

Bohemian Toastmasters Annual General Meeting

June 2, 2008 in Hotel Otar restaurant

- Present: Andreas Fehrens, Anezka Novak, Angela Vorobey, Ann Tingley, Brandon Munro, David Talacko, Emil Bartovič, Ivan Vlasyuk, Judi Challiner, Juwana Jenkins, Milan Brunclík, Paul Talacko, Stanislav Kukučka, Tereza Nagyová, Tomáš Kohl, Toni Purdy, Miroslav Sedlák
- 16 of 26 active members were present – quorum was set.
- Meeting was called to order by David Talacko at 19:06 and chaired by Juwana Jenkins.
- The end was announced to be at 20:30, Tomáš Kohl was appointed to be timer.

Agenda Adoption

- moved by Paul Talacko, seconded by Brandon Munro
 - motion passed – no abstention, no votes against
1. Open
 2. Establishment of Quorum
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Officer Reports
 5. Nominating Committee Report
 6. Officer Elections
 7. Changes in Meeting Agenda (Brandon)
 8. Amendment of Bylaws
 9. Other Business
 10. Close

Officer Reports

Sergeant at Arms – David Talacko

- David tried to recruit his successor (new SAA) – without success.

VP Public Relations – Anezka Novak

- Thanked to Ivan, Tereza and Ann for their help when she was out of the country.
- Thanked to sub-committees for their work.
- Meet and Greet role developed out of internal sub-committee recommendations.
- Guest handling procedure was created.

VP Education – Brandon Munro

- Brandon mentioned that club was in excellent shape.
- Bulk of members did extremely well.
- Club members were successful in contests – 2 place getters at District level, 4 at Area level.
- Karin was providing bi-weekly training meetings.
- Club organized special training event with Gihan.
- Things to improve:
 - Special point on agenda – change of meeting format
 - Participation – project speeches, active members

Acting President & Treasurer – Paul Talacko

- Successful year for this club
- We got more members than projected, no need to pay UNYP for place → we had more money than we could spend
- Paul suggested several ways to spend our money:

- more educational materials
- more expensive place for meetings

VP Membership – Judi Challiner

- Membership was growing, strong & healthy.
- Mentoring was introduced, effort will continue.
- Judi would like to focus on getting strong in easy-Speak.

Officer Elections

Ann Tingley presented report of nominating committee:

- President – Paul Talacko
- VP Education – Brandon Munro
- VP Membership – Judi Challiner
- VP Public Relations – Anezka Novak
- Secretary – Tomáš Kohl
- Treasurer – Emil Bartovič
- Sergeant at Arms – David Talacko

It has been approved by membership – voting passed unanimously.

Changes to Meeting Agenda

New meeting format

- More emphasis on Toastmaster role
- Put emphasis on project speeches
- Streamlined administration
 - a) Meeting starts with SAA – settle people, make silence
 - b) Opportunity for Meet&Greet to introduce guests
 - c) Grammarian – Word of the Day
 - d) Project speeches
 - e) Table Topics
 - f) Evaluations
 - g) Grammarian
 - h) Quiz master
 - i) Timer's report
 - j) General Evaluator
 - k) Awards & Announcements (no club business – will be done at special event or during committee meeting)
- Goal is to increase level of participation
- Ice-breaker should be done within 2 months (followup by VPE&VMP)
- Scheduling
 - Subcommittee for taking care of easy-Speak
 - Two months in advance, you are responsible for your own replacement
- Members to be consulted on the following two alternative forms of training meetings
 - a) Current scheme – alternate regular and training meetings
 - b) Proposed scheme – regular meeting on every other Monday, training meeting occasionally

Bylaws Amendment

- I. That Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws be amended such that the word 'week' be replaced by the word 'fortnight'.
 - Moved by Paul Talacko, seconded by David Talacko.
 - Two votes against, no abstentions – motion passed.

II. That Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws be amended such that the word 'month' be replaced by the words 'every two months'.

- Moved by Paul Talacko, seconded by Judi Challiner.
- 1 abstention – motion passed.

Other Business

Toni Purdy

- Club lacks a bit of professionalism.
- Timer lights → executive committee will take this advice and can authorize purchase.

Paul Talacko

- Thanked to outgoing committee.
- Special thanks to Monika and Milan.

Anezka Novak

- Raised question about proposed change in training meeting schedule.
- Judi Challiner commented – we must take care of evaluations.
- Tomáš Kohl commented – ad-hoc format because Karin will not be here for period of time.
- Brandon Munro commented – more time for preparation, will be made only when ready.
- Toni Purdy – will help with High Performance Leadership

Toni Purdy

- Explanation of High Performance Leadership project
 - Approves that person has leader abilities
 - One of most detailed TM projects
 - Needed for DTM
 - Requires team – guidance committee
- Creation of corporate club in T-Mobile (in 6 weeks)

Meeting closed at 20:29