



Minutes: VTA Meeting #11 2009

Tuesday, 4th August July 2pm, La Vela

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Present: Janine Le Strange, Doug McNally, Baker Hardin, Kurt Carlson, Gordon Allison, Epeli Lavaki

Apologies: Emma Shepherdson

1. Minutes

- Minutes from Executive Committee meeting accepted
- Emma to email out to members.

▲ - **Proposed:** Baker , **Seconded:** Kurt

2. Treasurer's Report

- Baker reported that VTA has a total of 32 members and a current bank balance of \$6,102.97
- New Member is Coconet Café
- Cheques written : TVB – printing - \$16.00
- Member certificates \$84.00
- Baker costs \$27.00

3. Mooring Buoys

- Baker reported that he has visited all mooring buoys and repainted identification numbers on them and has taken photos.

- Collection of Funds

Vava'u Tourist Association
Email: vtavavau@yahoo.com
Ph: 70115 (TVB)
www.vavau.to/vta

- Stations have been set up and receipt books will be purchased for Funds to be taken to Coconet, Tropicana, VTA office and Moorings, Some funds have already been collected.
- Baker to give it a 1 month from 1st August on a trial basis to see how much time is needed in collecting funds and how much money is collected.
- Concerns were voiced by committee that we are not in the business of collecting money.
-  - It was agreed that too much time has been spent on previous meetings talking about the buoys and we will not discuss them for 1 month.

4. Australian Roadshow

- As Emma is no longer available to attend Roadshow it was agreed that we email to our members for volunteers.

5. Secretary

- It was brought up that Emma has given 1 months notice to resign as VTA Exec secretary.
- 'Eveli suggested an English Volunteer working with them as a replacement.

-  - He will bring her to next meeting to meet committee.

6. VTA Office

- We need to get our computer set up to internet.

-  - Baker has bought a cable and he will be in charge of getting it connected.

7. Tin Can Mail

-  - To be sent out to members and general public

8. Other matters

- Gordon voiced his disappointment in VTA President's words at the meeting with Australian Politicians at Governors office.
- He felt her words were her own and not those of the VTA, and we were asked not to be negative.
- She replied that it is a very thin line between being the VTA president and a person who has lived here a long time and has Vava'u best interest at heart.
- She also replied that what is the point of having these people coming here to hear our concerns if we don't tell them what our needs are.

9. Next Meeting

- Will be on strategic plan and brainstorming marketing only
- Bring your ideas along!

Next meeting: Tuesday, 18th August 2pm, La Vela.

Meeting Closed: 3.15pm
