



Minutes

District59 Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, 4thth February, 2017 Seville, Spain

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

At 9:09 a.m. Markus Künkel, District Director, called the meeting to order.

B. District Mission

Ulrike Laubner, Administration Manager, read the District's Mission: "We built new clubs and support clubs to achieve excellence."

C. Certificate of Quorum

Ulrike Laubner, Administration Manager, reported that 51 District Officers were present at the opening of the meeting and therefore a quorum was reached. She explained: A majority over the total numbers of District Officers (77) is required for a quorum. This year the quorum is reached with 39 delegates.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously adopted, as sent out and projected.

E. Approval of DECM Minutes Madrid

District Director, Markus Künkel, reported that the minutes of previous District Executive Council was sent four weeks before this DECM. By majority, the minutes were unanimously adopted, as sent out.

II. Core Team Reports

A. Alignment with our goals

District Director, Markus Künkel, informed that the District Success Plan is on track. The District Success Plan is controlled for club payments, club growth and progress in the DCP. He informed that the upcoming weeks are the 2nd chance for reaching goals and make improvements. He urged the team to start the transition time with the successors as early as June 1, 2017, to facilitate a smooth and quality handover. For this, he reminded the officers to protocol and speak about their own difficulties during and after the transition last July.

B. Program Quality Report

Ana-Isabel Ferreira, Program Quality Director, informed about the educational awards of each division. 115 distinguished clubs are needed to meet our District goal. At this point of time 84 clubs have already reached distinguished or a higher level.

The Program Quality Network had been introduced to share the knowledge around the District. A representative of each country is meeting with the PQD monthly. The knowledge is gathered, stored, and shared with the District officer team.

The so-called “guides” for implementing the Pathways Program will be searched for from 15th April onwards.

C. Club Growth Report

Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, informed about three strategic areas.

1. Club retention: Weak clubs were reduced from 21 to 12. There are many members not in good standing.

2. Corporate Clubs: 62 corporate clubs (6 new ones).

3. New clubs: 15 new clubs have chartered and there are +40 prospective Clubs.

D59 club growth has exceeded the aims in terms of club members and new clubs for this time of the year (January).

In addition to the support material shown, there will be webinars in February and March on “Supporting a Corporate Club” and “How to charter a club”.

D. Public Relations Report

Francesco Fedele, Public Relation Manager, informed the team about the updates of the D59 website, Facebook marketing and more marketing activities. The live streaming of the D59 Fall Conference in Madrid had had about 1000 views after the conference. The first trial was very successful due to its visibility and it will be done again in Spring Conference.

E. Finance Report and Q&A

Zukhra Abdumalikova, Finance Manager, handed out the Profit/Loss as of 31. December 2016, a copy of the district budget draft with the area and division directors’ expenditures.

The status of the District budget is very positive. This is due in the first place to higher revenue due to increased memberships, secondly to the low rate of requests for reimbursements, and thirdly to money that has not been spent yet. It was urged to invest the money as budgeted and to ask for reimbursements.

F. IT Strategy & Q&A

Bill Monsour, newly appointed IT-Manager, presented the IT Strategy. He promoted Easy-Speak (ES) to use it also for registration for Area, Division, and District Conferences. ES is

also one of the columns of District Success. Technical support and safety check is integrated in ES, such as e. g. spam control, hacking etc. He informed about the different facilities that are incorporated in ES for facilitating district business.

At the end of 2017, Pathways will be introduced in D59 and will change the DCP. D59 will stay with ES service for another two years. However, a new strategy needs to be identified with the introduction of Pathways.

III. Division Activities

Division Success Plans

Division Success Plans were presented according to the agenda, in a non-alphabetical order, “to see what the neighbour does”, as Markus Künkel explained. Any change to the initial presenter is marked below with an*. The reports contained information from 1st July till today in terms of membership growth, club building, DCP, best practices, setbacks, and motivation of members to attend the 2nd COT:

- Division A- France, presented by Uta Bunde
- Division F- France, presented by Wilfried Rouquet
- Division B- Belgium*, presented by Em Ajogbe (Area Director B1)
- Division C- Netherlands, presented by Chantale Evertsz
- Division D- Portugal, presented by Barbara Piedade
- Division H- Spain*, presented by Cristina Juestas (Area Director H)
- Division L- Portugal, presented by Norberto Amaral
- Division M- Portugal, presented by Gustavo Amaro
- Division K- Spain, presented by Emilia Fossati
- Division J- Switzerland, presented by Pavel Savitch
- Division I- Switzerland, presented by Nina Carrasco
- Division E- Switzerland, presented by Angela Saxby Robbins
- Division G- Italy, presented by Francesca Gammicchia

Gustavo Amaro, Division M Director, moved to approve the Division Reports as presented and it was seconded. The motion was carried by majority.

IV. Current District Business

A. Alignment Committee Report

Alignment Committee Chair, Sara Magalhães, informed that the spilt of Division C due to 8 areas with 37 clubs was under investigation and would be suggested for implementation in Winterthur.

B. Leadership Committee Report

District Leadership Committee Chair, Marike Dijksterhuis, informed that 83 positions are needed for the next year District Officer team. She mentioned again the Protocol 9.0, with special emphasis on article 7 - Candidate Endorsements, i.e., DEC members shall not take any action to endorse or officially support any officer candidate. All positions would be covered easily, as there were more applications than positions available.

C. Spring Conference Winterthur

Conference Chair, Ulrike Laubner, informed on the actual status of District 59 Spring Conference in Winterthur, Switzerland, which was very well in line.

D. Fall 2017 Conference Milano (Italy)

Eri Tafa, chair of next Fall D59 conference, presented the main information on the team, venue, budget, and pricing. The date is 24-26th November, 2017. The Early Bird will start at the Spring D59 Conference in Winterthur.

Motion:

Marike Dijksterhuis, IPPD, moved to approve the Fall District 59 Conference 2017 in Milano, Italy, this was seconded. The proposal will be shared with DC members to be voted on electronically before the D59 Spring Conference in Winterthur. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Joint Spring Conference (D59/95)

Motion:

Nelson Emilio, CGD, raised the motion to approve the Joint D59/95 Spring Conference in Athens, Greece, the motion was seconded.

- Metaxia Kritsidima, Area Director J5, informed that it is an opportunity to explore a country at the border of the district: fun, excitement, hospitality and at low costs.

- Chantal Evertsz, Division C Director, raised a Point of Information: What happens if this motion does not pass? Markus Künkel answered that the process has to start from the scratch with the other candidate cities.

- Pascal Vilarem, Area Director A3, raised a point of information "What can we do to be chosen to be the host for the conference?". Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, answered that all teams will receive feedback since all proposals were interesting enough to be a host for future conferences.

- Emilia Fossati, Division K Director raised the motion to extend the debate for 10 minutes and it was second. The motion was carried by majority.

- Dermot Murphy, Area Director B6, made an amendment to the motion to change the place from "Athens" to "Brussels", which was seconded.

- Pascal Vilarem, Area Director A3, raised a point of information asking to show figures on what the decision was based on. Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, raised the motion to postpone the vote for this motion to get a summary of each proposal until 16.00. This was seconded. In favour: 31; against: 14; abstentions: 7: The motion was carried.

F. Current business with TMI

District Director, Markus Künkel, informed that there were no further activities visible with respect to TMI on the Agora Organisation.

He also pointed out the difficulties with the TMI Homepage and the unlucky process with the District Store during the Fall Conference in Madrid.

V. New Business

District Director, Markus Künkel, stated that there could be more Joint conferences organized, if the Joint Conference in Spring 2018 will be a success.

A new committee with the Ana-Isabel Ferreira as committee chair will evaluate possibilities to fill the gap introduced by the Board of Directors with respect to the fall conferences, will must not be held anymore from fall 2018 onwards.

- Norberto Amaral, Division L Director, made a point of information: He recommended that contestants should not pay the full package ticket for contest, but only Early Bird.

- Bill Monsour, District59 IT Manager raised a point of information about the existence of a District59 store at the District 59 Spring Conference in Winterthur. District Director, Markus Künkel, answered that there will be no District Store and that a district store will be implemented if somebody outside of the District Core team would organise it.

- Pascal Vilarem, Area Director A3, raised a point of information to know if members who made the proposals for future conferences might get more information of other proposals to improve them. There will be written feedback given to each proposal team upon request to Markus Künkel till 1st of April.

Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, moved the close the new business discussion, which was seconded. The motion was carried by majority.

VI. Adjournment

Markus Künkel, District Director, informed about the DECM in Winterthur taking place on Friday, 12th February.

Markus Künkel, District Director, then adjourned this meeting at 13:09 pm.

VII. Extended District Business

A. Call to Order

At 16:10 Markus Künkel, District Director, called an extended meeting to order to provide more information for the decision making on the Joint D59/95 Spring Conference and to continue the discussion previously initiated from the floor.

B. Certificate of Quorum

Ulrike Laubner, Administration Manager, reported that 52 District Officers were present the quorum was therefore reached. (39 delegates =50% +1 of DEC members (77)).

I. District Business

Markus Künkel, District Director, started the discussion where it was interrupted earlier in the morning.

MOTION (by Nelson Emilio): I approve the Joint D59/95 Spring Conference to be held in Athens, Greece. The motion was seconded.

Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, summarized all five proposals for the joint conference.

- Uta Bunde, Division A Director, raised a point order, to make sure that only DEC members are present in the room. This was checked and confirmed.

Amendment (by Dermot Murphy, Area Director B6): Change “Athens, Greece” to “Brussels, Belgium”. It was seconded. In favour: 9; Against: vast majority; Abstentions: 8.

The amendment was rejected.

- Nina Carrasco, Division I Director, raised a point of information, if D95 will know the outcome of the vote. Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, answered that the results would be shared with D59 after their voting (a week later)

Amendment (by Pascal Vilarem, Area Director A3): Change “Athens, Greece” to “Marseille, France”. It was seconded. In favour: 7; Against: 30; abstentions: 13. The amendment was rejected.

Votes on main motion raised by Nelson Emilio to hold this conference in Athens:

In favour: 43; Against:1; Abstentions: 6. The motion was carried.

II. Adjournment

Markus Künkel, District Director, adjourned the meeting at 16.50 pm.

All presentations are accessible via: district59.org