

Copy of Toastmasters District 45 Executive Council Meeting 4-30-2011

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| Call to Order | The breakfast buffet was served and District Governor Susan Francesco, DTM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM on April 30, 2011 in the Abenake Room of the Common Man Inn & Spa in Plymouth, NH, USA. |
| Inspirational Opening | Lynn Caulkins, CTM, CL shared an inspirational thought on excellence from Aristotle that included, "we are what we repeatedly do." |
| Reading of District Mission | Sandra Hachey, ACB, ALB, read the District Mission. |
| Welcome and Introductory Remarks | District Governor, Susan Francesco, DTM, welcomed everyone, thanked the inn staff for serving an early breakfast buffet and asked for introductions around the table to include name, club name and number . |
| Roll Call & Quorum | District Secretary, Sheila Oranch, ACS/CL conducted roll call and confirmed that a quorum was met. |
| Adoption of Agenda | The agenda for the meeting was adopted by unanimous consent. |
| Secretary's Report | The minutes of the 2010 Fall District Executive Council Meeting held at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine were circulated before the meeting. Brian Shanks, ACS, ALB, Division D Governor moved to adopt the minutes as written, and John Roy, ACB, Area 20 Governor seconded. MOTION CARRIED |
| 2010-2011 Audit Committee Report | District Treasurer, Candice Buell, DTM, presented a written report and recognized the audit committee: Alyson Cravens, Tri-City #7683, Alex Barbehenn, Ad Libs #7673 and Mark Zengulis, Portsmouth #1094. The audit was conducted on January 30, 2011. Overall review showed all reimbursement forms to be in order. All reports were submitted and accepted by TI within the appropriate time allowed. All reimbursement forms had two signatures, as required. All financial records with the bank and reports for mid-year were submitted to TI by February 15, 2011 and accepted. One finding for future improvement was that not all travel reimbursements were accompanied by verification of mileage, but this has been correct since January 20, 2011. The narrative section on all reports could have more explanation, although the overall report was accepted by TI. The audit report will be available for review on the district 45 website. District 45 is in good standing with WHQ. |
| Treasurer's Report | District Treasurer, Candice Buell, DTM, presented a written report and there was no additional discussion. |
| Discussion of District Officer Reports | District officer reports had been provided prior to the meeting. District Governor, Sue Francesco, DTM, noted that division and area reports had been detailed and informative. Area 8- Lee Dowlin, CC noted a correction in the last paragraph, next to last sentence should be "can" vs. "cannot." Area 15- Lynn Caulkins, CL, had several additions to her report. She added a prospective new club at Dartmouth Tuck School to be called The Tuck Masters. NH Vocalizers will probably fold due to lack of attendance. Mt. Allen University, Bagtown Babbles led by Doug Jones as of 3/21/11 would be in Area 3. Area 5- Bob Lichtenwalter, DTM said the mayor did not attend the Bangor Toastmasters 60th anniversary celebration but it was on 3 TV networks. Area 6- Mike Harris, ATMS-CL was represented by Kristine Smith as Mike was in Florida, USA receiving an award for his job. Area 10- Rick Jennings, CTM, CL said John Hancock club was down to 5 and dues were not submitted. They may fold. Area 14- Margaret Helmuch, ACS, ALB was also represented by Kristine Smith, CC, ALB, division governor, as Margaret was traveling in Egypt. Brunswick Club had not yet achieved its 6 goals. Club Dirigo is President's |

Distinguished, not Select. EMHS also made Distinguished. Area 4- Sandra Hachey, ACB, ALB noted a typo in her report under Contests that the \$ should have been "Four." Area 19- Andrea Woodward, CC, ACB noted that is her correct designation, not ALB. Area 18- Jean St-Pierre, ACS, ALB noted his corrected designation, not ACB. He also noted that two clubs are poised for Distinguished Club and just need the numbers. Area 21- Therese Lawson, ACG, CL was represented by Erik? Area 2- Robbie Broad, ACB said in general the area is doing well except Sussex which has 5 members and needs more to survive. Area 3- Doug Jones, ACB, ALB corrected his designation, not CL. Area 3 report was submitted online but not sent to the district governor for the report. Everyone is on time and there will probably be a new club chartering. Area 17- John Newman, ACG, CL was represented by Sharon Jaques, CC, division E governor. Area 9- Evelyn Kennedy, CTM, CL was represented by Donna Tutty, ACS, ALB. Area 22- Eric Jordan, ALB corrected his designation, not ALB. Sunrise club is rising from the ashes. It is a corporate club and getting very active. In summary Sue Francesco, DTM, district governor, recognized changed designations by most of the leaders in the room. Outstanding leaders teach by example!

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| Unfinished Business | There was no unfinished business. |
| New Business | <p>The proposed realignment plan was discussed by Heather Perkins, DTM, past district governor, as Wendy Harding had a health situation. Heather said the proposal could work; it was posted in early April and there had been no replies, comments or feedback. It creates a balance of weak and strong clubs, distances, and the coming and going of clubs. Division A will split into A and G and the areas will shift for the geography in each division. Potential clubs won't show on the proposal until they are chartered. The realignment will be proposed as a full slate at the District Council meeting. Dan Bell, DTM, moved that the Executive Council recommend the Realignment Proposal to the District Council. Dawn Knight, ACG, CL seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED</p> |
| Announcements and Discussions | <p>LGET, Wayne Mercer, DTM, circulated a draft of the June TLI for comment. Sue Francesco, DTM, said Susan Delati had approval to attend a district 45 TLI and they were still negotiating what is feasible. Brian Shanks offered to host free. Heather Perkins said anyone can go to a TLI in any division and as long as they get their attendance validated by being on the sign-in list, it counts. There was also some explanation about finances. Outgoing division governors get \$10 per club that fulfills the TLI requirement. The other \$5 rolls over to the incoming district governors for make-ups. Division C had no make-up and had 112 attendees. Division A had the same strategy and did make-up at the same time. If there is no make-up, what happens to the other \$5? Incoming and outgoing governors make agreements. A discussion of TI's new branding yielded no new information but frustration about how the matter was handled. Bob Goffredo, CC, who recently led the charter of the Moultonborough Toastmasters club had expressed frustration to district officers about having spent money on a club banner only to be told two months later that they would need to get a new banner. Despite the proposed discount, it is still a lot of money for a new club. Wayne Mercer, DTM, explained that TI is trying to regain consistency. Brian Shanks, ACS, ALB moved that District 45 lodging a formal protest with TI about a lack of customer service. Sheila Oranch, ACS, CL seconded. Louise Bernier, DTM, spoke against the motion, as they (customer service) are just as frustrated. MOTION FAILED.</p> |
| Time and Place of Next Meeting | November 5, 2011 at 7:00 AM at fall conference to be held at Ashworth by the Sea, Hampton, New Hampshire. |
| Adjournment | Motion to adjourn by Dawn Knight, seconded by Sandra Hachey at 8:37 AM. MOTION CARRIED |

Minutes recorded
by Sheila Oranch,
District 45
Secretary 2010-
2011

Signatures on original

Minutes accepted
and approved by:
Susan Francesco,
District 45
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