



**Minutes: VTA Meeting #07 2009**

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2pm, La Vela

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**Present:** Janine Le Strange, Doug McNally, Baker Hardin, Emma Shepherdson, Lucy Fa'anunu, Gordon Allison

**Apologies:** Kurt Carlson, Selu Fukofuka, Bruno Toke

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**1. Minutes**

- Minutes from Executive Committee meeting #06 accepted, Emma to email out to members.

▲ - **Proposed:** Doug, **Seconded:** Lucy

- Minutes from General Meeting #01 accepted, Emma to email out to members.

▲ - **Proposed:** Gordon, **Seconded:** Lucy

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- Baker reported that VTA has a total of 32 members and a current bank balance of \$6224.87

**3. Matters Arising:**

- VTA Moorings

▲ - Shane Walker of The Moorings arriving to Vava'u on the weekend.

- Emma to invite him by email to attend next week's VTA Executive Committee meeting

▲ - Baker reported that there are still 4 options that VTA needs to consider regarding the moorings, but still awaiting a status report from Ricky in order to move forward

- Ricky has been unwell, Baker will follow up to get a timeframe of when this can happen

- Baker suggested we ask our members/stakeholders in moorings to give recommendations and suggestions about the mooring locations and also management arrangements

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- ▲ - Emma and Baker to develop a request for recommendations form to send out once we have status report regarding existing moorings
- Baker presented some researched information he had gathered about management arrangements of moorings in other countries to provide information for the committee
- ▲ - Baker will format a maintenance/mooring data checklist for our purposes.
- VTA Leaflet
- Still awaiting sign-off from Bruno then Lucy will start to distribute with help from others
- Gordon noted he had already talked to some taxi drivers about joining VTA and the response was not positive
- ▲ - Emma will follow up with Bruno.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- Letter to Minister of Transport and Mr Salesi Paea
- ▲ - Letters to both Minister of Transport and Mr Salesi Paea approved by committee to send out, copying both letters to the other party.
- Environment Week
- Emma had distributed a request for sponsorship letter from Dept of Environment to support their school environment campaign
- Janine proposed VTA support Environment Week with a donation, which committee members agreed was a good idea.
- ▲ - Emma to find out more information about cost of different donations and if donated rubbish bins will be collected, and get back next week.

#### **5. Strategy**

- Kurt was an apology, so it was agreed this item would be postponed to next week.

## 6. Executive Secretary Position post September

- It was noted that a part-time executive secretary would need to be found as of end of September when Emma goes.
- Emma gave an overview of the tasks and requirements of her role.
- This role would be 3-4 mornings a week, someone based in the VTA office and would need to be funded externally if to be a paid staff member (look at finding funding through aid agencies)

## 7. Other Matters

### - Constitution

- VTA Constitution has arrived in Vava'u, signed off, and was tabled at the meeting.



- Janine proposed we frame the certificate, Baker to purchase frame

- Proposed to scan the constitution and email to members and put on the website



- Baker will scan the documents and email to Emma to distribute.

### - Vava'u Marine Proposal - Small Boats Marina

- Baker reported that he had sent a proposal to the Hon Minister for Transport Paul Karalus to allow his company, Vava'u Marine, to occupy a small space in the Small Boats Marina in order to collect rubbish and tie up tenders temporarily until the end of the season.



- Baker has the support of Island Cruising Association and Ministry for Health on this matter and was looking for support from the VTA. Baker will inform us of the outcome of the request

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, La Vela.

**Meeting Closed:** 3.15pm

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