**

N.A.

Toast:

Denise Tomlinson – “Art of Learning”

Table Topics:

TT Master: Gail Goff / **Odd Evaluator:** David Tomlinson / **Even Evaluator:** Shaun Curry.

Theme – “The Elections”

1) Sue; 2) David; 3) Reg; 4) Sharon; 5) June; 6) Heather; 7) Brian; 8) Denise; 9) Robbie; 10) Steve.

Evaluations

1) **Sue** - jumped straight into the topic. Very expressive and good use of body language; **2) David** – very relaxed; **3) Reg**- made good points, and rounded out the question; **4) Sharon** – brought in everyday things and made it interesting; **5) June** - talked to us; **6) Heather** – gave good examples and left us with nice thoughts; **7) Brian** – thrown a political question but answered very well; **8) Denise** – opened with personal example, and answered the question; **9) Robbie** – took the challenge of speaking, and definite in the answer; **10) Steve** – gave a great answer.

Dinner Break:

7.37 pm - 8.00 pm

Call to Order

Sharon Austin - 8:00 pm

**Club Executive
Elections:**

Toastmaster – Reg Stewart

Position – President - Nominee: David Tomlinson.

Election Result – Carried Unanimously.

Position – Vice President – Education - Nominee: Errol Byrnes.

Election Result – Carried Unanimously.

Position – Vice President – Membership - Nominee: Deanna Morpurgo.

Election Result – Carried Unanimously.

Position – Vice President – Public Relations - Nominee: Heather Rickard.

Election Result – Carried Unanimously.

Position – Treasurer - Nominee: Luke Donabauer.

Election Result – Carried Unanimously.

Position – Secretary - Nominee: Steve Barber.

Election Result – Carried Unanimously.

Position - Sergeant-At-Arms – Vacant.

Speeches:

| Speaker | Title | Manual / Pathways | Evaluator | Evaluator's Comments |
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| Speaker #1 Heather Rickard (5 – 7 mins) | “Why Run a Marathon” | Pathways – Project – TBA. | Sharon Austin | Well prepared, structured, and confident. Rehearsed. Asked questions, and the content was fascinating. Heather stood which gave more energy to the speech. Great hand gestures. Volume and tone were variant. Points for improvement – 1) stand a little further back from the camera; 2) pace – slow down in parts of the speech. |
| Speaker #2 Sue Loucks (5 – 7 mins) | “Embracing Change” | Pathways – Project 2 / Level 1 Purpose: Member to speak on any topic and receive | Steve Barber | Sue’s speech was well prepared & rehearsed, and eloquent. Tempo was slow and steady. Confident and relaxed manner of delivery with |

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| | | feedback | | generous and positive hand gestures. Good closure to embrace change. Fabulous speech. Points for improvement – 1) camera was a little low; 2) Could stand up like Heather did for her speech. |
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Speech Evaluations **Speech #1 – Evaluator:** Sharon Austin – refer above.

Speech #2 – Evaluator: Steve Barber – refer above.

Grammarians: N.A.

General Evaluator: Brian Paull

Reg as Chairman was very professional. Sharon was great in volunteering for Sergeant-at-Arms and a speech evaluator. The club is opening to learning. Table Topics was fantastic – complex questions. Elections went extremely well. Great speeches and evaluations with enthusiasm. Both Heather and Sue gave examples to support their speeches. Evaluations of speeches were clear.

Timers Report June McKimmie

Very few people went over time. Everyone was on target for TT.

Heather’s speech (5 – 7 mins) – 7:50.

Sue’s speech (5 – 7 mins) – 7:04.

Excellence Award: Sue Loucks

Best Speaker: Heather Rickard

Promotion Next Meeting: 23 June 2020 – Chairman – Denise Tomlinson. Via Zoom.

Comments - Guests: Sharon – loved the meeting and will be at the next one via Zoom.

Robbie – excellent evaluations with positive feedback. Member and guests are respectful. Speeches were excellent. Will be at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 8.52pm

Secretary: Robyn Doyle

President: Errol Byrnes