**Cook Islands Voyaging Society**

**AGM**

Thursday 12th April 2018 – Ministry of Culture

5pm

Agenda for AGM

1. Opening Prayer – Liam Kokaua
2. Welcome – Rory Quirke
3. Present – Ian Karika, Cecile Marten, Rory Quirke, Ti Pekepo, Sam Timoko, Ken Kingsbury, Kura Happ, Jacopo Dozzo, Thomas Wynne, Milly Tamaki, Hilary Boyes, Mike Mitchell, Andy Olah, Alex Olah, Tua Pittman, Teina Mackenzie, Liam Ratana, Tania George, Jacqui Evans, Steven Daniels, Byron Brown.
4. Apologies – Bim Tou, Nick Henry, Jolene Bosanquet,

Peter Heays, Amelia Borofsky, Sergio Lai, Peia Patai, Tony Manarangi, Zsoka Buzna, Orsi Bacsa, Malcom Laxton-Blinkhorn

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting – (Teina/Sam)
2. Presidents Report – As tabled, thanks from Ian, newsletter provides some background on what has been happening over the last 6 months. Thanks to those that have donated time and their money since the fire. Marumaru Atua was invited to Wellington but due to fire wasn’t able to attend, represented at the NZ Festival was Ian, Travel Tou, Sam Timoko, Cecile Marten, Teina Mackenzie, Bouilard Davis. (Sam/Teina moved that Ians report be accepted as tabled).
3. Treasurers/Audit Report – as presented, main difference is that accounts are restated to align with the calendar year, so accounts presented are for the period 1 Aug 2016 – 31 December 2017. This “gifting” of Marumaru Atua was recognised in the financials for the first time (depreciated from 2012, and recognising the disposal of the damaged hull at the net book value). Book loss of $210K due to the “depreciation” of Marumaru Atua. Bank accounts include $15k SIF fund, spending has been deferred to 2018 year. (Ian/Liam moved that the Treasurer’s/Audit Report as presented).
4. Adoption of the New Constitution – no amendments to the original constitution since 1992 when it was incorporated.
   1. New Membership Category – “Branches” – ie branches in Aitutaki, NZ or Australia that come under one umbrella of CIVS. Independent but abide by the same rules. (Mike Mitchell is happy to help on any matters regarding the constitution, and raised the question to be raised in other matters regarding “ownership” of Te Au O Tonga). Status of Aitutaki Voyaging Society? Independent from CIVS?
   2. Composition of the Executive Board – from 11 members to 7 (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 4 Vice President), each VP has a “Role” and run their own non-executive committee, operate independently and report back to the board/exec.

Comments included that roles were too prescriptive? The rationale is that VP are “experts” in that area so that each core exec/VP has defined roles. There is a lot of work, need to try and make it more effective. CIVS to publish updates after meetings so that public is aware. Members had an issue with the term “Vice President” being used. Each VP would function independently with their sub-committees. Other examples of these exec structures – CISNOC, Netball Cook Islands. VP needs to be passionate about their area and need to drive it. Can work, sharing the workload. Final changes were to replacement of the term VP with Chair and add back the “role” of Vice President bring total Exec from proposed 7 to 8.

Rory proposes that the constitution is adopted subject to legal review by Mike, Liam seconded

1. Election of Office Bearers
   1. President (Ian Karika – Sam/Teina)
   2. Vice President (Ti Pekepo – Sam/Tua)
   3. Secretary General (Cecile Marten – Tua/Ti)
   4. Treasurer (Rory Quirke – Cecile/Teina)
   5. Chair 1 – Marketing & Media (Byron Brown – Thomas/Alex)
   6. Chair 2 – Education & Training (Sam Timoko – Teina/Cecile)
   7. Chair 3 – Voyaging (Alex Olah – Sam/Tua)
   8. Chair 4 – Property (Bim Tou – Thomas/Ian)

Tua has offered his assistance, Liam/Jacqui offered Media and Marketing. CIVS will send an email out to community for others to register their interest.

1. Life Members
   1. Tua Pittman
   2. Peia Patai
   3. Ian Karika
   4. Tetini Pekepo

Unanimously moved that they all be accepted as life members.

1. General Business
   1. Website – Byron Brown has had to rebuild a new one based on what he could salvage from website. Thanks to Thomas for setting up the original one. Important to be maintained to get our news out. Can create your own content, it is also linked to Facebook and Instagram. Also links to videos on YouTube. Learn more about voyaging via website. Need to build up email database. New Zealand bank account will using paypal to accept payments for merchandise, donations etc. Can also link to websites like “teespring” to sell merchandise. Live streaming of MOC may allow CIVS to slot in a spot for a campaign during dancer of the year. Documents etc can be upload, history etc. Potential look at areas to raise funds via website. Thank you to Byron. Difficult to get images off the old website. Biggest issue is to get content and images. Tua has old photos, etc available. Set up a Youtube channel for CIVS. Possible partnerships with MOH. Raising awareness of who we are going.
   2. Moment of silence for Ninja, Tua has a video of Ninja that he will share with Bryon for our website.
   3. Strategic Plan – moved that this is adopted as the guiding document for CIVS, 5 strategic direction which align with the NSDG. This will be published on the website. The new Exec will work on an Annual plan for the remainder of the year.
   4. Mike Mitchell – Raised the issue of Te Au O Tonga, who owns it, and the funding from $15K MCI, $15K Bill Dougherty, NZ High Comm funding. There is an informal agreement between CIVS and Aitutaki Voyaging that they will look after TAOT. This arrangement needs to be formalised.
   5. Future of Marumaru Atua – Ti, unhappy that we haven’t looked after the vaka, “we fell asleep on watch”. And a reminder to all our members that it is our job to watch and care for the canoe and keep an eye on her. Can’t let it happen again.

Budget is around $370K to get Maru reinstated and sea worthy and get certified. End of cyclone season 2019 Maru will be back in the water. Need to do more fundraising to meet the targets, use the website as a medium to get the message out there. Rory would like to recognise the Governments contribution, unfortunately we can’t access the funding till the new financial year, so therefore the rebuild of Marumaru Atua will now take place in Feb 2019 when Salthouse has capacity. Thanks from Ian for the outgoing Exec for the work that they have done, now have a strategic plan and budget. Acknowledgement to Teina, Milly and Jacqui for their input in to the strat plan.

* 1. Ti raised the issue of copyright, all the artwork that he does for Okeanos belongs to them. CIVS needs to look at copyright, so that all Ti’s designs for CIVS are protected. MOC now has a mechanism to copyright, so all our images will be supplied to MOC for copyright. CIVS is also meeting with BCI next week to discuss the “vaka” card. The image of MMA is featured on their Vaka Card.
  2. SCI has acquired some sailing crafts and will be running adult sailing courses, if anyone is interested to learn to sail please contact Rory.

1. Close of meeting Ti (6:37pm)