

BTM - Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2007 at Monarch wine bar

- 15 of 24 active members were present - see separate attendee list
- Meeting started at 19:20 and it was chaired by Juwana Němcová
- Chair presented Annual General Meeting meeting agenda
 - Minutes from previous general meeting - none
 - Elections
 - Officers reports and Q&A
 - Old business - none
 - New business
- Juwana gave an educational session about Parliamentary procedure to help to keep meetings organized.

Elections

- VP PR Election
 - Leigh Ann Stouffer nominated Anezka C. E. Novak for VP PR
 - Monika Jeřábková nominated Andrew M. Power for VP PR
 - Amendment: Anezka will be VP PR from July 1, 2007 till December 31, 2007 and Andrew will be VP PR from January 1, 2008 till June 30, 2008
 - Body decided that motion passed
- Confirmation of existing (provisional) officers as regular officers for the next TM year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)
 - Motion moved by Monika Jeřábková, seconded by Karin Genton-L'Epée
 - Body decided that motion passed
 - Officers in TM year 2007-2008:
 - President - Monika Jeřábková
 - VP Education - Liz Gravel
 - VP Membership - Leigh Ann Stouffer
 - VP Public Relations - Anezka C. E. Novak/Andrew M. Power

- Treasurer - Paul Talacko
- Sergeant at Arms - David Talacko
- Secretary - Milan Brunclík

- Elections ended at 19:45

Officer Reports

- Sergeant of Arms (David Talacko) 19:45 - 19:50
 - David described SAA duties
 - Venue changes during past TM year were mentioned
 - Proposed to consider alternative locations for meetings to energize meetings and allow members to give speeches in different environments
- Treasurer (Paul Talacko) 19:51 - 19:58
 - Balance sheet presented with visual presentation how much money we send to TMI, how much we have to save for renting room from UNYP, and how much remains for other expenses.
 - If we keep our membership growing and USD/CZK conversion rate will not change we do not need to increase member dues.
- VP Membership (Leigh Ann Stouffer) 19:59 - 20:08
 - Clear message - to keep club running we need to bring new members
 - Where to look for new prospects:
 - family
 - work
 - social groups
 - neighbors
 - Techniques to persuade people to come for meeting for the first time
 - (inviting them does not work – they must be signed up for the first meeting)
 - We had 83 guests since October 2006. 30 became members but 53 did not.
- President (Monika Jeřábková) 20:11 - 20:21
 - Members should get involved in club business.
 - To serve as officer is one of possibilities.

- To help to organize next spring District 59 conference (in Prague) offers a lot of opportunities for everyone.

Questions about Reports

- Q: Karin Genton L'Epée – How to get more cash?
- A: Paul Talacko – Save money (do meetings outside of UNYP) and get new members
- A: Andrew M. Power – Organize (open) club event for public (e.g. music performance) and use admission fee for club purpose. This idea was moved to New Business section.

New Business

- Andrew M. Power suggested organizing (open) club event for public (e.g. music performance) and use admission fee for club purpose.
 - Paul Talacko did not think that Andrew's idea could work.
 - Juwana Němcová moved mad Leigh Ann Stouffer seconded motion to take this to committee.
 - Motion passed with two abstentions. It will be discussed at committee meeting.
- Judy proposed to publish an article about Toastmasters in the Bridge magazine to promote educational part of TM. This was noted by club president Monika Jeřábková to be discussed as part of PR plan.
- Meeting was adjourned by Juwana Němcová at 20:35.