

BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG

MINUTES OF MEETING

13th JULY 2005

(07/05)

HELD AT

GADENS LAWYERS

12TH FLOOR PACIFIC PLACE

- 1. ATTENDANCE:** Winifred Kamit
Ernie Gangloff
Syd Yates
Mike Manning
Gerea Aopi
Kee Lim
Mel Togolo
David Wong
Maryanne McDonald

- 2. APOLOGIES:** Jonathan Seeto
Henry Kila
Vincent Bull

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING:

The meeting commenced at 8:35 and was chaired by the President – Winifred Kamit. The President welcomed all new Executive Committee members to the meeting: Ernie Gangloff, Kee Lim and David Wong.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May Meeting, and being a said and true document were moved by Mike Manning and seconded by Gerea Aopi.

The minutes of the June Meeting were also reviewed by the committee and motioned for approval by Mike Manning and seconded by Gerea Aopi.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

The Executive Officer provided a brief update on the action items that were noted in the May minutes.

5.1 TOURISM WORKSHOP:

It was noted that following further discussions have between the TIA and BCPNG representatives a proposed agenda for the meeting was prepared and circulated for comments to the Committee.

A general discussion followed after which the following recommendations were put forward for incorporation into the workshop: a vision statement to be drafted and circulated for comments, the inclusion of trekking and possibly ‘bird watching’ activities, ecosystem activities and a comparison of the success of FIJI Tourism as a benchmark for the Pacific Region.

5.2 Proposed Bilateral Meeting for 3rd August:

A roundtable meeting was held between BCPNG and APNGBC representatives on the 4th July. The purpose of the meeting was to identify what outstanding issues, previously raised at the Ministerial and Business Forums over the past two years should be addressed at the forthcoming Bilateral Meeting on the 3rd of August. It was agreed that the following issues should be incorporated into the agenda: Taxation and Investment Policy, Labour Market Issues, Major Projects – incorporating the Ramu Nickel project, Infrastructure (Tourism and Roads etc) Health and Education. Two speakers will be invited to deliver a brief overview of the current status of PNGIVET (Wayne Golding) and Infrastructure (Alan McLay).

The agenda will include a Joint Executive Meeting between BCPNG and APNGBC, followed by the delivery of outstanding matters to PNG Government representatives. The PNG Government's attendance is to be confirmed. It was reported that the **Ministerial Forum for 2006** would be held at Twin Towers – Sunshine Coast on the **16th of December**.

5.3 Amendments to the Lawyers Act:

Noted, signed and to be forwarded.

5.4 Annual General Meeting:

It was reported that the combined staging of a BCPNG Business Breakfast (Guest Speaker – Rod Mitchell) and the 2005 AGM had been well received with in excess of 75 attendees at the breakfast and 17 members at the AGM. The BCPNG needs to develop a sound reporting mechanism over the coming 12 months to generate further attendance at the 2006 AGM.

5.5 Telikom:

The current delivery of communication services by Telikom is showing no evidence of improvement. It was reported that Telikom had not responded to BCPNG's request of providing a time frame for the said implementations. The Committee agreed that a formal letter is to be remitted to Telikom Management seeking an update. It was recommended that Association Representatives should meet to discuss a possible workshop/summit on the matter.

Resolution: Executive Officer to prepare and forward letter to Telikom Management and facilitate a roundtable meeting within the next week with business associations.

5.6 THE PACIFIC PLAN:

The nominated representatives of the Executive Committee are to provide comments on "The Pacific Plan".

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 DLIR Notice – Membership to PNG Institute of Management:

As a result of BCPNG's initiative on the above subject matter a meeting was called between David Tibu, DLIR representatives and the Private Sector. The operation and intention of PNGIM were clearly relayed to the department.

All dealings with PNGIM are currently suspended until a full investigation into the arrangement is explored by DLIR.

6.2 AUSTRALAIN ABROAD VOLUNTEERS (ABV):

It was reported that the BCPNG's application has been approved by ABV. The purpose of the assignment is to assist in establishing a 'new look' BCPNG that is clearly recognisable within the national and international arena. This will include the design of a new logo, website, newsletter, and the development of a range of promotional materials. A five-year strategic plan is also to be explored.

6.3 PNGIVET:

Concern was raised over the current status and management of PNGIVET. e.

It was unanimously resolved that Maryanne McDonald would act as BCPNG's representative on the Board.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Tabled By M. McDonald. Copy attached.

The following comments were noted for consideration:

- The transfer of Term Deposit funds to Treasury Bills to be considered.
- The reimbursement of expenses submitted by Kina Securities to be re-examined.
- **Purchase of office equipment from Datec Ltd was submitted and approved by Syd Yates and seconded by Mike Manning.**
- **The inclusion of Winifred Kamit, Henry Kila, Mike Manning and Maryanne McDonald as signatories to the current trading account was submitted for approval. Motion carried by Mike Manning and seconded by Syd Yates.**

It was noted that the Executive Committee members should actively play a role in representing the BCPNG on a range of Committees. A list will be prepared and circulated to all members for *voluntary* nomination.

7. INWARD CORESPONDENCE:

Duly noted.

8. OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Duly noted.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

9.1 AIRNIUGINI INFLIGHT MAGAZINES:

It was revealed that in the current Air Niugini publications, information was available for membership to the APNGBC and the Australian /FIJI Business Council.

It was resolved that the Executive Officer would provide a list of BCPNG members to Island Business (publishers of the magazine) and seek the incorporation of BCPNG into the article.

10. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the BCPNG will be held at BCPNG's new office at the **POMSIX, Defens Haus, 4th Floor on Wednesday 10th August at 8:30.**

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The meeting closed at 9:40 a.m.

Signed as a true and correct document:

Chairperson

Date:
