

Inaugural General Meeting

The Association of the UK School of Professional Toastmasters

Sunday 6th February 2005 at 11 o'clock
at the 'Shearsby Bath', Shearsby, Leicester

Minutes

Present: Graham Hunt, Glenn Mayes, Berty Bowes; Trevor Thomas, Ian Low, David Wharton, Terry Summers, Sheridan Bowers, David Luker, Timothy Lee, Alan Cockayne, Greg Fenner.

1) **Welcome - Graham Hunt - Director UKSPT Ltd**

Graham Hunt warmly welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of the association. He wished to record his appreciation on behalf of the association for the work already undertaken by Berty Bowes for arranging the venue and Glenn Mayes for co-ordinating the agenda and drafting the constitution.

2) **Apologies for absence**

Jim Macleod, Sybil Cox, Nick Pascoe, Neil Batchelor, Kevin Perkins, Dawn Davies, Peter May, Maurice Smith, Les Hizzett, David Abbott, Bob Westecott, Bernard Fry, Chris Upham, Michael Bick, Roger Whitefield, Helen Spencer-Watkins

3) **Draft 'Constitution' of Association of UK School of Professional Toastmasters.**

The draft 'constitution' was discussed at length, amended and adopted by members present.
Action: Secretary to finalise & circulate

4) **Election of Officers 2005/2006:**

President

Graham Hunt was the only nomination. Proposed by Glenn Mayes, Seconded by Sheridan Bowers. Agreed.

Vice President

Berty Bowes received most nominations. Proposed by Ian Low, Seconded by Dave Wharton. Agreed.

Secretary

Glenn Mayes received most nominations. Proposed by Graham Hunt, seconded by Tim Lee. Agreed.

Treasurer

Dawn Davies only nomination. Proposed by Glenn Mayes, seconded by Trevor Thomas. Agreed.

Social Secretaries (two)

Alan Cockayne - Proposed by Graham hunt, seconded by Dave Wharton. Agreed. Jim Mac/eod - Proposed by Graham Hunt, seconded by Sheridan Bowers. Agreed.

Committee Members (three)

Sheridan Bowers - Proposed by Graham Hunt, seconded by Ian Low. Agreed. Timothy Lee - Proposed by Berty Bowes, seconded by Graham Hunt. Agreed. Sybil Cox - Proposed by Graham Hunt, seconded by Greg Fenner. Agreed.

5) Name of 'organisation'.

Berty Bowes, (seconded by Ian Low) proposed that, whilst retaining the full title of the 'Association of the UK School of Professional Toastmasters', the association adopts the abbreviation on 'A.S.T.' - Association of School of Toastmasters. Lengthy debate followed. The vote was 3 for the motion, 6 against with 3 abstentions. Agreed - abbreviation would be left to individual discretion - MAUKSPT or just AUKSPT - for those members who choose to use an abbreviated form.

6) Application for membership of 'Toastmasters General Council'

The President gave an update of the formal application for recognition by the TGC. The Agenda for 27 Feb 05 meeting was circulated. Agreed: Glenn Mayes & Sheridan Bowers would attend to put the case for the association. The President would be present but as a serving member of the TGC would need to absent himself from that part of the meeting.

Action: Secretary / Sheridan Bowers

The President introduced a 'proposed' Code of Ethics for the association for consideration. Following discussion it was agreed to circulate to full membership for comment & feedback. It was agreed that members of the association would sign up to a code of ethics as part of the conditions of membership.

Action: Secretary to circulate.

7) Social Reunion Dinner / Dance.

Agreed: The AGM would be followed by a social event for members and partners. Date for event will be 25th /26th Feb 2006. AGM on Saturday followed by evening black tie function. Members are expected to keep the weekend free, emergencies excepted, and attend. Social Secretaries to liaise and consider options / venues.

Action: Alan Cockayne / Jim Macleod

8) Insurance

Association public liability insurance due in May. Details awaited of premiums. Agreed costs to be divided pro-rata by members who use association's scheme. Secretary to liaise with President.

Action: Secretary/President

9) Officers' Collarette Badges

The President proposed consideration of 'collarette' badges for executive members of association along lines of a 'bar' to add to existing 'UKSPT collarette for period of office. Agreed: Executive to consider options.

Action: President

10) Joining & Membership Fees - 2005/2006

Extended discussion re costs and fees. Agreed: Initial joining fee and annual fee would be retained. Actual costs for 2005/6 to be agreed by the Executive following consideration of proposed budgets including insurance, website, secretarial expenses, Social Secretary's working fund.

Action: Executive.

11) Membership criteria

Agreed under item 3 above - 'Constitution'. Membership of the Association is restricted to toastmasters who have attended and successfully completed a toastmasters course at the 'UK School of Professional Toastmasters'.

12) Any other business

- a) Distribution & recording of booking enquiries to the Association (Kevin Perkins)
Agreed: Any contacts would be forwarded to the Secretary for allocation on area basis.
- b) Clarification of members page on website (Kevin Perkins) Agreed: President & secretary to review contents.
- c) Norris McCoy (Deceased)
Ian Low offered items of Norris's regalia for re-cycling on behalf of Norris's widow, Pat.
It was confirmed that Ian Low & Glenn Mayes would attend Norris's funeral on behalf of the association. The President would arrange flowers on behalf of the association.

13) Date of next annual general meeting.

Agreed: Saturday 25th February 2006, location to be confirmed.

Glenn Mayes
Hon Secretary Association of the U K School of Professional Toastmasters
13 Feb 05