



Minutes: District Council Meeting, District 107

Saturday, 12 September 2026

Online Meeting

9am Portugal | Morocco | Tunisia | Algeria

10am Spain | Gibraltar | Andorra

1. Opening

- Meeting called to order by the District Director Izidro Souza DTM; session recorded.
- **District mission** presented as interactive crossword (Administration Manager Beatriz Duarte DTM was absent due to an emergency; this moment was presented on her behalf by the Alignment Manager Anabela Pereira DTM): *"We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."*
- **Parliamentary briefing** by Parliamentarian Hanane Bourehiyi DTM: Robert's Rules of Order apply — recognition → motion → second → restatement → debate → vote → announcement; one motion at a time

2. Quorum Certified

- Per the District Administrative Bylaws Article X: Council Meetings, Quorum, and Voting - Section c.Quorum: "On the basis of two (2) votes per club, one-third of the Member Clubs in good standing in the District shall constitute a quorum for all District Council Meetings"
- Quorum → 30 of 80 clubs registered (176 votes: president + VPE per club)
- Present: 80 attendees registered / 40 clubs → **Quorum met**

3. Decisions made

#	Decision	How
1	Agenda adopted as presented, no objections	Motion by the District Director Izidro Souza DTM, silence = consent
2	May (online) DCM minutes approved as distributed, no corrections	Motion by the District Director Izidro Souza DTM, Silence = consent
3	District budget approved as presented (€58,176.47 allocation)	Motion by the District Director Izidro Souza DTM + second by Sara Magalhães DTM (Pres Business Speakers), no objections (re-stated and confirmed after a point of order on procedure)



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4	District Director's appointments confirmed (Parliamentarian, Admin Manager, Finance Manager, Area Directors)	Motion by the District Director Izidro Souza DTM, seconded by Daniela Dumitru (Division B Director), no objections
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4. Reports Presented: District Success Plan

- **District Vision and Goals (District Director, Izidro Souza DTM):** Goal = **Smedley Distinguished**. Base: 88 clubs, 4,196 membership-base payments (1,398 to date). Context: D107 was Smedley (2022–23), President's Distinguished (2023–24), Distinguished (2024–25); last year no distinguished status — "year zero" to rebuild.
- **Program Quality Plan (Program Quality Director, Sérgio Águia DTM):** Target 53+ distinguished clubs (last term: 54). 75/88 clubs with 4+ officers trained. **Club Success Plan submission by 30 Sept — mandatory for Distinguished** (only 31/88 submitted — flagged as low). Support: Club Success Plan workshop next Tuesday with Susana; district control panel coming; Winners Academy; Pathways workshops in October (+ Pathways coaches group); Moments of Truth.
- **Club Growth Plan (Club Growth Director, Mafalda Guimarães DTM):** 3 pillars — support / grow / expand. Targets: avg 23→25 members/club; clubs with 20+ members 61%→70% (54→62); clubs ≤12 members 18%→10%. Tools: Find-a-Club page on district website; VPPR social-media email; TI campaigns; open houses/speechcraft; One Year Strong renewal raffle; Sprinters awards; **Adopt-a-Club launching Monday**; club-coach pool (clubs <13 members). Pipeline: 4 prospective clubs in September, 3 more chartering this month, 21 active leads; goal 9–12 lasting new clubs.
- **Marketing & Public Relations Plan (Public Relations Manager, Sonya Costa):** 3 series — District Polls interviews, Skill Accelerator, Club Clinic. Interview team ready (Lydia TMC, Paula Felix, Cesar Sutil, Luis Marks; launch late Sept). VPPR WhatsApp hub (31 members — presidents/VPEs asked to push VPPRs to join). Targets: district TikTok + YouTube Shorts, regular posting, website update. Challenge: "fill in the blank" video (Science TMC first) — tag the district.
- **Alignment Plan (Alignment Manager, Anabela Pereira DTM):** Purpose = serve clubs + adapt to district dynamics. Criteria per TI guidelines (areas 4–6 clubs; divisions min 4 areas; district max 9 divisions — as stated). Current: 88 clubs / 21 areas / 5 divisions. Timeline: Oct–Nov consult division directors → January core-team agenda → Feb–Mar reconnect → **May vote** on the Alignment Plan.
- **IT Plan (IT Manager, Ali Parandeh DTM):** Zoom booking = WhatsApp/email in advance; new PIN-via-email login procedure (PDF guide coming — test before your meeting; 3 wrong tries = lockout → contact him). Proposal to district committee: professional microphones (~€2,000, 5–10 yr use) for conferences.



- **District Budget (Finance Manager, Meriem Mentagui):** Allocation **€58,176.47** = 25% of last year's payments (up vs. prior years). 11 TI categories respected (min/max). Priorities: social media, corporate summits, new clubs, recognition, IT + area/division allowances. Motto: *"money should not be idle."* Q&A: Daniel asked about payment collection from members and budget calculations, to which the District Director, Izidro Souza DTM explained the district budget operates on 25% of previous year's payments with reimbursement processes requiring multiple approvals. The conversation ended with the approval of the budget as presented.

5. Events

- **Fall Summit, Mallorca, 6–8 Nov (Ulli Stumke):** Early bird until **30 Sept**; hotel special price guaranteed until 15 Sept. 3 keynotes, gala dinner party by the sea, excursions/wine tasting. QR registration live.
- **Spring Conference 2027, Viana do Castelo (Luís Cerqueira; Chair Ana Sofia was absent):** Venue — auditorium of School of Health Sciences; gala dinner with awards stage + dance floor. Official launch at Fall Summit.

6. Leadership & Contests

- **District Leadership Committee (DLC) (Immediate Past District Director, Norberto Amaral DTM):** Call email to **all members early November**; applications until **end of first week of January**. Roles: 21 area directors, 5 division directors, incoming District Director/Program Quality Director/Club Growth Director/Public Relations Manager. Floor nominations are also possible.
- **Contest season (Program Quality Director, Sérgio Águia DTM):** Read the **2026–27 rulebook**. District-level (Spring Conference 2027): International, Spanish, Portuguese, French + Evaluation Contest, plus **Online Speech Contest** (separate final, district-organized — inclusion measure for members who can't travel). Divisions may add up to 3 extra English contests. Eligibility: paid club (8+ members), member in good standing, maintained at every level; world-championship track needs Pathways L1/L2 or DTM. **Start club contests in January**. Workshops + judge training with Scarlet Vasquez.
- **Recognitions (District Director, Izidro Souza DTM):** officer pins; education Crown pin (5+ awards); Area Director awards (all clubs Distinguished / Moments of Truth); One Year Strong raffle (9× path/vintage path/spring ticket; first 150 renewals get pin); Sprinters (Oct & Apr); Phoenix & Sustainable Growth (€50+ tiers — figures to confirm); Knock-Knock (early visit reports); Adopt-a-Club points (path/spring ticket — *not* DTM credit); lead-to-charter incentive (Pathways path ~\$35; sponsor/mentor roles *do* count toward DTM); **Club of the Month** (VPE: DCP points / VPM: new members → monthly path) + **Club of the Year** (vintage



path); **quarterly gala** (first in October — *name suggestions wanted*; Setúbal's "Toscars" admired, not to be copied).

7. Action items

#	Action	Owner	Due	Source
1	Submit Club Success Plan (mandatory for Distinguished)	All club officers	30 Sept 2026	PQD report
2	Join VPPR WhatsApp group (presidents/VPEs: push your VPPRs)	VPPRs	ASAP (31 joined)	
3	Fall Summit Mallorca: register (early bird) + book hotel	All members	Early bird 30 Sept	
4	Reply in writing to online-contest questions (club obligation? area contest with 1 club? how many advance club→area→division?) and share with all + divisions	Program Quality Director, Sérgio Águia DTM	"will share written answers"	Q&A
5	DLC applications (area/division directors + incoming core team)	All interested members	Nov → end of 1st week of Jan	DLC report
6	Submit corporate/community club leads ; volunteer as coach / adopter / sponsor / mentor	All members	ongoing	CGD report
7	Start club speech contests in January ; read rulebook; attend judge/workshop training	Clubs, areas, divisions	January 2027	
8	Club visit reports early (Knock-Knock); talk to area director at first sign of trouble	Area directors + clubs	ongoing (early = awarded)	CGD report

8. Next meeting

- DCM: 1 May 2027, online (under review) the date was pointed out in that chat that is a national holiday and may hurt quorum. District Director Izidro Souza DTM said it needed to verify the rule and the final decision is pending.



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9. Participants

Adrià Cabestany | Ali Parandeh | Alexandra Noble | Ana Cunha | Ana Natário | Ana Santos Carvalho | Anna Matskul | Anabela Pereira | Andres Martinez | Angel | Ángel Acha | Ángela Fuertes | Angela Philip | Anil Erkan | Anna Paola Cedrini | António Manuel | Beatriz Cruz | Beatriz Duarte | Bruna Parente | Bruno Di Liscia | Bryan David Galviz | Carmo Requejo | Carolina Figueiras | Cesareo | Chari Padilla | Claudia Villarreal | Cristina Aquino | Cristine Twarog | Dan Searle | Daniel Kollmer | Daniela Dumitru | Dora Sinogas | Eduardo Espinheira | Eurico Ferreira | Flávia Figueiredo | Florence Hennion | Gareth Jones | Gonçalo Moreira | Hanane Bourehiyi | Irene Sánchez | Izidro Souza | Joana Ferreira | Jonathan Silva | Jose Marti | Kasia Szczesniak | Lorena Cervera | Luis Miguel | Luis Rodríguez | Mafalda Guimarães | Marc Majoral | Marcelle Minho | Manuel Rodrigues | Maria Kelly | Merche Saura | Meriem Mentagui | Michael Monroy | Miguel Munoz | Naoufel | Narcisa Dias | Nick Hampshire | Nuno Gomes | Núria Amorim | Patrícia Herculano | Paula Félix | Pedro Alves | Pedro Moisés | Phil Strange | Remi Aiyela | Ruben | Sara Magalhães | Sara Rosado | Sara Sampaio | Sergi Carrillo | Sérgio Águia | Sílvia Pereira | Sofia Vieira | Sónia Garcia | Sonya Costa | Susana Teixeira | Tânia Machado | Tobias | Ulli Stumke | Vânia Magalhães | Viviana Pinto | Yann Richoz





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