

XFBF AGM Minutes

March 5th, 2010

In Attendance:

Patrick Watene	Patrick Antony	Maggie Mao	Shaun Mao
Pierre Eloy	Mel Hoffer	Tom Stader	Omar Ali
Yasuo Kitajima	Angelia Jia	Andy Caiger	Jan van Laar
Tatjana Wright	Alasdair Maclean	Wolfgang Weil	Helen Yu
Megan Carey	Rene Tobler		

- Meeting opening by Patrick Watene at 5:41pm with above members in attendance

1. **Current President (Patrick Watene) gave his annual report**

- a. No comments from those in attendance

2. **The President called for discussion on the proposed Xi'an Foreign Business Forum Constitution**

- a. **Wolfgang Weil:** Why is the membership only for Xi'an and not surrounding communities
- b. **Patrick Watene** answered: That the name is not an actual geographic physicality only a name and that our membership is not restricted by the city limits
- c. **Patrick Watene** observed and Wolfgang agreed that his (Wolfgang's) other observations were not material to the actuality of the Constitution and all smaller points would be discussed in committee and his concerns would be addressed there.

3. **The President called for a vote on the Constitution**

- a. Patrick Antony seconded
- b. Members in attendance voted unanimously in favor
- c. **At 6:10pm the Constitution was adopted and enacted**

4. **Those standing for the committee:**

President: Patrick Watene

Committee: **Yasuo Kitajima** **Rene Tobler**
 Pierre Eloy **Patrick Antony**
 Tatjana Wright **Tom Stader**

- a. Because of a late drop-out in the running all of the above persons were appointed to the committee
- b. The President appointed both Megan Carey and Marty Stroka as associate committee members

5. **General Business:**

- a. **Yasuo Kitajima:** Why not move the AGM to December before the Christmas function so that it will spur membership, promote our year's activities, and give a good bookend to the year.
 - i. **This will be discussed in the committee**
- b. **Wolfgang Weil and Jan Van Laar:** In the yearly membership there should be a change in positioning so that membership doesn't end but is renewed, this will keep the numbers on the books and keep the XFBF from "starting over" every year. This should include a grace period to be decided by the committee, as well as a change in context in communication with members.
 - i. **This will be discussed in the committee**
- c. **Omar Ali:** His company and the XFBF are working towards similar ends when it comes to building a more "friendly" environment with hospitals and would like to talk more with how other businesses and business people could come together to do this.
 - i. **This will be discussed in the committee and with Omar Ali**
 - ii. **S**

6. **No further business**

7. **Patrick Watene closed the First Annual General Meeting at 6:25pm**