

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Venue: Davui Hall, Shangri-La's Fijian Resort
Date/Time: 6th November, 2013 at 10.30am

Attendance :

Committee

Imperial Bilo	Mr Ray Louis
Grand Bilo	Mr Michael Monks
Treasurer:	Mrs Sue Brett
Trustee:	Mr Barry Hancock
Trustee:	Mr Sean McEvoy

Other members present:

Gloria McEvoy	Ken Curnow	Betty Curnow
Mike Slater	Debbie Slater	Laurel Louis
Mathew Harvey	Claire Robinson	Neil Robinson
Erin Dillmore-Muir	Trish Snell	Clive Snell
Valerie Large	Terry Large	Sarah Thomas
Gai Hodgson-Budd	Rodney Glynn	Edna Whitting
Christine Maddison	Michael Gildea	Yvonne Gildea
Allan Steel	Judy Steel	Jenny Lonnevik
Peter Lonnevik	Pamela Lidster	Dennis Lidster
Louise Kettle-William	Mike Kettle-William	Larry Searle
Kimberley Winsor	David Neaves	Cindy Neaves
Mona Coppock	Vicki Mulcahy	Michael Mulcahy
Patricia Walter	Allan McCudden	Tania McCudden
Ian Maddison	Majorie Maddison	Ron Marks
Janet McCarthy	Wayne McCarthy	Graeme Harvey
Marilyn Harvey	June Lehman	Maxwell Lehman
Noelene Hogan	Mario Vidal	Debbie Jones
Rex Johnstone	Judith Wagstaff	Dianne Jenkins
Dallas Wassel	Francis Bromage	Kevin Brett

Apologies:

Michael Holland	Kye Holland	Lance Graeme
Lurlene Graeme	Gary Reid	Meg Reid
Richard Draughton	Sue Draughton	Sue Harvey
Roger Dunn	Ngari Dunn	Kim Shoesmith
Averil York		

All members seated and Imperial welcome everyone. Read out the agenda as per newsletter to everyone's agreement before taking his seat.

First on the agenda was GM's welcome speech the his yearly report to the members.

Welcome Speech GM, Mr Michael Monks

Thank everyone for attending the 2013 Bilo Bar Club Reunion, a few may have come back after a lapse of a few years. Mr Monks gave an enlightening speech on what has happen through out the year. From the shelving of the renovations plan to the cyclone that heat Fiji in late December last year where we lost our Fleet Lady and the Pavilion, the biggest stand alone conference facility in Fiji being blown away.

We were hit by low occupancy in the first few months of 2013 due to the above, luckily we picked up again from May during the school holidays. Many of you may be asking on why the Renovations are not going ahead, the reason is that soon after we announced the planned renovation, the Chinese government re-elected a new parliament and one of the new laws put in place was to stringent all off-shore investment Shangri-la now have to put on hold most of their off-shore projects. Many jobs were lost, impact was severe even the Chairman of Shangri-la at that time lost his job.

A new Chairman has been reappointed. The iconic Shangri-la in London that was to be open before the Olympics has also been put on hold. Our recently open hotel in Istanbul, Turkey was forced to close due to the riots that took place in the city.

We recently welcome our New Chief Engineer he is Mr Thierry Blay. Our Director of Food & Beverages that was with us in the beginning of the year has now gone. Our Executive Chef Mr Glen Roberts is now acting as Director Food & Beverages for the Resort. The ever-smiling Mrs Alice Smith has been promoted to Director of Rooms, Front Office, House-Keeping & Laundry Department are all under her care. Sai Makutu from the front office has just turned 55 which is the retiring age in Fiji, she still wishes to work and has been re-employed on contract basis.

Lusiana our Training Manager has decided to try her hand out on House-Keeping she has been appointed Executive House-Keeper replacing Sala Natoga after she retired.

In the Sports & Recreation Department the well know Jonny has retired now and Mr Vinod Kumar is now taken over as head of department.

You will notice that there are some repair works done on the Coral Wing roof as well as the Executive Boardroom, we are replacing the shingles on this buildings.

Update on Fiji

Yesterday (5/11/13) saw the launch of the 3rd Airbus A330 for Fiji Airways. This is fully funded by FNPF. The government is also planning on re-developing the Nadi International Airport Terminal at some stage in the new future.

As per the recent budget announcement Fiji Government is allocating \$400m to improve the road network in Fiji.

Grand Pacific Hotel is now being renovated as it's now co-owned by FNPF together with the PNG Superannuation Fund.

For the benefit of those that would like to know about the Momi project, construction will restart again next year.

Pearl Resort at Pacific Harbour has been bought by a PNG company it will be opening it's new complex soon.

We do support the government of the day, it was sad to note Australia & New Zealand voted against Fiji's loan application from the World Bank.

Due to this the current government is looking to China for assistance.

We are thankful to all the Bilo Bar Club members for continuing to come back to Fiji and supporting the industry. Demographically we have seen a lot of changes in the travel industry from short hall to long hall flights.

We have started a "Anti-Literacy Campaign together with Nahina Corporation. We will be asking our guests to donate books to be given out to the children in the community.

We will continue to support the 4 kindergarten that has been entrusted to us, The Bilo Bar Club and continue to support the Sigatoka District Hospital with a recent donation of F\$200k. Once again thank you for returning.

Financial Report

Mrs Sue Brett presented on the financial of the club. She had prepared a 5 year's comparison report on the income and expenses incur by the club, the summary is on the page below.

As per the summary it has been noted that in 2012/2013 marked an increase in the subscription collection.

During the **2013 Reunion Collection** from all the events:

Coconut Collection	\$2406.75
Wraps	\$ 600.00
Betty's Bear	\$ 760.00
Melbourne Cup draws	\$6055.00
Max & June's Sale	<u>\$ 560.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$10381.75</u>

Receipts

Payments

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Bank Bal B/F	13,870	18,566	20,603	22,691	235,989						
Subscriptions	14,620	16,586	21,839	31,675	27,376		Teachers Wages	14,685	16,926	16,426	16,461
Donations	574	11,224	1,629	182,131	695		Superannuation	2,053	2,455	2,214	2,049
Raffles				4,204			Bank Fees	66	119	110	58
Melbourne Cup	1,659	3,917	6,018	7,758	6,530		Transfer to T/D	16,000	13,953		150000
Coconut	2,933	6,420	9,315	8,680	6,519		Kindy/Main.	11,750	3,715	4,213	
Train			250				Staff Assist	1,000			
Flower Show		55		49	101		Beer Wraps		1,348	1,391	
Bears	610	615	610	632	610		Tapa Certificate		1,000		341
Beer Wraps		800	1,522	1,200	390		Int. W/Held		75	455	428
Returned Wages		322	253				Capital Works(Kindy)				53275
Other	169	273	243	24			Other			203	
Transfer from T/Dep	13,685						Prize Money				1500
Interest Received				1,957	2,139						
Total Receipts	34,250	40,212	41,679	238,310	44,360		Total Payments	29,554	39,591	25,012	224,112
Term Deposit	66,215	83,905	100,000	102,799	252,799	*	Bank Bal C/Fwd.	18,566	22,691	235,989	56,237

Term Deposits

1. \$50,000 @ 2.25% matures 8/5/14
2. \$100,000 @ 2% matures 2/2/14
3. 102799 @ 2.25% matures 19/5/14

The club has the above term deposit in the bank.

After the presentation above the members were asked if any one has any question on the financial of the club.

No questions or objections were raised.

On behalf of the committee Imperial Bilo Mr Ray Luois took the mic to thank the Brett's for all the hardwork they put in in printing all tickets, raffles being in charge of all the collections and everything else.

ELECTIONS

As in the constitution trustees term ends every 2 years. Mr Barry Hancock & Mrs Sue Brett have now come to the end of their terms therefore re-election is due.

First it was Mr Barry Hancock position, there wasn't any nomination received and during the show of hands for support almost everyone agreed to have Mr Hancock for 2 more years.

Then it was the Treasures post for election, no nominations were received therefore everyone voted to have Mrs Sue Brett continue for the next 2 years.

General Discussion

Presentation by Imperial Bilo , Mr Ray Louis

Apart from the newly opened kindergarten all the other 3 kindergarten are in dire need of maintenance. Thank you Shangri-la's Fijian Resort & Spa Management Team for helping out all throughout the year.

For this renovation work the committee has decided on employing an administrator to regular check & do maintenance work on these kindergarten. The person will be paid \$3000/annum to do the above work for 2014 since a lot of work is required to be done by him he will be given an extra \$1000.

Cuvu Kindergarten

The new school is ready to start classes from January next year. At the moment the only other work left is the fencing of the school should be done before school starts.

On the construction of the new school, an account of all the expenses:

As of 1st of October with the building that is on the ground now we have spend \$70,000.00

We are fortunate to have a hotel supporting us, they donated \$2000 worth of tiles. Furnitures to furnish the kindergarten costed \$5000. Fencing is yet to be done which will cost \$8000. It's likely that total expenses will not exceed \$88000. From this Average Cost of construction is \$900/day.

Soft opening by the members was done last week 31/10/13 and traditional opening will be before school start next week.

We are humbly requesting the members to sponsor at least one or two play materials to be used by the children in the school. The new building can now accommodate 65 children.

Sigatoka Kindergarten

With the current roll of 55 students the teachers are holding 2 classes that is one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The committee have decided to extend the school by building another classroom. The plans have been drafted and will be passed around for all to see.

The playground behind the classroom has to be leveled again before the children can use it.

All other kindergarten needs repairs in the bathroom as the paint are starting to peel off and woods are becoming rotten.

While on that note, Thank you Mr & Mr Holland for assisting with the repairs at the Naevuevu Kindergarten.

Before we move on can we please have a show of hands on the maintenance programme, the hiring of and administrator. All members were in favor.

Teachers Salary

It has been decided by the committee to increase the wage rate from F\$2.75/Hr to \$3.50/Hr.

A Special Thank You to Wayne Northey & Janet Mc Carthey for the 120 ukulele's they brought early in the year and was distributed to the schools here.

Thank you to the families that have been coming and visiting schools with gifts bringing smiles & cheers to the local children

Sigatoka Special School

As we are focused on helping out the local community one other school that we saw needed our help was the Sigatoka Special School. We met with the Head Teacher of the school and while talking to him we gathered that they do need a basic cooking and sewing room for the girls. The standard education room is 8m x 8m.

Estimated cost of construction will be F\$90,000.

We have drawn up a plan for the building which will be passed around for all to see. Will leave this to the floor to discuss.

Allan Steel was the first to raise his hands ; *“Could the committee come up with a full comprehensive report in the next AGM”*

This was seconded by Mr Graeme Harvey and Mr Wayne Northey.

Mr Barry Hancock then presented the members with the costing of the new Cuvu Kindergarten Building. He was the main trustee that’s was supervising the work from the start till it’s current state:

Contract Price	F\$70000.00
Less Tiles	2500.00
Nett Cost	67500.00
Electrical Connection	900.00
Foundation Extra	1300.00
Hard Fill & Tree Removal	8107.00
Sand Top Dressing	1140.00
Tiles Bathroom Walls	200.00
Total	\$79,147.00

Furniture	2695.00
Less Retention	1687.00

Total **\$80,155.00**

Money Still to be spent

Outdoor Furniture	2500.00
Blackboard	300.00
Chair	75.00
Fence	4000.00
Foot Path	1500.00
<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>\$90,217.00</u>

Next Reunion Date

It has been unanimously decided that there will be no May Reunion next year however we will still hold the October Reunion. The dates has been set for:

26th October to 8th November, 2014.

The General Manager in closing the meeting thanked the Trustees for the work they have been doing and also announced Shangri-la's Fijian Resort is the first resort in Fiji to sign an agreement with the trade unions on Merit. Shangri-la's Fijian Resort & Spa is the only resort that pays bonus every year end.

Meeting Closes: 11.10am