

Indigo/Atauro Meeting on Wed.13th February at 5.00pm in Shire Offices (Mayday Hills)

Apologies: Peter Croucher

**Minutes of Dec 5th Meeting were read and confirmed to be true and correct. Moved Mark
Seconded Frances**

Business Arising from minutes

- Matters relating to transition to incorporation – agenda item 3
- Council briefing – dealt with in agenda item 2. The 9th April at 4.30pm at the Shire Council Chambers Beechworth.

Action :Rob to attend. Other committee members who would like to attend please contact Rob.

- Revised program - idea for a calendar published in February. Jess will coordinate a calendar with meeting dates, Curry Night, fundraising activities, and anything else

Action : Committee members should send information for the calendar to Jess ASAP.

- Regular reports have started to appear in the Indigo Informer (see Kate Biglin's (editor) reply in correspondence. The first Indigo Informer had a small piece on LFZ's and Rutherglen Cyclists composting toilet and clinic donations.

Action:Rob to send Kate Biglin information on new students and ask her to make next article about Obed. Also include information about the tax deductibility of donations to the scholarship system.

Correspondence (circulated prior to meeting)

- Xmas greeting from Lacluta
- Xmas greeting from Nuni and Alola
- Macedon Ranges newsletter
- Getting things done the Indigo Way ,Cathy McGowan – hard copy circulated at meeting
- Reply from Kate Biglin editor of the Indigo Informer – Rob will send
- Irene's report of student expenses- deal with in finance report.
- Marcelo's report on two new students – Crizanio (UNTL Farming/Animal Health) Ratna (Nursing/Cristal)
- Andy Kimber letter on choir visit in 2020.- IAFG to be involved when the choir arrives by attending performance.

All Correspondence was accepted Moved **Irene**, Seconded **Mark**.

Finance Report:

- Irene reported that our current balance at 30/01/2019 is \$32,559.08. Irene will check that Alola Melbourne have sent our most recent student payment to Alola East Timor.
- Coffee system is working well.
- Fundraising:

Beechworth Garage sale raised \$2232.15 – well done to Libby and her team.

A fantastic \$2759 from the Youth Ambassadors.

A motion that the Youth Ambassadors money will be divided between the school gardens /watering systems, a composting toilet, and donations of equipment to midwifery clinics. **Moved Frances
Seconded Libby.**

Action: Rob to write to Jess and Youth Ambassadors informing them of the projects being funded.

Rob to contact Marcelo and ask for details of the 2019 Toilet construction program and informing him about the money available for school gardens and midwifery clinics.

- Irene's student expenses were discussed

Re Irene's student expenses : A Motion was moved by Mark, Seconded Lesley that Irene be reimbursed for the funds that she spent on her recent visit to East Timor

A policy will be developed and ratified at the next meeting. Rob will circulate a draft for everyone's approval and comment.

Lesley's proposal:

Please consider and suggest amendments and circulate your comments and suggestions to members of the committee.

Policy for scholarship student gifts and expenses

The committee recognise that the giving of a small gift to our scholarship students is a way of acknowledging the friendship that exists between the people of Indigo and Atauro.

To this end, when a members of the committee visit Dili and Atauro they will endeavour to meet with as many students as possible to gather feedback on their well-being and progress.

This meeting will usually involve hosting students for a meal and drink in a restaurant. In addition, members might purchase small gifts of, for example, stationery and toiletries, to present to the students.

In the interests of contributing to the economy of Timor Leste these gifts should be purchased in Dili rather than taken from Australia. The committee has agreed to the reimbursement of up to 30USD for hospitality and gifts per student.

The Swim to Atauro Challenge will not go ahead in February.

Special effort raffle in Rutherglen will be held in the future.

Student Report:

New students and new sponsor. Marcelo sent through a comprehensive report about the two new students. Crizano (Animal Health/UNTIL) and Ratna (Nursing/Cristal)

Action: Mark to contact Michelle and discuss the sponsorship options for her company and our preference for them to sponsor one of the new students. Approximate cost in 2019 for Crizano is \$1180.

Herminia will be starting her vocational course at Tibar soon.

General Business:

Transition to Incorporation

- At the last meeting Lesley suggested we finish the process of incorporation by the end of June 2019. This will be the goal but we will transfer our Annual meeting to October 9th to allow time for everything to be organised.

- A motion was put by Lesley, Seconded Libby the name of our group be changed to IAFA – Indigo Atauro Friendship Association . The elected committee will be called Indigo Atauro Friendship Committee and the wider supporters will be called Friends of Atauro. A small fee will be charged for membership. The amount will be determined in the future.

This motion and suggestions contained within were accepted.

Irene's report on December trip:

Irene reported that her trip was great, it was hot. She met up with most of the students, There is a great deal of development going on. Irene took over Diggers Seeds and they were given to Marcelo, and the Yates donated seeds went to HIAM Health. Their Community gardens are wonderful. The waste management system ie .the transfer station is operating on Atauro. The market is still full of rubbish. The Plastic Shredding machine may already be there.

Action:

Libby will ask Rik Thwaites if he knows what is happening with waste management on Atauro.

Indigo Shire and Local Government MOU and relationship with Friendship Group (NB. Documents attached to December meeting on this topic) this will be dealt with at the April10th Meeting . Indigo Shire officers to be invited to discuss the interaction between the Council and Friendship group.

Meeting dates for 2019 – 2nd Wed of Feb, 10th April, 12 June, 14 August, 9 October (AGM) and 11 December.