

CARIBBEAN TERRITORIAL COUNCIL OF TOASTMASTERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The following is the minutes of the Business Meeting of the Caribbean Territorial Council of Toastmasters held at the 2005 May Conference, Cascadia Hotel, Trinidad, May 28, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

District Governor D'Arcy Lopes called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Secretary, Donna Knight read the Mission of the District.

Other members of the executive present were

Erich René	Lt. Governor Marketing
Marlene Hall	Public Relations Officer
Sonia Alexis	Treasurer
Paul Sharp	Immediate Past District Governor
Robert Scott	Division Governor B
Johanna Dambruck	Division Governor A
Eileen Wolfe	Advisor/Parliamentarian

Immediate Past District Governor, Paul Sharp, presented the Credentials report, which confirmed the existence of a quorum, and the eligibility of clubs and executive officers to vote.

Registered Clubs	46
Eligible Clubs	45
Clubs represented	20
Proxy votes	02
Quorum	15 (1/3)
Number of Votes	52
Simple Majority	27

Persons eligible to vote are:

Club Presidents	20 * 1 = 20
VP Education	20 * 1 = 20
Club Proxies	02 * 1 = 02
Council Members Present	06 * 1 = 06
Division Governors	02 * 1 = 02
Area Governors	02 * 2 = 02
	52 (Number of votes)

Eligible clubs are clubs which have paid their dues to Toastmasters International as of Friday, May, 27, 2005. Each voting delegate had earlier received his/her ballot.

MINUTES

After the reading of the Minutes, there was an amendment to the reading of 'Garth Brooks' instead of 'Garth Thomas' as the Toastmaster who made the successful bid to host the 2005 May Convention in Trinidad. There being no other amendment, the Minutes was accepted by Paul Sharp ATM-G and seconded by Eileen Wolfe, PID, DTM

Matters Arising

- Division Governor, Robert Scott, reported that Grand Cayman Toastmasters Club had declined to host the 2005 Spring Conference as they were still recovering from Hurricane Ivan of October 2004.
- Eileen Wolfe expressed her appreciation of the Council's support behind her campaign to become 3rd Vice President of Toastmasters International. Unfortunately she was placed third and had opted not to run from the floor.
- Dynamic Speakers (T&T) and Guyana voiced their concerns as to the minutes not being circulated before hand. The Secretary explained that the minutes were circulated earlier by e-mail. In light of this inadequacy in the mailing listing new measures would be put in place to ensure that clubs receive information from the Executive. These measures include the use of two e-mail addresses for each club. As an alternative Clubs could contact the executive if they have not received any information from the Council or check the Council's website regularly for updates.
- The resolution:

Be it resolved that beginning with the 2005 Fall Conference, the Caribbean Territorial Council of Toastmasters conferences be held during the third week of the chosen month

which had been tabled in Curacao, but was postponed definitely due to the fact that the question of a quorum was raised by Parliamentarian Eileen Wolfe, was again raised and put forth to the assembly. As a quorum was confirmed during the Credentials report a vote was taken and the resolution carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS

After Immediate Past District Governor, Paul Sharp delivered the report of the nominating committee, District Governor, D'Arcy Lopes opened the Election of Officers by accepting nominations from the floor.

OFFICE	NOMINATIONS	
	EXECUTIVE	FLOOR
District Governor	Robert Scott	none
Lt. Governor Education	Erich René	Shirley Daley
Lt. Governor Marketing	Marlene Hall	none
Public Relations Officer	Philip Rochford	none
Secretary	Donna Knight	none
Treasurer	Lucie de Jong	none
Division Governor A	Oswin Benito	Nadia Chuckaree
Division Governor B	Roland Cooper	Shirley Daley

At the end of the elections the new Executive for 2005/6 was declared as:

District Governor	Robert Scott (Jamaica)
Lt. Governor Education	Erich René (Netherlands Antilles)
Lt. Governor Marketing	Marlene Hall (Barbados)
Public Relations Officer	Philip Rochford (Trinidad & Tobago)
Secretary	Donna Knight (Jamaica)
Treasurer	Lucie de Jong (Netherlands Antilles)
Division Governor A	Oswin Benito (Netherlands Antilles)
Division Governor B	Shirley Daley (Jamaica)

Area Governors

Barbados	Joy Gittens
Jamaica	Marjorie Gaynor Portia Nicholson –Clarke Norma Rochester
Netherlands Antilles	Rolando Alberto Heidi Getrouw Carlos van der Pool

The Area Governors were ratified by the District Governor who encouraged the other territories with three (3) or more clubs to choose an Area Governor. Territories with fewer than three clubs would choose a Co-ordinator who would function as an Area Governor. The names and contact information of future appointed Area Governors or Co-ordinators are to be submitted to the Council for ratification before June 30, 2005.

REPORTS

Treasurer

The assembly adopted the Treasurer's report, which was e-mailed to the members earlier.

District Governor

After the reading of the Chairman's report, there was an enquiry as to the absence of the Lieutenant Governor of Education and her report. Eileen Wolfe, DTM offered an excuse of absence on her behalf.

Lieutenant Governor Marketing

The Lieutenant Governor Marketing, Erich René, reminded the assembly of his regular update on the growth of the Council's Clubs. To date there are forty-five Clubs in good standing and thirteen in pre charter stage across the Caribbean. Unfortunately, he has not received all the signed Resolution forms and these are critical to the Council achieving its goal of being granted Provisional status at the 2005 Business Meeting of Toastmasters International Conference, Canada. Approximately twenty-three (23) clubs have not signed the Resolution form to join the District. He stressed the need to have the signed forms by June 10, to meet Toastmasters International Deadline of June 20, 2005.

Vice President of Public Relations

The Council's website has been active for a few months and member clubs were reminded that the Council can host a sub-domain for each Club. Clubs were encouraged to inform the Council of their activities and accomplishments so that they could be posted on the website, www.caribbeantostmasters.org.

NEW BUSINESS

The resolution:

Be it resolved that beginning of the 2005 Fall Conference, the Opening Ceremonies of the Caribbean Territorial Council of Toastmasters Conferences be held on the Friday evening followed by a Mix and Mingle

was put forth and accepted by the assembly through a majority vote.

It was argued that holding the Opening Ceremony on the Friday would provide more time for training sessions on the Saturday.

Derrick Logan, CTM raised the question of recognizing the eligibility of individuals versus Club Executives to vote in such a setting. He recommended that for future conferences, each Toastmaster eligible to vote should be given a 'voting slip' that should be displayed during the voting sessions.

The floor was then opened for the bid to host future conferences. Future conference dates and places would be:

2005 October St. Croix, US Virgin Island
2006 May Barbados
2006 October Netherlands Antilles

The next business meeting was therefore scheduled for October 15, 2005 in St. Croix, US Virgin Island.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Donna Knight, CL

Secretary 2004,2005

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