**MINUTES FROM CIRU AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3/04/19 @ 5pm at CISNOC BUILDING (NIKAO):**

**PRESENT:** Kaka Ama(Nga/Mat), Tekura “Steak” Potoru(Takuvaine), Teariki Purua(Arorangi), Frankie Toa & John Paul Wilson (Tupapa), Owen Lewis (CISNOC – Observer)

CIRU Executive – Sean Smith(President), Charlie Hosking (Vice President), Anthony Turua(Treasurer), Simiona Teiotu(Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** William Taripo, Moana Tetauru, Lydia Nga

**MINUTES:**

1. **Opening Prayer.** ##Simiona Teiotu.

Before the meeting started the CIRU President Sean Smith thanked all for their attendance today.

1. **Adoption of the Minutes from AGM held 21/03/18.**

Moved Simiona Teiotu. Seconded by Teariki Purua.

Matters Arising: we need to figure out the way forward from ground up starting with our domestic competition to the internationals.

1. **2018 Presidents Report by Sean Smith (attached)** – brief overview by Sean Smith who spoke of the following key areas:

CI 15s RWCQ v Hong Kong home & away series – an opportunity to showcase local hosting capacity.

CI 7s Mens & Womens teams – the potential global growth of Womens rugby and the need to develop pathways from home.

U18 CI 7s Mens & Womens teams – integral pathway development.

Social Media – increased and wider audience.

World Rugby Funding – need to prioritize key tasks with local development projects.

Domestic season – overview of the Clubs & juniors, schools & touring teams. U16 College 7s and Raro 7s tournaments.

2019 Plans with focus on repackaging the domestic season, juniors especially with Rising Stars combo. Rugby 10s at a centralized venue on Saturdays. Will send out a 2019 proposal & concept ideas for the Clubs to decide on the best way forward asap (By mid next week 10/04/19).

Kaka Ama stated that we need to lift our game. He liked the idea of the proposed domestic Rugby 10s corporate business house concept that would encourage running rugby, centralized venue, will definitely help to revive the local competition.

Moved by Simiona Teiotu. Seconded by JP Wilson.

1. **2018 Financial Report by Anthony Turua.**Dissatisfied with the first audit report of the CIRU Financials which had too many anomalies, including missing 3 months of accounts that were not included.  Anthony Turua presented a Draft Financial Report only at this meeting with the view to call a Special General Meeting once a re-audit has been completed of the CIRU Financials.

Proposed: to accept the current Draft Financial Report (presented by Anthony Turua).  Moved by Sean Smith. Seconded by Teariki Purua.

Proposed: once the re-Audit of the CIRU Financials has been done a Special General Meeting will be called.  Moved by Sean Smith. Seconded by Teariki Purua.

5)      **Election of Office Bearers for 2019 – 2020 term:**

* Vice President -  Charlie Hosking – was the only nomination received. Agreed and supported by all present.

**## Vice President (2019 – 2020): Charlie Hosking.**

* Assistant Secretary -  William Taripo was the only nomination received. Agreement from all present that WT continue.

**## Assistant Secretary (2019 – 2020): William Taripo**

* Treasurer. The elected 2018 Treasurer Tom Wills resigned early 2018. So during that time Anthony Turua (Assistant Treasurer) was appointed/promoted by the CIRU Executive to the Treasurer role (due to the resignation of Tom Wills).

Proposal: that AT to step down from his current role as Assistant Treasurer and he be official appointed as the newly elected Treasurer.  Moved by JP Wilson. Seconded by Teariki Purua.

**## Treasurer (2019 – 2020): Anthony Turua**

6)      **Other Matters:**

a)      **2019 Season plans – community & international.**

Simiona Teiotu – the recent Paul Jonson March 2019 visit re. CIRU Governance re-structure was a good opportunity to understand the direction of the (to be) newly proposed CIRU Governance structure. What is required is wider consultation with the community for better buy-in from its members,

Sean Smith –modernization of the CIRU Constitution and CIRU Governance re-structure to align ourselves to the World Rugby (& Oceania) body which encourages greater female involvement on the Board.  The Constitution belongs to the members for them to agree on, but needs to be understood and be relevant to our needs. Over the next 2 months the plan is to send out the Governance information and ask for feedback with adoption June/July…….please watch this space.

## Frankie Toa: special appreciation to the (2018) referees for making time to work with the clubs to hear our views and attempt to iron-out any problems. Potential referee Teokotai “Billy” Tuaivi ban from league and we hope it does not follow on to rugby too.

Sean Smith – according to the CIRU Constitution Billy should be ok to referee Rugby Union however the final decision will come from the CIRU Referees and also the clubs themselves.

Sean Smith – the 2018 Referee allocation was $2500. 2019 Referee allocation we await, ST proposal.

Simiona Teiotu – our refs are getting older and we need to encourage the Clubs to help us to recruit some news refs. In 2018 they received $6k sponsorship for the new set of radio’s.

Anthony Turua – busy year ahead but we need to focus on the domestic comp. Need better input from the clubs….juniors especially. Encouraged with proposed new Governance structure that promotes the inclusion of a rep/voice from the: Womens, Oldies, Business section, Schools ….etc. Sometimes we lack specialized skill set on the Board…..the world Is changing and we need to adopt a business driven model.

Charlie Hosking – looking at the 2018 budget we only spent $20k on local development. We need to be spending more on local development.

JP Wilson – Frankie is the heart of the Panthers…..more ladies on the Board a good move.

Kaka Ama – rules re. affiliation to World Rugby to have a 15s team. Ie: Town v Country (3 match series) to satisfy the WR criteria. From a spectator view we need to have exciting rugby lets introduce the new Rugby 10s business house concept, new & exciting entertainment opportunity.

Simiona Teiotu – 2019 season calendar to be confirmed asap.

7)      **Closing prayer by Simiona Teiotu.**

## Minutes taken by: Ben Koteka - CIRU