Tawa U3A Committee

Minutes of Meeting, 10.00am, November 2nd 2026

Present: Marian (chair), Tim, Ray (from 10.30), John, Marie, Barbara, Peter Woods (guest)

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting approved Marie, seconded Barbara

Matters arising:

The AGM will be on February 15th 2027 at the usual venue – Marian will book the Bowling Club

Dave Smith: the Committee recorded its thanks to Dave for his comments on our Constitution and the implications of the ISA; unfortunately Dave was unable to attend the meeting as originally proposed. Key points were:

- The annual subs will be set at the AGM
- Ten days' notice of the AGM is required (January 29th is the latest date to comply with this)
- Voting by proxy will be allowed and this will be advertised to the members
- Peter Woods agreed to join the Committee in 2027 in the role of Deputy Webmaster; as no one is stepping down this meets the minimum requirement of seven members
- The Secretary will call for Committee nominations in December and these will be advertised to members with a call for anyone wanting to stand

Financial report (Income and expenditure to October 31st) be accepted: proposed Marie, seconded Marian. The website upgrade has now been paid for but it is unclear whether there will be any ongoing maintenance cost. Our financial position is strong but it was agreed that the current $15 membership and $2 koha would be retained for 2027

Membership: now have 217 members. Approved the applications of two new members.

Coordinators Report: the 2027 booklet is nearly ready for printing. Tawa Anglican Church upgrade is still under way so it cannot be used as a venue in 2027. Tawa Community Centre bookings now need to be done online

There will be six fewer courses next year and two new ones. Marian is proposing a new course along the lines of this year's "Election Year".

The coordinators' morning tea was proposed for the morning of Monday December 7th but after the meeting it became clear that this clashes with the Probus Christmas lunch so it may be necessary to find a new date

Website: the new site is up and running and a few adjustments have been made in the light of experience. Ray has almost completed the Instruction Manual and he will be working with Barbara to include the 2027 courses. Dave Smith's photos of Tawa have been uploaded.

2027 enrolment opens on December 1st 2026; this date will be included in the next Newsletter and the website and the booklet will also be available then.

Communications:

Newsletter to go out this week and include decisions from this meeting.

Signs by the roadside at each end of Tawa have been updated and Tim is awaiting the go-ahead for installation, which needs cooperation with other bodies such as Rotary.

Marian has made a presentation at the Salvation Army. There will be a choir performance open to all comers on November 30th

Other Business: "Future Tawa" paper by Tony Hassed was circulated; this could be the subject of a one-off presentation

Next meeting: after the Coordinators' meeting (Date TBC – see above)

Meeting closed at 12.00