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Draft Minutes

Past Lieutenant Governors' Annual General Meeting

Montego Bay, Jamaica, Friday, May 17, 2024

1.0 Chairperson Kermitt McGann called the meeting to order at 3.04 pm

Chairperson's welcome – **Chair Kermitt McGann** welcomed and thanked all for attending extending a warm welcome to Governor **John Chave**, Governor-Elect **Pam Rodney White**, Vice Governor **Cynthia Blackman**, our own **Sharon Williams** now Vice-Governor-Elect and Immediate Past Governors all.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda: M. Ralston Nunes (Div.23c) 2. Martin Mann (Div.8)

3.0 Approval of the minutes of the 2023 AGM: M. Marjorie Buck(Div.11) 2. Mary Ellen Trimble (Div.9)

Chair Kermitt reminded all that there are no dues. This was the decision of this Committee and approvals were recommended at the PLG executive meeting, presented and ratified at the 2022 AGM meeting.

4.0 Chairman Report

(Refer to Chair **Kermitt McGann's** Report attached)

5.0 Treasurer Report:

Given the absence of Secretary/Treasurer **Rick Brooks**, there is no change to the report of last year as shown in last year's minutes you all have in hand.

6.0 Business Arising or Carried Forward:

6.1 Policy amendments:

Policy 24.02: Moved by Shiela Donald / seconded by Garnell Kemp

After much discussion and vote, this was **DEFEATED**.

Policy 24.03: Moved by Mary Ellen Trimble / seconded by Darren Creamer

After a brief discussion and vote, this was **APPROVED**.

6.2 PLG Website Update: **Marjorie Buck** explained the website continues to be a work in progress. Her role continues to be the informal webmaster of the site, however she continues to seek the support of the membership to provide her the meaningful content to flesh out the pages. All PLGs and long-serving Kiwanians continue to be asked to send her meaningful event photos and LG Class photos.

7.0 Nomination report.

Chair Kermitt called on Acting Nomination Chair **Leighton McKnight** for his report. He said we are all leaders present and past, however it remains a struggle to find persons to challenge for the positions. He explained the Secretary /Treasurer role has been a combined role due to we don't have to handle money anymore.

8.0 Election of 2024-2025 Executives

Acting Nomination Chair **Leighton McKnight** proceeded with the election process;

Garnell Kemp Div.22 / Nomination for Chair

M) Darren Creamer 2) Marj Buck – with no other nominees, she was declared Chair 2024-2025.

Ralston Nunes Div.23C / Nomination for Vice Chair

M) Bobby Wynter 2) Luke Thomas-Shorter – with no other nominees, he was declared Vice Chair 2024-2025.

Rick Brooks Div.8 / Nomination for Secretary-Treasurer

M) Bob Bogardis 2) Marj Buck –no other nominees, he was declared Secretary-Treasurer 2024-2025.

Jim St. Jules Div.2 / Nomination for Director of Education

M) Jim Scott 2) Christine King Wallen – no other nominees, he was declared Director of Education 2024-2025.

Leighton McKnight thanks everyone and turns the meeting over to Committee Chair **Kermitt McGann**.

9.0 Acceptance & New Business (No new business)

Chair Kermitt turned the meeting over to Chair **Garnell Kemp** who thanked the members for having the confidence in electing her as chair and will endeavor to do her best in her role as chair. Her planned acceptance was unfortunately cut short due to the meeting running late and the room needed for the next group. She did thank **Sharon Williams** as the outgoing Immediate Past Chair, who is now leaving the board and the elected 2024-2025 officer Vice Chair **Ralston Nunes**, Secretary/ Treasurer **Rick Brooks**, Director of Education **Jim St.Jules** and now Immediate Past Chair **Kermitt McGann**.

10.0 Adjournment

Now acting as "Chair" **Garnell Kemp** adjourned the PLG committee AGM at 4:08PM.

EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
PLG COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 2023/2024
TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 17, 2023

YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 2023/2024 for the Executive Committee started off slowly.

This because your chairman eventually accepted that he had bitten off so much he had difficulty chewing properly etc., etc. Thankfully, once stirred, the whole executive roared into action and gave full support.

One thing that had to be dealt with urgently was the resignation of the elected Director of Education, PLG William **Downham** due to health reasons during the first quarter. We wish PLG **William Downham** success in his treatment and the Lord permitting a full recovery and return to service to the children of the world.

Allow me at this point to record condolences etc. to the families of those PLG members who left us during the year. Our agenda today does not permit the usual “in Memoria”. What I ask however is that representatives for each division simply send us the information for the minutes - PLG Kermitt’s email address and/or PLG Jim St. Jules and to allow Jim to include same in the upcoming newsletter. Let us establish and use the period May 2023 to April 2024

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

PLG Jim St. Jules was identified as a possible candidate to fill the position temporarily. He graciously accepted and is finding his way. You will hear from him shortly.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR (Per Bylaw and Policy)

Governor John Chave, in accordance with the District’s Bylaws and Policies requested the PLG Committee to assist as follows: -

1. Ensure there is an active PLG presence in every division with a designated contact person for Each.
2. Encouraging the respective PLG committees to support the search and nomination of our upcoming LG's and LGE's. There is an immediate need in 11 Divisions as we speak.
3. Develop a list of ideas and suggestions.

We were not able to assist much at item # 2. However, based on discussions at the Executive Committee and two specific experiences, we pose it and put forward to the members and this meeting the following:

- All PLG members are to ensure (please ensure) that your contact information is current with Kiwanis International (the source our contact details) and with the Executive since most are in direct communication with the executive these days.
- Your presence and take up of offices your **divisions** and the lives of **your clubs** are critical. This assist to make the job of LG more glamorous and not the stress filled presentation currently before most potential candidates.

Going forward we recommend that: -

- PLGs be given a slot (15 minutes) at the training of LGs to help them prepare for the post LG period and of course encourage them by our presence at their training. **We need support for this proposal to be adopted.**
- Deliberate efforts be made to reach out to the Presidents – possibly at the training for each to consider their next steps after presidency – LGE etc. **We need support for this proposal to be adopted.**
- Continue to enjoy Kiwanis and serve the children of the world after you ceased being a LG.
- Strive for higher office.

PLG WEBSITE

The PLG website is up and running.

Special thanks to PLG Marjorie Buck and her assistant for pushing on with this project despite many odds.

PLG Marge will bring you up to date in her presentation shortly.

RAY ALLEN AWARD

First allow me to congratulate the most recent winner of this prestigious award PLG Allen Ure. I must also congratulate ALL PLGs who agreed to be nominated. You are all winners. Allow yourselves to be nominated again.

Allow me also to thank PLG Jim St. Jules a member of the Executive who was nominated and Jim then took the high road quite early, that is, to withdraw from ALL aspects of the evaluation process.

While we previously had a quite policy that Executive members would simply not participate in the evaluation process if nominated, your executive has **two policy recommendations** on the matter for your consideration today. We ask for your positive support on these.

Specifically, though we ask that you give attention to the following: -

- The evaluation process is robust and objective.
- Please answer the questions exactly as they are asked. That is what feeds into the evaluation process.
- If you have additional information to add, please add it in the exact way the basic nomination question is asked.
- Please pay attention the language of the CRITERION – Continue to serve Club, Division and District FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS after being Lieutenant Governor. The means, first you have to have served as LG, then CONTINUE to SERVE for at least 5 years and you can be nominated during the 6th year (for the first time).

For more clarity, we propose to put some of this into a Q and A document – part of the portfolio of the Director of Education.

I want to thank you for allowing me to lead this PLG Executive and to listen to me out to day and wish us all a successful experience for the rest of this convention 2024.

Kermitt McGann

Chairman of PLG Executive Committee – 2023/2024