

MINUTES OF MEETING # 86

Children are asked to count in decreasing order or write alphabets in reverse. But have you ever wondered how would it be if you are given a chance to live life backward? Sounds exciting right!!! ☺

VPE Membership TM Lesiley Mathew came up with an idea to conduct a meeting in reverse order. Excom agreed to conduct meeting # 86 in reverse order.

Club President TM Vimalraj gave a crazy start to meeting # 86 by closing it ☺ He also thanked everybody for their presence and roles in the meeting.

Smedley Toastmasters Club won this year's Best Newsletter Award in Division E. TM Vimal invited the people behind it; TM Lesiley Mathew and TM Rasha Abu al Hassan to the podium amidst huge applause. He praised their efforts in achieving it. Members applauded TM Lesiley Mathew for winning this year's Best Toastmaster Award in Division E. TM Vimalraj invited TM Jose for announcing Excom elections for the second time. TM Jose requested all to send their nominations to him.

TM Vimal then invited TMOE Lesiley to run the show. TM Lesiley introduced the theme of tonight "Living Life Backwards". She said, "Backward meeting will make us to think on feet and it will fight confusions too". She then invited TM Rasha for General Evaluation.

TM Rasha said the overall conduct of meeting was good. She praised the SAA TM Musthafa for his dedication and consistency in arranging the meetings. TM Rasha also praised the posts which come up in Smedley Toastmaster Club's whatsapp group. She said it gives a feel of togetherness.

TM Rasha invited the roles players for their reports. Grammarian TM Noorudeen said that the word of the day "Astound" was for used for a record number of 49 times☺. AH counter TM Mohanraj said that altogether 51 'Ahs' were used in the meeting by different speakers ☺

Smedley Toastmasters had 4 guests tonight Mrs Jayanthi, Mr Lokesh, Master Andrew (Son of TM Jose) and Cute little Yaana (daughter of TM Shylesh) who were found enjoying the meeting throughout.

TM Rasha invited TM Rimzan to evaluate TM Maimoona's speech. Likewise, TM Vimal evaluated TM Shylesh, TM Benov evaluated TM Jose and TM

Kamaruddeen evaluated TM Gopikrishna. After the evaluations, TM Rasha handed over the control back to TMOE.

TMOE invited TM Kiran Kumar Putta for the Table Topics session. We had a creative and funny table topics session in which the participants spoke on the theme of the day and the Topics Master guessed a suitable topic for it. TM Musthafa, Mr Lokesh, TM Mohanraj and Master Andrew participated in the session.

Next, there was an interesting and informative Educational module on "**Mentoring**" by **TM Sunish Nair**. TM Sunish explained the different aspects of mentoring in Toastmasters. It was very useful for both the mentors and mentees.

After this we had a break in which we had some new varieties of snacks arranged by SAA TM Musthafa. Birthday Boy TM Jose cut his birthday cake and all wished him a long and cheerful life ahead.

After the break the cute little 5 year old Miss Yaana Shylesh gave a spectacular introduction of herself.

TMOE Lesiley Mathew introduced the first speaker on prepared speeches **TM Maimoona Abubacker** who delivered his ACP-1 "**Toasting**".

The second speaker of the evening was **TM Shylesh** who delivered his P-4 on "**Beyond the 5 senses**".

The third speaker was TM Jose who his repeating his CC manual. He delivered his P-2 on "**Headbath**".

The fourth speaker was TM Gopikrishnan who gave his Icebreak. He delivered his P-1 on "Life and Journey".

TMOE introduced the role players; Grammarian TM Noorudeen, Timer TM Ashokan and AH Counter TM Mohanraj

Grammarian TM Noorudeen chose "**Astound**" as the word of the day, which is a verb and mean "great surprise"

Timer **TM Ashokan**, AH Counter **TM Mohanraj** also described their roles.

TMOE then invited TM Vimalraj to open the meeting ☺. TM Vimal announced that the Best Speaker Award was won by TM Shylesh, Best Table Topics by Mr Lokesh and Best Evaluator by TM Kamaruddeen. Our Immediate Past President TM Jose presented the awards.

Club President TM Vimalraj gave a crazy end to the meeting # 86 by announcing it open ☺ He invited SAA TM Musthafa to describe the etiquettes of a Toastmaster Meeting. TM Musthafa explained the Do's and Don'ts. He said an arrow can only be shot by pulling the string backwards. Likewise life can move ahead by learning lessons from the past.

All together, we had a fun-filled and a crazy meeting. We learnt that we can overcome any confusion in life by planning it well. TM Lesiley showed an excellent example of it by planning this reverse meeting so well that nobody had any confusion at all on any of the roles they took.

The next meeting shall be on May 18th, 2016 at Sharq Capital.

I hope there won't be any surprises in it ☺ ☺ ☺

Till then... Good bye

TM Noorudeen