

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PORT HARCOURT LINK CLUB OF NIGERIA
HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2024 AT 4, BROOKSTONE CLOSE, GRA 2, PORT
HARCOURT. HOST: LINKITE CHIDI WIHIOKA**

S/N	DISCUSSION	ACTION PARTY
1.	<p>OPENING: The meeting started at 3.47pm with an opening prayer said by Linkite John Ezugo. 29 members were in attendance.</p>	
2.	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and called for meaningful deliberations.</p>	
3.	<p>READING OF AGENDA: The Chairman read out the proposed agenda. There being no observation, Linkite Amadi Amadi moved a motion for the adoption of the agenda and this was seconded by Linkite Sam Eke</p>	
4.	<p>READING/ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Chairman took members through the minutes of the January 2024 meeting as earlier published, and called for comments. There being no comment, Linkite Amadi Amadi supported by Linkite Sam Eke moved the motion for the adoption of the minutes as correct.</p>	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <p>a) HEALTH AND SAFETY TALK: Linkite Rowland Ogundu spoke on the dangerous phenomenon of "Micro Sleeping at the Wheels" which he described as dozing unintentionally for a few seconds while driving, emphasizing that this has disastrous consequences. Possible causes are sleeplessness, stress, pressures form workplace, family, etc. PREVENTION: Take some rest before long drive, observe a break during long trips, take stimulants, listen to music, rotate driving, etc. Comments from some members advised hiring drivers for long journeys, taking time for short movements after an hour or more even if the person is not driving, chewing gums, reduce driving time, travelling with partners, etc.</p> <p>b) FITNESS AND WALK FOR LIFE: No activity</p> <p>c) PHLC AT 35: Deferred to a meeting where a projector would be used to allow for wider membership participation.</p>	

d) **CLUB HOUSE RENOVATION (CHR):** Report would be made in the next general meeting.

e) **ADMISSION COMMITTEE REPORT:** The matter was revisited based on the appeal made by Linkite Emma Okah that the N5M pre entry levy be dropped as it was not constitutional. The house dropped the N5M levy and upheld the Constitution of the Club in Section 6.7 relating to the financial obligations of her new members. However, the Club's letter conveying the offer of membership to new members shall bear a clause to solicit a substantial contribution to support the Club House project upon full admission. Sponsors of the new members were also asked to reinforce and explain the necessity for this substantial sum expected of them.

f) **WED 2024 COMMITTEE:** Committee Chairman Linkite Emma Okah submitted and explained a written report, highlighting five major events on that day, to wit: Linkite Charles Nsiegbie Secondary School Essay/Debate Competition sponsored by Linkite Adokie Tombomিয়ে; Secondary School Quiz competition sponsored by Linkite Fubara Duke, WED 2024 Theme Lecture; Tree Planting in the Club House, and Lunch. Highlight of the 2024 WED report is the inclusion of Linkresses to participate alongside Linkites with necessary cost implications especially with respect to refreshment, Tee shirts and caps. The cost component as executively summarized are as follows:

1.	Secondary School Quiz	=N sponsored
2.	Essay/Debate	=N sponsored
3.	Tree Planting	=N30,000
4.	Entertainment	=N553,000
5.	Publicity/Media	=N673,350
6.	Caps & <u>T shirts</u>	=N232,000 <u>(+ 640,000)</u>
7.	Printing of Certificates	=N30,000
8.	Venue/Decoration	=N230,000
9.	Miscellaneous	=N50,000

Total: (Without T shirts) **=N1,798,350**
(With T shirts +640,000) **=N2,438,350**

On the motion of Linkite Sody Peterside, supported by Linkite Chris Oji, the report was adopted as a document of the house.

COMMENTS: 1) Linkite Amadi Amadi called for the inclusion of the values of the sponsored programmes which are N500,000 for the Essay/Debate and N800,000 for the Quiz. 2) Linkite Sody Peterside suggests that a consolation prize should be provided for the 4th school in the quiz competition; pledged the online media support of Opobo Connect and Opobo Marathon; 3) Linkite Adokiye Tombomিয়ে advocated new T shirts and caps for Linkites and Linkresses at cost; urged the Committee to push for UNEP recognition and advised guided exposure to sponsors;

	<p>4) Linkite Friday Amadi frowned at low sponsorship and urged that Linkite Sody Peterside be integrated into the committee to bring his spark to the Committee. The Committee co-opted him; 5) Linkite Austin Opara worried that PHLC is not getting enough credit for her participation, suggests appointment of a consultant and engagement of media partners; 6) Linkite Rowland Ogundu promised to provide Hall for the first three events on that day and pledged to assist the Committee secure registration with UNEP</p> <p>g) WEBSITE REPORT: No report.</p>	
6.	<p>FINANCE: Total receipts = N53,500. (Dues -N41,500; Fines -N12,000)</p>	
7.	<p>A.O.B:</p> <p>(i) Linkite Innocent Eke on behalf of Linkite Adokiye Tombomieye presented a photobook and a calendar covering the 2023 Thanksgiving Reception at the Club House. The Club thanked the donor for his recurring support to the Club.</p> <p>(ii) Linkite Boma Amachree, with a bottle of drink, announced that the Club Chairman will be crowned as a Chief in Buguma on 6th April, 2024</p> <p>(iii) Linkite Fubara Duke presented his son Teinye Joseph Duke who will be wedding on 13th April, 2024 to Miss Chiamaka Ike-Okeakwalam. With 2 bottles of drinks, Teinye thanked the Club for the long-standing camaraderie with his family and invited the members to attend his wedding due. In response, Linkite Austin Opara congratulated Teinye, describing him as an intelligent young man who has a record of being the first child of a linkite to personally invite the Club to his or her wedding. He wished him a successful event and prayed for similar feats for all other children of linkites.</p> <p>(iv) Linkite Ogaranya Nwabueze announced the demise of his elder sister on 31/1/24 and has since been buried while ceremonies were reserved for 9th March, 2024.</p> <p>(v) Linkite Friday Amadi complained about the poor conduct of some members when we have events especially when our wives are there. He said he was embarrassment at Agnara during the funeral of Mrs Nwaizu. The Chairman urged restraint and mutual respect.</p> <p>(vi) Linkite Sody Peterside thanked Club members who attended the 2024 Opobo Marathon in Opobo on 5/1/24</p> <p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>a) Burial of Linkite Rowland Ogundu's mother in law Mrs Virginia Epelle Iroegbu will hold on Saturday 2nd March, 2024 as follows: Funeral</p>	

	<p>Service – No. 1, Third Avenue, Road 1, Agip Estate, PH; b) reception thereafter.</p> <p>b) March 2024 Monthly General Meeting will hold on 9th March instead of 2nd march, 2024 as a result of the funeral in (a) above.</p> <p>c) Linkite Opuene Batubo will be installed as a Chief in Buguma on Saturday 6th April, 2024.</p> <p>d) Wedding of Teinye Joseph Duke is coming up on 13th April, 2024 at St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral, Diobu (by Garrison), PH at 10am while Reception follows at EUI Centre, Sani Abacha Road, GRA 3, PH</p> <p>e) April 2024 Monthly General Meeting will hold on 20th April and not 6th or 13th April, 2024 in view of the wo events above.</p>	
<p>8.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING:</p> <p>The motion for adjournment of the meeting was moved by Linkite Austin Opara and seconded by Linkite Amadi Amadi</p> <p>NEXT HOST : March 2024: Linkite: Daminabo Lawson</p> <p>CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting came to an end with a closing prayer said by Linkite Fubara Duke at 7.38pm.</p> <p>VOTE OF THANKS: Linkite Wisdom Wakama rendered the vote of thanks.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>FUTURE HOSTS:</p> <p><u>2024</u></p> <p>(1) Daminabo Lawson March 2024</p> <p>(2) Ogaranya Nwabueze April 2024</p> <p>(3) Sody Peterside May 2024</p> <p>(4) Rowland Ogundu June 2024</p> <p>(5) Herbert Nwaizu July 2024</p> <p>10) Isidore Doe Sambol August 2024</p> <p>11) Lawrence Amadi September 2024</p> <p>12) Don Mike Uwagwu October 2024</p> <p>13) Adokiye Tombomieye November 2024</p> <p>14) Innocent Eke December 2024</p> <p><u>2025</u></p> <p>15) John Ezugo January 2025</p> <p>16) Sam Eke February 2025</p>	

- 17) Opuene Batubo March 2025
- 18) Friday Amadi April 2025
- 19) Kingsley Ogundu May 2025
- 20) Alex Mozie June 2025
- 21) Adokiye Young Harry July 2025
- 22) Boma Amachree August 2025
- 23) Timi Alaibe September 2025
- 24) Tari Ekpebu October 2025
- 25) Fubara Duke November 2025
- 26) Dr Amadi Amadi December 2025

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- 27) Dr Henry Okoro January 2026
- 28) Wisdom Wakanma February 2026
- 29) Sampson Fiberesima March 2026
- 30) Emma Okah April 2026
- 31) Richard Somiari May 2026
- 32) Anga Harry June 2026
- 33) Chris Oji July 2026
- 34) Obinna Anaba August 2026
- 35) Chamberlain Tams September 2026
- 36) Emma Osaro October 2026
- 37) Obi Ihunwo November 2026
- 38) Austin Opara December 2026

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- 39) Emma Kegunani January 2027
- 40) Chidi Wihioaka February, 2027
- 41) Daminabo Lawson March 2027

ATTENDANCE *(in no special order of arrival)*

- 1) Opuene Batubo
- 2) John Ezugo
- 3) Emma Okah
- 4) Rowland Ogundu

- 5) Boma Amachree
- 6) Anga Harry
- 7) Chamberline Tams
- 8) Chris Oji
- 9) Innocent Eke
- 10) Sampson Fiberesima
- 11) Adokiye Tombomieye
- 12) Lawrence Amadi
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- 14) Austin Opara
- 15) Alex Mozie
- 16) Kingsley Ogundu
- 17) Wisdom Wakama
- 18) Don Mike Uwagwu
- 19) Adokiye Young Harry
- 20) Sam Eke
- 21) Obi Ihunwo
- 22) Ogaranya Nwabueze
- 23) Isidore Doe Sambol
- 24) Chidi Wihoka
- 25) Friday Amadi
- 26) Sody Peterside
- 27) Henry Okoro
- 28) Fubara Duke
- 29) Obinna Anaba (Zoom)

ABSENT

- 30) Emma Kegunani
- 31) Daminabo Lawson
- 32) Herbert Nwaizu

DISTANT MEMBERS

- 33) Tari Ekpebu
- 34) Emma Osaro
- 35) Richard Somiari
- 36) Timi Alaibe

Dated this 3rd February, 2024

Linkite Opuene Batubo
Chairman

Linkite Emma Okah PhD
General Secretary

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AGENDA FOR MARCH 2024 GENERAL MEETING.

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Chairman's Remarks
- 3) Reading & Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Reading & Adoption of Minutes of last meeting
- 5) Matters Arising
 - a) *Health and Safety Talk*
 - b) *Quarterly Fitness and Walk for Life Committee Report*
 - c) *PHLC at 35 Committee Report*
 - d) *Club House Renovation Committee Report*
 - f) *World Environment Day 2024 Committee Report*
 - g) *Website Report*
- 6) Finance
- 7) A.O.B
- 8) Adjournment
- 9) Next Host: Linkite Daminabo Lawson
- 10) Closing Prayer
- 11) Vote of Thanks.