

Toastmasters International
District 72 Virtual Council Meeting
Saturday 07 May 2021, 1.30 PM

1 Call to order and welcome

District Director (DD) David O'Brien called the District 72 Virtual Council Meeting to order at 1.30 pm and welcomed all members of the District Council, non-voting members from District 72 and other Districts via Facebook livestream.

DD David explained the speaking and voting process via a virtual meeting.

2 Notice of Meeting

Administration Manager (AM) Kayleen Gilder read the notice of meeting.

3 Speaking Rights

DD David O'Brien stated that only members of the District Council have speaking and voting rights. District Council include:

Club Officers:

all Club Presidents

all Club Vice President Education

District Officers:

all Area Directors

all Division Directors

District Administration Manager (AM) Kayleen Gilder

District Finance Manager (FM) Tony Cross

Public Relations Manager (PRM) Brad Grootelaar

Club Growth Director (CGD) Glen Pearce

Programme Quality Director (PQD) Kathryn Duncan

District Director (DD) David O'Brien

Under Toastmasters International (TI) Policy DD David O'Brien extended speaking rights to:

Denis McCord, District Parliamentarian

Tim Law, District Technical Officer

Bailey Wood, District Technical Officer

Philip Smith, District Audit Committee Chair

David Templeman, District Leadership Committee Chair

Nicola Green, Credentials Chair

Lesley Storkey, Region 12 International Director

4 4.1 District Mission

Program Quality Director, Distinguished Toastmaster (PQD) Kathryn Duncan read the mission statement.

4.2 Toastmasters International Values

Program Quality Director, Distinguished Toastmaster (PQD) Kathryn Duncan read the Toastmasters Internationals Values.

5 Apologies

AM Kayleen Gilder reported the following apologies from District Council Members:

Rob Woolley, Immediate Past District Director
Daniel Malpass, Area Director G4
Anna Spencer, Area Director G5
India Morton, Club President, Avon Club
Roger Claessens, Club President, Bishopdale Club
Nicoal Gear, Club President, Christchurch Speechcraft
Andy Soundy, Club President, Dawnspeakers Club
Louise Coad, Club President, DIALOGUE Toastmasters Club
Glenys Forsyth, Club President, Dunedin Toastmasters Club
Dionne Needham, Club President, High Noon Bankers
David Coxon, Club President, Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club
Richard Turner, Club President, Island Bay Toastmasters Club
Bryan Harrison, Club President, Kaiapoi Club
John Stapleton, Club President, Karori Toastmasters Club
Rissa Ota, Club President, Newlands Toastmasters
Prawindra Mukhia, Club President, Oaklands Toastmasters
Eve Hingston, Club President, Pegasus Toastmasters
Wayne Christensen, Club President, Queenstown Club
Steven Penney, Club President, Rangiora Club
Simon Jenkin, Club President, Scarfies Speechcraft Club
Jordan Fraser, Club President, Sunrise Club
Nicola Grace, Club President, Te Puni Korero Toastmasters
Wayne Buck, Club President, Toastmasters Wairarapa
Clive Bickerstaff, Club President, Wairarapa Gourmet Toastmasters
Reuben Painter, Club President, U-CAN -SPEAK Toastmasters
Angela Pratt, Club VP Education, Alphabet Athletic Toastmasters Club
Candace Green, Club VP Education, Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters
Marie-Charlotte Nahe, Club VP Education, Civic Club
Cathy Ward, Club VP Education, DIALOGUE Toastmasters Club
Mark Nihoniho, Club VP Education, Hornby
Terry Cave, Club VP Education, Newtown Toastmasters
Fiona Kearns, Club VP Education, Online Uncensored Comedians & Humourists
Robyn Boylan, Club VP Education, Oyster Orators
Junko Oguro, Club VP Education, Phoenix
Jack McAuley, Club VP Education, Riccarton Toastmasters Club
Robyn Boylan, Club VP Education, ROAR
Paulette Boyes, Club VP Education, Scarfies Speechcraft Club
Helen Cartmell, Club VP Education, Silverstream Toastmasters
Helen Gregory, Club VP Education, Speak-Easy Club
Jonathan Singh, Club VP Education, Sunday Afternoon
Robyn Johnson, Club VP Education, Sunrise Club
Rhonda Palton, Club VP Education, Greymouth

Moved that the District 72 Council accepts the apologies: Karen Squires, AD C2

CARRIED

6 Confirmation of Quorum

DP Denis McCord advised this is a District Council Meeting (DCM). The quorum for a District Council Meeting is one third of the Club Presidents and Club Vice President Education. This District Council is a virtual meeting. When voting is conducted virtually no proxies will be permitted.

The District has 95 clubs in good standing which gives a total of 190 votes. One third is 63.33. A quorum is therefore 64 votes.

The total number of Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents Education registered is 96.

DP Denis McCord confirmed there is a quorum.

Majority Vote:

The Executive currently has 6 Senior Officers, 5 Division Directors and 21 Area Directors (there are three Area Director positions vacant not included), making a total of 32 Executive members.

Registered are 6 Senior Officers, 5 Division Directors, 19 Area Directors making a total of 30.

For voting the total votes is the sum of Club Presidents/Club Vice Presidents Education (96), and Executive members of 30 registered. Total votes are 126. A majority vote is 64.

7 Changes to and confirmation of agenda and additional items

The following item was added to the item 18 General Business:

18.1 Conference Bids for 2023

8 Minutes of the District 72 Virtual Annual Council Meeting held on Sunday 12 September 2021

The minutes of the 12 September 2021 Virtual Annual District Council meeting have been circulated. There were no corrections received to the minutes.

Moved that the minutes of the 12 September 2021 Virtual Annual District Council meeting, as circulated are a true and correct record: Richard Taylor, PRE, Hornby Toastmasters

Seconded: Rose Wyse, VPE, Wainuiomata

CARRIED

9 Matters arising from the minutes 12 September 2021

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

10 Correspondence

AM Kayleen Gilder confirmed there were no items of correspondence that needed to be addressed by the Council except for noting correspondence continues to be received relating to:

- COVID-19
- Toastmasters International Website Upgrade

Moved that the inwards correspondence be received: Kayleen Gilder, AM

Seconded: Rose Wyse, VPE, Wainuiomata

CARRIED

11 Urgent Business

11.1 Confirmation of District Officer Resignations:

DD David O'Brien reported the following resignations have been received since the Virtual District 72 Council meeting held on 12 September 2021.

1. Vinh Nguyen, Area Director G3
2. Alan Bradley, Area Director E3
3. Charlotte Perry, Area Director G1

Moved that the District Council accepts the resignation of the officers as listed:

Ron Blackwell, AD J2

Seconded: Clare Law, VPE, Pegasus

11.2 Confirmation of District Officer Appointments:

DD David O'Brien advised since the last District 72 Council meeting held on 12 September 2021 the following appointments have been made:

1. Moumita Jaminder, Area Director G3
2. Philip Smith, Audit Committee Chair
3. Tania Sales, Audit Committee Member
4. Tim McMenamin, Audit Committee Member

Moved that the District Council approves the appointment of the officers as listed since the last District 72 Council Meeting 12 September 2021: Anthony Fletcher, Div. G Dir.

Seconded: Kendall Eade, PRE, Hutt City

CARRIED

11.3 Confirmation of new clubs into areas:

DD David O'Brien confirmed no new clubs have been chartered.

12 Realignment Proposal for G and J Divisions for 2022-2033

PGD Kathryn Duncan presented the realignment proposal for G and J Divisions for 2022-2023 informing the District needs to regularly look and check whether we need to realign our clubs and our Areas. In this review it was found only Division G that needed to be helped as they currently have seven Areas in their Division which makes it logistically a lot of work for the Division Director to try and administer to all seven areas. Several options were reviewed to help resolve the situation and the option chosen was to go with moving two clubs.

Division G

G5

Proposed changes:

Move Karori Toastmasters Club and Wadestown Toastmasters Club and to Division J.

Move Mount Victoria Toastmasters Club and Wellington Professional Toastmasters to Division G, Area 4.

Noted currently in that area Outspoken Toastmasters is Suspended on the system.

This would mean G5 would become an area without any clubs in it but be an area that would be there if needed for future growth.

G4

Current Clubs: Capital Club, Wellington Club, Te Aro Toastmasters Club, Mid City Toastmasters

Proposed changes: adding Mount Victoria Toastmasters and Wellington Professional Toastmasters. However subsequent to the proposal being released Mid City and Mount Victoria Toastmasters clubs are closing.

Proposed clubs for G4: Capital Club, Wellington Club, Te Aro Toastmasters, Wellington Professional, an area with 4 clubs.

Again, G5 would have no clubs but be available for the growth of the District that we would hope to see.

Division J

J1

Current clubs: Coastmasters Toastmasters (now closing), Spinnaker Toastmasters, Toastmasters of Waikanae, Porirua Central, Paekakariki Early Birds.

Proposed clubs: Move Tawa and Churton Park from J2 to J1 – noted as this made more sense geographically.

J2

Current Clubs: Tawa Toastmasters, Churton Park Toastmasters, Ohariu Toastmasters Club, Ngaio Toastmasters, Newlands Toastmasters.

Proposed: Wadestown (moved from G), Karori (moved from G), Ohariu, Ngaio, Newlands

For J1 Clubs: Spinnaker, Toastmasters of Waikanae, Porirua Central, Paekakariki Early Birad, Tawa, Churton Park.

For J2 Clubs: Wadestown, Karori, Ohariu, Ngaio, Newlands.

Moved the report be received: Kathryn Duncan, PQD

Seconded: Anthony Kaluta, VPE, Aranui

CARRIED

Discussion:

Tim McMenamin, President, Oharui queried of the clubs that were being proposed to be moved from Division G to Division J was any consideration given to moving them into G4 which seems to have capacity for extra clubs? PQD Kathryn Duncan advised initially when they looked it wasn't a situation where we had clubs closing and they looked at the clubs in the area to ensure a maximum of six/seven if absolutely desperate. At the time of the alignment review the two clubs that have now closed were not in the process of closing, so they went ahead with looking at moving them to Division J.

Tim McMenamin advised he would like to put forward a proposed amendment to the report that Karori and Wadestown Toastmaster Clubs are moved into Area G4 instead of J2.

Secunder for the motion: Sun Kim, Area Director E5

DD David O'Brien advised there is a motion that Karori and Wadestown Toastmaster Clubs are moved into Area G4 instead of J2. The motion is now open for discussion.

PQD Kathryn Duncan advised to agree to the proposed amendment would require further amendments as this would have a flow on affect. It does not take into account the rest of the report by moving a couple of clubs around in J1 and J2. It would mean going back to the drawing board and relooking at it again.

Kendall Eade, President, Hutt City & Phoenix Toastmasters wondered whether with this motion would they only have three clubs in J3? PQD Kathryn Duncan advised it was J2 and suggested further amendment would be needed to do it correctly of leaving J1 and J2 as they are currently otherwise we would have that situation.

Anthony Fletcher, Division G Director, commented the numbers of clubs in the area was not the only consideration. The consideration was that Wadestown and Karori are better suited to being with allied clubs in Division J. Apart from that we are now talking about cancelling the whole proposal.

What Kathryn has proposed is to move two clubs to a different place and those two clubs being moved at once. That means that more amendments are needed or cancel the whole proposal. All they have to do is not vote on it.

Heather Wong, President, Wadestown commented she is now not clear if they are going to be in G4 who would they be in G4 with? The other thing she would say is that they have already spoken as a club about the move to Div. J and as a consensus as a committee and a club everyone was happy with that. Her preference would be if there was to be a change to the proposed plan in this meeting to be able to take that back to their committee and/or club as this change has a flow on effect.

Ron Blackwell, AD J2, commented there are a lot of pros and cons in this process and as Anthony pointed out the Wadestown and Karori Clubs are social clubs' community based whereas a number of the other clubs in Wellington are business clubs, which he thought is the point about the clubs being better suited to be in the other groupings. One thing that he noted was that Karori, in particular, is quite a long way away from the other clubs and that stretches the area a little bit, so that does provide some difficulties in transporter logistics but other clubs such as the Wairarapa have a similar issue. I think we need to take this proposal back and get the comment and buy in from the clubs themselves and perhaps not vote on the motion and put it in abeyance until later.

DD David O'Brien advised we have a motion on the floor so we do need to vote on it. DP Denis McCord agreed.

Carol Mitchell, President, Cup Cake Communicators offered a couple of suggestions that she thought may help the Council with the discussion on the table.

1. Reshowing the slides with what the proposal would now look like with the amendment in play because we are all going off a map in our head. When coming to motions such as this one clarity is required. Having a look at what that subsequently looks like would be most useful for the Council in the discussions.
2. I have heard in the discussion there is an area proposed with three clubs in it, has TI been consulted and approved an area with three clubs?
3. With the amended proposal it would appear by her counting that perhaps one area was going up to seven which is pretty dangerous territory as well.

To conclude those answers could be clarified if we could see the slides for all members to understand what is happening and for the rest of the discussion for the Council to understand we can't amend amendments, we need to follow the whole process so before speaking perhaps seek some clarity from District Parliamentarian Denis McCord rather than speaking without knowing what the process is and will save time.

DD David O'Brien asked Tim Law to adjust the slides to include the proposed change and redisplay the slides. In the interim DD David O'Brien asked Lesley Storkey, Region 12 International Director if she could speak to the Council.

Lesley Storkey thanked DD David O'Brien and Council members commenting what a time to ask me to speak when there is this turmoil. Isn't it interesting at District Council Meetings so often we are bogged down in where are we going, what's the focus, what's our direction here. She reminded everyone here to just take it piece by piece. Make sure your parliamentarian you allow him to guide you, that's why he is there. Remember that the focus of this District Council meeting is to ultimately get the best results from your members whether they are in one club in J2 another club in G1 or wherever they are that is hard and she is hearing that members have been consulted but I know you will all make the right decision and focus on getting there.

I also remind you that it is so much easier to handle a District Council meeting if you do Parliamentary procedure right from the club level. Great Parliamentary procedure allows us to make decisions in a shorter time as possible whilst allowing clear, decisive and focused discussions and congratulations to your District Director who looks as though he is totally unflappable and Tim who is a wonderful techy who he is working hard in the background while the ducks are paddling under water. Thank you for letting me have a few minutes to speak. I won't take any more of your time. I will be joining you next week at the conference and I look forward to doing that. Enjoy your council meeting they can be fun, honestly. Thank you DD David.

On behalf of the District DD David O'Brien thanked Lesley for her words and the huge effort she has put into Region 12 over the last two years.

Tim displayed original slides followed by the updated slides to show the amended proposal.

David Templeman, PRE, Bay Harbour advised he would like to speak against this amendment, the reason being we have a committee for a reason and that is that we looked through the strength of the clubs, the number of clubs as Kendall pointed out. This is where we run into difficulty where we end up with a three club area or a seven club area. This is not being set in stone forever. These movements are only for one year then we would look at it again. I would prefer that we vote down the amendment, go with the original and the District make a commitment to look at this again next year and we can come back and discuss this again next year and make an informed decision.

I do not know the strength of these clubs, if there are a whole lot there with eight I would not want to be having two of them in that same area so I am against this amendment and prefer the District look at it properly.

Jeremy Naylor, PRE, Tawa raised two questions:

1. Why is Outspoken Toastmasters Suspended on the slide, he thought that club had closed? David confirmed it is closed but officially on the TI website it is listed as suspended. Until it drops off Tis list it will disappear but until then it remains on our list, we have to note it and it has to be part of the proposal.
2. Could someone please explain the reason to move Tawa Toastmasters from Area J2 to Area J1? Pauline Cook, Div. J Dir. explained the reason for moving Tawa was because Tawa is physically or geographically closer to Porirua Central whereas the other clubs, Ohariu and Churton Park are further South and that is why they thought it would be better for Tawa to be sitting close to a club in J1.

A point of order was raised by Kendall Eade, PRE, Hutt City/Phoenix Toastmasters, regarding Jeremy's question that we are discussing the amendment at this stage and not the rest of the proposal. This was agreed by DD David O'Brien & DP Denis McCord.

Heather Wong, PRE, Wadestown advised she would prefer, as President of Wadestown to proceed with the plan that was proposed at this meeting versus the amendment. It makes good sense to them that Wadestown, Ohariu, Newlands, Karori, Ngaio are all together as we are all in similar proximity and we have other members in our club that are dual club members. She knew when she spoke to the club about this, they liked the idea they were a member of Newlands and member of Wadestown that they would be in the same area.

DD David O'Brien reiterated we are voting on whether to accept the proposed amendment which is that Karori and Wadestown Toastmasters clubs are moved into G4 instead of J2.

The amendment was put to the vote.

NOT CARRIED

DD David O'Brien confirmed the District has voted not to accept the proposed amendment therefore the amendment is lost. We are now voting on the original District 72 realignment proposal for Division J and G for the 2022-2023 year as presented by the Realignment Committee.

Moved: Kayleen Gilder, AM

Seconded: Rose Wyse, VPE, Wainueamata

CARRIED

NO votes received for the record:

Carol Mitchell, President, Cupcake Communicators

Tim McMenamin, President, Ohariu

David thanked everyone for their vigorous debate.

13 Election of District Officers

Voting Instructions:

DD David O'Brien explained the voting process which included multiple votes:

Only those registered can vote (Club Presidents, Club Vice Presidents Education, and District 72 Executive Members.

This year we are using the Zoom poll voting system. A poll will appear on your screen requesting you click: Yes, No or Abstain.

If there is no clear winner and we need to use the multiple vote system, the Zoom Manager will remove all single vote voting members to a breakout room leaving those carrying two or more votes in the meeting where they will cast their second votes.

This process will be continued until we have a clear result.

13.1 Report of the District Leadership Committee (DLC)

David Templeman, District Audit Committee Chair presented the DLC Report

DL Committee Members:

Allison Graham, Division C

Anthony Fletcher, Division G

Celina Templeman, Division D

Nicola Green, Division E

Philip Smith, Division G

David Templeman, Chair

David Templeman thanked these members for their dedication, hard work and the commitment to the future of District 72.

Nominations were called for in early December and in February/March this year all candidates were interviewed and evaluated by sub-committees of the full committee. Following these interviews, the DLC met and nominate the following candidates:

For District Director – Kathryn Duncan, DTM
For Program Quality Director – Glen Pearce, DTM
For Club Growth Director – Mary Jaksch, MS5
For Division E Director – Erik Roeper, LD4
For Division G Director – Moumita Jamindar-Arnold, PM5 & DL5
For Division J Director – Murray Ingram, DTM

David Templeman confirmed that all deadlines have been met according to protocol 9.0 meaning that this report is valid. However as there is only one Club Growth Director candidate, no Public Relations Manager, Division C or Division D Director candidates the report is incomplete for those positions and floor candidates could stand for those positions providing they submitted their intent to the District Director seven days ago. The District Director will handle the floor candidates.

David Templeman commented as a final note it has been reassuring to see the talent of future leaders coming through and I know our District is in safe hands.

On behalf of the District Leadership Committee I move that our report be received:

David Templeman, Audit Committee Chair

Seconded: Mata Samatua, AD D3/PRE, Aranui Toastmasters

DD David O'Brien welcomed everyone to the election of District Officers 2022-2023.

As there are uncontested positions I move that for all uncontested officer roles, a single vote be recorded for the candidate for each such office:

Moved: David O'Brien, DD

Seconded: Anthony Kalauta, VPE, Aranui Toastmasters Club

There was no discussion.

CARRIED

Floor Candidates

DD David O'Brien noted: At this election Floor Candidates can no longer announce their intention to stand at the Annual Business meeting as has occurred in the past (prior to 2020). Anyone intending to stand as a Floor Candidate are required to declare their intent and register with the District Director, seven days prior to the elections (at this meeting) [Protocol 9.0, 11 DI]. There are Floor Candidates standing for election. Please note all Floor Candidates will be qualified (as set out in the bylaws) and eligible (have been interviewed by the District Leadership Committee) and have signed the District Leader Agreement Statement.

13.2.1 District Director

There is one Nominated Candidate: Kathryn Duncan, DTM

There are no Floor Candidates

There being only one candidate for the role of District Director, one vote was recorded and Kathryn Duncan was declared District Director for 2022-2023.

DD David O'Brien congratulated Kathryn Duncan, District Director elect.

13.2.2 Program Quality Director

There is one Nominated Candidate: Glen Pearce, DTM

There are no Floor Candidates

There being only one candidate for the role of Program Quality Director, one vote was recorded and Glen Pearce was declared Program Quality Director for 2022-2023.

DD David O'Brien congratulated Glen Pearce, Program Quality Director elect.

13.2.3 Club Growth Director

As only one candidate was nominated, not two, as required under Protocol 9.0, candidates must run from the floor.

There is one Floor Candidate: Mary Jaksch

Nominated: Harry Fox, PRE, Liffy Club

Seconded: Mata Samatau, AD D3 & PRE, Aranui Toastmasters

There being only one candidate for the role of Club Growth Director, one vote was recorded and Mary Jaksch was declared Club Growth Director for 2022-2023.

DD David O'Brien congratulated Mary Jaksch, Club Growth Director elect.

13.2.4 Public Relations Manager

There were no Nominated Candidates

There is one Floor Candidate: Kath Cherrie

Nominated: Carol Mitchell, PRE, Cup Cake Communicators

Seconded: Kayleen Gilder, AM

There being only one candidate for the role of Public Relations Manager, one vote was recorded and Kath Cherrie was declared Public Relations Manager for 2022-2023 year.

DD David O'Brien congratulated Kath Cherrie, Public Relations Manager elect.

13.2.5 Division Directors 2022-2023:

Division C

There are no nominated candidates.

There are no floor candidates.

The role was declared vacant.

Division D

There are no nominated candidates.

There are no floor candidates.

The role was declared vacant.

Division E

There is one Nominated Candidate: Erik Roeper, LD4

There are no Floor Candidates.

Moved: Glen Pearce, CGD
Seconded: Harry Fox, PRE, Liffey Toastmaters

There being only one candidate for the role of Division E Director, one vote was recorded and Erik Roeper, was declared Division E Director

DD David O'Brien congratulated Erik Roeper, Division E Director elect.

Division G

There is one Nominated Candidate: Moumita Jamindar-Arnold, PM5 & DL5

There are no Floor Candidates.

Moved: Rose Wyse, VPE Wainuiomata

Seconded: Kathryn Duncan, PQD

There being only one candidate for the role of Division G Director, one vote was recorded and Moumita Jamindar-Arnold was declared Division G Director 2022-2023

DD David O'Brien congratulated Moumita Jamindar-Arnold, Division G Director elect.

Division J

There is one Nominated Candidate: Murray Ingram, DTM

There are no Floor Candidates.

Moved: Pauline Cook, Div. J Dir.

Seconded: Rose Wyse, VPE, Wainuiomata

There being only one candidate for the role of Division J Director, one vote was recorded and Murray Ingram, DTM was declared Division J Director 2022-2023.

DD David O'Brien congratulated Murray Ingram, Division J Director elect.

DD David O'Brien congratulated all incoming officers for the 2022-2023 year.

14 Conference Reports

14.1 14.1 Report on Christchurch May 2022 Virtual Conference

PQD Kathryn Duncan presented a verbal report for the Christchurch May 2022 Virtual Conference highlighting:

- She hoped everyone had the dates marked in their calendar and had registered.
- We are in for an amazing show in a weeks time.
- We have the full contests – table topics on Friday night, humorous and evaluation contests on Saturday and international speaking contest on Sunday.
- There are two fantastic key note speakers.
- Several incredible workshops and presenters. One workshop from Lesley Storkey, Region 12 International Director who is an amazing presenter.
- There will be lots of time to network even a scavenger hunt which will hopefully wet your appetite.
- If you haven't registered, please do so, and come along and enjoy it.
- There is going to be one link for the whole weekend so you can join when you choose as long as you don't come in in the middle of a contest in which case you will be put into a waiting room.
- Please come along and support District 72. It may not be in person, but we are making it the best possible on-line conference so please join us and celebrate District 72.

Moved that the Virtual Christchurch May 2022 Conference report be received

Moved: Kathryn Duncan, PQD

Seconded: Dani Rius, Div. D Dir.

Discussion:

Kath Cherrie, VPE, Toast Now added as well as the scavenger hunt on the Friday night there is an inter division quiz on the Saturday night. Up for grabs are bragging rights for the division that gets the most answers correct.

CARRIED

15 Finance Managers Report

FM Tony Cross presented the following finance reports:

15.1 Report on Cancelled Christchurch Conference May 2022

Tony reported:

Revenue from Registrations - \$15,600.00

Refunds of registrations - \$15,500.00

Conference deposit was fully refunded.

Surplus from Conference - \$100.00

Tony advised it was unclear where that \$100.00 came from. The amounts were quite confusing as to what should be refunded and means we did not pay \$100.00 to possibly several people.

Moved the report on the Cancelled Christchurch May 2022 Conference be received:

Tony Cross, FM

Seconded: Ron Blackwell, AD J2

There was no discussion.

CARRIED

NO votes received for the record:

Carol Mitchell, PRE, Cupcake Communicators

15.2a Financial Report as at 31 December 2021

FM Tony Cross presented the financial report for six months ended 31 December 2022. Tony highlighted:

The accounts have been audited.

At December we were underbudget for most expenses and that is a trend that has continued into May 2022.

More relevant information is the next set of financial statements for the nine months ended March which gives a clearer picture.

There was nothing in particular he wanted to comment on except there is a trend that we are under budget in most expenditure categories.

Moved the financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2021 be received:

Tony Cross, FM

Seconded: Clare Law, VPE, Pegasus

Discussion:

Peter Scholtens, VPE, Capital Chatterers asked Tony, he has given us a very brief overview. He was just wondering whether not everyone has probably got the three or four pages of the financial statements sitting in front of them. Because he only put the top first page up, he wondered if he

could quickly run through the pages somewhat briefly as he has indicated to show everyone the figures so that they can see what they are voting on.

Tim Law, Tech Support, displayed all pages.

Tony replied the only comment he would make is that the District is in a very strong financial situation. The other thing is we have run a surplus for the six and nine month periods. It may be seen to be good to run at a surplus however TI have now said that if we have too many funds they may take back some of our funds so it doesn't necessarily pay to run a surplus.

DD David O'Brien commented also the budget put together at the start of the year by the Trio was a very tight budget which we are all aware of from the September District Council meeting. District had also given us a mandate that we were to hold more in person events.

Traditionally what has happened for most Divisions is to hold two contests in November and two in December. But with COVID at the time it was very hard to predict what was going to happen and in discussion with the District Officers they were asked if they could look at pushing the contests back until March/April period. The District Officers took that brave decision, so we ended up with a situation where most divisions and areas were running four contests in the New Year rather than in 2021. This resulted in some of the costs which we expected being delayed leaving a potential for a big cost coming in for venue hires for each division.

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions were put in place, and we had to move to on-line contests and events which was very disappointing.

From a financial perspective we suddenly had a big surplus of money that we couldn't spend that had been allocated to cover the costs of in person contests etc. that hasn't come through.

This included travel. We budgeted for a lot of travel which again we had to cancel planned in person District Officer events which meant we did not spend the money budgeted for travel.

In terms of marketing, when the Trio looked at marketing in the early part of the year a lot of clubs were on-line or in a situation where they had limited access for the number of people they could have in their meeting rooms. The Trio decided to push back the marketing plan to see if we could get more favourable conditions for the marketing. Again, the impact of this was we could not spend the money we thought we would spend in the first six month period.

Tim McMenemy, President, Ohariu Toastmasters Club referred to the first slide noting Recognition, Club Growth and Marketing the actual amounts we have recognition \$192.00, marketing \$1,113 for club growth do we have \$2,629.00? Tony replied the figures for recognition and marketing are negative figures. This has occurred because of a reversal in accruals from the previous year. The previous year was over expenses and over accrued which is why it looks a bit "screwy". He suggested to get a better picture would be to look at the nine month period ending 31 March where we have had a few more expenses come through.

CARRIED

NO votes received for the record:

Carol Mitchell, PRE, Cupcakes Communicators

15.2 b Financial Report as at 31 March 2022

FM Tony Cross presented the financial report for nine months ending 31 March 2022 and commented:

The nine month report shows again that we have underspent in most areas on the budget.

One area we have overspent on the budget was marketing. The largest item there was the \$4,500.00 spent on TV NZ advertising.

Revenue from membership is down substantially. In the previous nine month period we had \$54,000, this time \$48,000 so there has been quite a decline in revenue.

We ended again with a very healthy surplus which is not necessarily a good thing as we may have some of our surplus funds taken off us by TI.

Balance Sheet

We have a lot of funds, not likely to run out of money any time soon.

Moved that the Financial Report for District 72 as at 31 March 2022 be received:

Tony Cross, FM

Seconded: Ron Blackwell, AD J2

Discussion:

Peter Sholtens, VPE, Capital Chatterers raised the following questions:

1. We haven't seen the figures on the screen, just the balance sheet but not the earlier meeting pages that Tony was specifically referring to so that we as members could see what we were voting on if we haven't read it from the website. (Tim Law, tech support displayed the relevant pages.)
2. Is there a written commentary on the accounts? He noticed there was a written commentary on the balance sheet but none on the website relating to the income and expenditure for all the March accounts. Tony advised no but he could do that.
3. Is there a process in place for where you have a budget of \$4,000.00 and then spend more than \$8,000.00 on a particular category? DD David O'Brien replied the budget is submitted to TI at the start of the year which says what we are expecting to spend on each category. We have obviously gone over budget on the marketing initially budgeted. He has notified TI that we have gone over the marketing budget and provided a narrative of our reasoning. To date we have not received a reply from TI. David suggested this could partly be because TI realise everyone is well underspent and we moved the money into marketing toastmasters which is part of the core of the District Mission.

Carol Mitchell, PRE, Cupcake Communicators suggested it would be more than useful for the slides to be displayed throughout the whole discussion period. Whilst herself and Peter may have possibly printed these finance reports out and have them in front of us most of the audience won't and they don't know what's being discussed or talked about and given the lateness onto the website of the financial accounts actually meeting NZ Accounting and Charities Commission Standards she would daresay printed way too early as well so it would be useful for Council to have visibility of those accounts.

Jeremy Naylor, PRE, Tawa asked:

1. Could Tony confirm in his report that he gave did he say membership of the clubs in the District have gone down? Tony confirmed yes but referred the question to Club Growth Director Glen Pearce.

Glen replied yes membership is down currently. We are about 400 plus membership payments down at the moment. There was a slight increase in April but we have had a bit of a freeze with the ERP update at the moment so we are not sure where some clubs will sit until after clubs are able to process membership payments again. He noted also there are more marketing plans in place to boost the clubs again now we are "coming out" of COVID and the restrictions are at alert level orange.

2. With regard to the ERP update will the clubs be penalised at all due to clubs making late payments due to the ERP update? DD David O'Brien advised he wrote to TI about that and they will back date those membership dates once they start reprocessing payments.

CARRIED

NO votes received for the record:

Carol Mitchell, PRE, Cupcakes Communicators

Peter Scholtens, VPE, Capital Chatterers

The meeting was paused at this point for DP Denis McCord to consult with DD David O'Brien in a breakout room.

DD David O'Brien returned reporting the meeting had dropped below quorum and that the meeting will continue but there is a procedure we will need to follow to ratify the last part of the meeting. Our belief is that it affects from the financial report we are dealing with and then onwards.

Carol Mitchell, President, Cup Cake Communicators commented (noting David Templeman nodding agreement with her) that her understanding with virtual on-line meetings is a quorum is those who have registered not those present in the meeting on the day therefore we should still have a quorum.

DP Denis McCord advised he would need to clarify that himself.

DD David O'Brien advised we would take that as verification from Carol and David pending DP Denis McCord sighting the ruling and continue with the meeting. If DP Denis finds the votes are binding that's fine otherwise, we will follow the process as stated by DP Denis and decisions will be circulated for ratification to Council Members.

Postscript

The quorum was established at the beginning of the meeting and advised that the Council meeting had a quorum - one-third of club presidents and club education vice presidents registered. [District Administrative Bylaws, Article X c and e, and Guidance for online Council meetings from Toastmasters International.] TI does not provide for a status change if attendance during a meeting drops below the quorum confirmed at beginning of the meeting.

Therefore, business conducted at this meeting from this point is valid.

Note: For clarification if there was not quorum at the beginning of the meeting such a meeting would proceed as if there was, and follow a process as set out in District Administrative Bylaws, Article X c.

DP Denis McCord

16 D72 Semi-Annual Audit Committee Report 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

District 72 Audit Committee Chair (DACC) Philip Smith presented the D72 Semi-Annual Audit Committee Report.

The Audit Committee completed the semi-annual Audit for the six months ending 31 December 2021 in February in line with the Toastmasters International requirements.

Moved that the audit report be received: Philip Smith DACC

Seconded: Anthony Kalauta, VPE, Aranui Toastmasters

There was no discussion.

CARRIED

DD David O'Brien thanked the Philip and the Audit Committee

17 Senior District Officer Reports

DD David O'Brien asked the senior officers to present their reports with any verbal updates:

17.1 Division C Director report

Division C Director Leanne Fox presented her report with no verbal updates.

Moved her report be received

Division D Director report

Division D Director Dani Rius presented her report with no verbal updates.

Moved her report be received

Division E Director report

Division E Director Mary Jaksch presented report with no verbal updates.

Moved her report be received

Division G Director report

Division G Director Anthony Fletcher presented his report with no verbal update:

Moved the report be received

Division J Director report

Division J Director Pauline Cook presented her report with the following updates:

1. 100% of Area Director club visit reports have now been submitted.
2. A club coach has been appointed to Wairarapa Gourmet Toastmasters

Moved her report be received

Seconded: Rose Wyse, VPE, Wainuiomata Toastmasters

CARRIED

14.2 Public Relations Manager report

PRM Brad Grootelaar presented his report with the one verbal update:

On the second page he said we spent \$937.00 on You Tube ads. On receipt of the invoice from Google he was very surprised to see they gave us a credit of \$600.00 for being first time users. This meant we spent very little on You Tube ads but got a lot of results.

Moved his report be received with verbal updates

Seconded: Clare Law, VPE, Pegasus

14.3 Club Growth Director report

CGD Glen Pearce presented his report as tabled with one verbal update:

1. A club coach has been appointed to Wairarapa Gourmet Toastmasters Club.

Moved his report be received with verbal updates

Seconded: Harry Fox, PRE, Liffey Toastmasters

14.4 Programme Quality Director report

PQD Kathryn Duncan presented her report as tabled with the following update:

1. We now have 95 of club visit reports completed. 11 club visit reports still to be completed.

Moved her report be received

Seconded: Imogen Duncan, PRE, Taieri Toastmasters

14.5 District Director report

DD David O'Brien presented his report as tabled.

**Moved his report be received
Seconded: Marie Fox, AD D5**

Discussion:

Jeremey Naylor, PRE, Tawa Toastmasters reported he had heard Porirua Central is struggling at the moment and needs help and suggested the CGD/Division J Director assign a club coach to them.

**Moved the district officer reports other than the District Finance Managers financial report
already received: David O'Brien, DD**

CARRIED

18 General Business

18.1 Conference Bids 2023

PQD Kathryn Duncan reported we do not have any bids for the 2023 conference but if Council members would like to take it back to their clubs and offer that there is the opportunity for running a conference in May 2023, we would appreciate hearing from you if you would like to look at doing that.

DD David O'Brien advised as we have not received any bids to host the 2023 D72 May Conference that will now follow to the District 72 Protocols and will fall to the incoming District Leadership team to appoint and announce where that will be.

18.2 Announcement of 2022-2023 District & Field Officer Appointments

DD David O'Brien welcomed District Director elect Kathryn Duncan to announce the District and Field Officer appointments.

DD elect Kathryn Duncan announced the following:

Area Directors

C2 – Liz Doubtfire
C4 – Glenis Forsyth
D1 – Louise Landess
D5 – Lisa Coppins
G1 – Patrick Sharp
G7 – Inger Deighton

Division Directors

D – Celina Templeman

Top Table

Finance Manager – Sheryl Ryan
Administration Manager – Esther Haines
District Parliamentarian – David Templeman

Field Officers

District Historian – Denis McCord
District Trainer – Marie Fox
District Technical Manager – Tim Law

DD David O’Brien advised as these announcements were not published at least 14 days in advance of the vote or the meeting, the appointments announced will be approved at the next District 72 Council Meeting as per Protocol 7:1: 6D IV.

19 **Announcements**

The next meeting of the D72 Council Committee will be held as a virtual meeting on Sunday 11 September 2022, time to be confirmed.

The next meeting of the D72 Executive Meeting will be held in July 2022. Further details are pending.

DD David O’Brien thanked everyone for remaining for the meeting and congratulations to the incoming district officers.

20 **Close:** DD David O’Brien declared the meeting closed at 4.19 pm.

Appendix 1: District Officers present at the District Council Committee meeting 07 May 2022

District Director - David O'Brien
Program Quality Director - Kathryn Duncan
Club Growth Director - Glen Pearce
Administration Manager - Kayleen Gilder
Public relations Manager - Brad Grootelaar
District Finance Manager – Tony Cross
Division C Director - Leanne Fox
Division D Director – Dani Rius
Division E Director – Mary Jaksch
Division G Director - Anthony Fletcher
Division J Director - Pauline Cook
C1 Area Director - Doug Fraser
C2 Area Director - Karen Squires
C4 Area Director - Craig McGregor
D1 Area Director – Cam Parsonson
D3 Area Director – Mata Samatua
D4 Area Director – Russell Hazelwood
D5 Area Director - Marie Fox
E1 Area Director – Erik Rokeper
E5 Area Director - Sun Kim
G2 Area Director - Andrew Freeth
G3 Area Director – Moumita Jamindar
G6 Area Director - Rachelle Winefield
G7 Area Director - Lisa Doyle
J1 Area Director - Jackie Blackwell
J2 Area Director - Ron Blackwell
J3 Area Director - Karen Hoyland
J4 Area Director - Sheryl Ryan
J5 Area Director - Murray Ingram

District Parliamentarian – Denis McCord
Credentials Chair, Nicola Green
Audit Committee Chair, Philip Smith
District Technical Manager – Tim Law
District Technical Manager – Bailey Wood
Regional 12 International Director – Lesley Storkey
Regional 12 Advisor 2020-2022 - Kaylene Ledger

Clubs Officers present at the District Council Committee meeting 07 May 2022

Presidents:

Sheryl Ryan	Cook Strait
Karen Squires	Wanaka
Russell Hazelwood	Christchurch
Kendall Eade	Hutt City/Phoenix
Glenys Brown	Upper Hutt
Jane Gregory	SpeakEasy
Richard Taylor	Hornby Toastmasters
Serge Latyntsev	Wellington Club
Mata Samatua	Aranui
Laura Bruce	Online Uncensored Comedians & Humourists
Adi Avnit	Ashburton
Allison Graham	Grand
Anita Fulton	Victoria Toastmasters
Beate Lutzebaeck	Capital
Ben Cooksley	Wellington Professional
Carol Mitchell	Cupcake Communicators
Chelsea Heppell	Ngaio Toastmasters
David Templeman	Bay Harbour
Harry Fox	Liffey
Heather Wong	Wadestown
Imogen Duncan	Taieri/Tabletalk
Jane Gregory	Speakeasy
Jeremy Naylor	Tawa
Judith Snelling	Riccarton
Lilian Morrison	Silverstream
Lisa Coppins	Alpine
Louise Landess	Boaters Club
Lovey Ratima-Rapson	Christchurch Womens
Malcolm Freebairn	Capital Chatterers
Martin Fraunstein	Toast Health
Mary Prendergast	Greymouth
Matt Foubister	Cathedral City
Sam Eastman	NZTA
Sandra Dingwall	Wavecrest
Sini Miller	Dollanhouse
Tania Sales	Wainuiomata
Tim Handley	Peninsula 963
Tim McMenemy	Ohariu
Victoria Crawford	Newtown

VP Education

Sheryl Ryan	Cook Strait
Cam Parsonson	Boaters
Karen Hoyland	Wairarapa Gourmet
Marie Fox	Liffey
Leanne Fox	Foveaux
Glenys Brown	Upper Hutt
Jane Gregory	Lunchspeak
Richard Taylor	Speechcraft

Serge Latyntsev	Wellington Club
Peter Scholtens	Capital Chatterers/Terrace@12
Anthony Kalauta	Aranui Toastmasters
Ben Faulks	Dollan House
Carol Wald	TM Wairarapa
Celina Templeman	Bay Harbour
Christine Lennon	Cupcake Communicators
Clare Law	Pegasus
Deva Peruman	Alpine
Esther Haines	Wavecrest
Georgia Carson	Wadestown
Inger Deighton	Peninsula Presenters
Karl Rogers	Gracefield
Kath Cherrie	ToastNow
Lorna Ingram	Karori
Marty Pilott	Newlands
Nicola Green	Rangiora
Paul Mulrooney	Sunrise
Rose Wyse	Wainuiomata
Sean Vekula	Ohariu
Sian Farr	ToastHealth
Sue Hoseit	Dunedin
Sylvie Poupard-Gould	Turbine Talkers Club
Tim Durkin-Wright	Capital