

2015 AGM Minutes
Saturday 21 November, 2015
Rangiaohia Marae, Matata

Present: Leith Comer (Chairman), Cathy Dewes (Trustee), Merepeka Raukawa-Tait (Trustee), Tiipene Marr (Trustee), Donna Semmens (Trustee), Harina Warbrick (Trustee), Kenneth Raureti (Trustee), Anthony Olsen, Dougal Stewart, Mere Butler, Alana Hunter, Darcy Stoneham, Theresa Rondon-Harvey, Maria Minarapa, Lindsay Marr, Freda Semmens, Paora Warbrick, Monica Te Aonui, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Kerry Cameron, Roka Cameron, Thelma Rondon, Sherina Rondon, Lilian Rondon, Eugene Maaka-Rondon, Tommy Herbert, Peri Perenara, Mike Perenara, Martin Peni, Ngamaru Raerino, Ruby Rondon, Melanie Cheung, Robin Cheung, Brenda Haimona, Vanessa Curtis-Wiki

1. Mihi Whakatau

Ngamaru Raerino

2. Karakia Timatanga

Ngamaru Raerino opened the hui with karakia at 2.00pm

3. Apologies

Tony Semmens, John Marks, Peri Marks, Maxine Marks, Shirley Marr, Maurice Warbrick, Raima Rondon, Trudy Olsen, Kathy Olsen, Arlene Smith, Lorraine Clarke, Maxine Graham, Regan Wyatt, Mahora Whiston, Ann Bergman, Leah Warbrick, Chris Clarke, Maanu Paul, Nereta Pereiha, Rita Costar, Orini Marr, Kura Raureti

That the Apologies be received. Moved: Mere Butler / Freda Semmens

4. Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman, Leith Comer, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2015 AGM and ran through the contents of the AGM pack - the Agenda, 2014 AGM Minutes, 2015 Annual Report and a letter from Maanu Paul.

The organisational review was added to General Business. The Chairman asked if there were any other items from the floor.

5. 2014 AGM Minutes

The 2014 AGM Minutes were tabled.

That the 2014 AGM Minutes be accepted. Moved: Merepeka Raukawa-Tait / Harina Warbrick

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Freda Semmens asked if there were any plans to develop the Arawa Street property, and if so, when it would happen. Harina Warbrick responded that in 2016 the trustees will look at options that may include placing a modular building on the site, which could be moved nearer to the marae if land became available. Nothing will be carried out without consultation. It was asked if there were a report on the water situation. A geothermal report was carried out prior to the purchase of the property.

6. Chairman's Report

The 2014-15 financial year has been one of consolidation. The Chairman thanked both Trustees and staff for the good outcome.

a) Change Proposal

Anthony resigned in July and has since worked under a contractual arrangement. The resignation was followed by an organisational review. Yesterday, after a process led by Glen Hawkins & Associates, the Trustees accepted a change proposal. Te Mana's activities will be distributed between three areas: the Charitable Trust, a Commercial Company and the Trust, which will focus on specific trust matters. The Trust Office will remain in Matata. There has been a thorough and robust process.

Freda asked where the marae fits into the structure. Leith responded that the marae does not fit into the organisational structure but that Te Mana has an association in terms of providing resources and assisting the marae.

Peri asked about internal experience in investing in companies. Leith responded that the Trustees may not have the skills, so we will be looking at the right people to run the commercial side of the company.

Melanie Cheung asked if the organisational change is about building Ngati Rangitihi. Leith confirmed that it is.

b) Trust Deed Review

- i. **Database.** There were some concerns regarding the database. Alana and the Kahui Kaumatua Validation Committee have held a series of hui to clear any issues up. The hui went well and there were some whakapapa queries which are now being followed up.
- ii. **Hapū Representation.** The korero will take up on who the hapū of Ngati Rangitihi are, which could be Tionga, Whareiti and Mahi. The issue is who we were in 1840 because we don't want to narrow hapu numbers down during the comprehensive claim process because there were more hapū at that time. Freda said that our children are confused as to who they are and something needs to be done. Donna said Ngati Rangitihi had heaps of hapū, but were sectioned out to our neighbouring iwi because of wars, starvation etc. On Sunday 6th December there will be a hui-a-iwi to discuss our whakapapa links. Peri doesn't feel that Ngati Mahi is represented on the Trust.

c) Comprehensive Claim

The question was asked if Te Mana o Ngati Rangitihi is the mandated body for the comprehensive claim. Leith responded that it is.

Maanu Paul's letter was discussed. There has been an ongoing issue with Maanu, Andre Paterson and David Potter. The Crown was happy with the process Te Mana has followed, which has the support of the wider Ngati Rangitihi people. We have invited Maanu, Andre and David to participate in the process and the offer is still there. Freda is happy with the current process. Ngamaru asked if Te Mana was only formed for the CNI claim. It was set up from the CNI claim but has since sought support from beneficiaries to seek the comprehensive claim. There was a question on what response will go back to Maanu. Leith responded that the letter was tabled and Maanu's comments were noted.

Melanie Cheung asked who the chief negotiator is. Leith responded that Katherine Gordon has been appointed as our Chief Crown Negotiator. There was a further question about who the negotiators are and how they will be chosen, and whether Anthony is a negotiator. There will be a hui to decide the negotiators and with regards Anthony, he is not a negotiator. He is there to support the negotiators. It was asked how long the comprehensive will take. Leith was hopeful it will only take a year, depending on our preparation.

Teresa asked what the roles of the oversight committee are. Leith explained that the oversight committee are people who are interested in the process, providing them with the opportunity to engage and be informed of the progress.

Peri mentioned that he attended three mandating hui and asked if the TPK notes were available. The chairman undertook to have a copy of the TPK report available at the next hui-a-iwi.

7. Hāpai-Ō Report

In July 2015 Anthony resigned his position as Hapai-O and is now contracted to Te Mana, providing research for the comprehensive settlement.

Anthony pointed out that the statement in Maanu Paul's letter saying that we have signed off an Agreement In Principle is incorrect. We have signed a Terms of Negotiation which are ground rules for us negotiating with the Crown.

He also gave an update on our Te Reo and Education strategy. Our strategy contains four pou: Te Reo, Resources, the Ngati Rangitihi Story and Learner Support – supporting our people who wish to further their te reo and education. We are working to fund the various initiatives.

We have applied to Te Taura Whiri for Ma Te Reo funding and should know within the next month if we are successful.

That the Chairman's and Hāpai-Ō Report be received. Moved: Freda Semmens / Monica Te Aonui

8. Financial Report

Harina Warbrick made a number of observations:

This year Te Mana operated within the budget because we didn't have the expenses related to the Mana Whenua adjudication.

In the 2014-15 financial year we received \$186,000 in comprehensive funds compared to a deficit of \$169,000 in 2013-14.

We have a very conservative investment portfolio.

The Kakano share price was driven up because of Harvard selling their share which drove the price up. Over the years it shouldn't fluctuate too much.

Theresa asked if Ngati Rangitahi, as shareholders, can support Ngati Manawa in trying to stop the layoffs of our people in Murupara and Kaingaroa. Harina explained that Ngati Rangitahi's 1.9% share is a very small portion but that we can certainly ask our director to convey our concerns. Kenneth pointed out that we have a much larger influence through CNI.

Freda asked about the culture and education income. The Culture and Education income is through the Ministry of Education; in 2014 we received \$61,000 + GST and Anthony is currently negotiating a new contract.

The \$15,000 consultancy expenses were for Elections NZ running the trustee elections.

That the Financial Report be received. Moved: Monica Te Aonui/ Merepeka Raukawa-Tait

9. General Business

a. Otara-o-Muturangi

The Judge ruled in December 2014 that Otara-o-Muturangi will be shared between Ngati Rangitahi, Ngati Awa and Tuwharetoa. The Ministry of Justice has called a hui at the Matata Rugby Club at 10am on Saturday, 27th of November. Harina asked that those whanau who have tipuna should have a meeting prior to next week to look at appointing two trustees on behalf of Ngati Rangitahi. It was then agreed that two interim trustees should be appointed by vote at this hui. There were four nominations:

- Maurice Warbrick - nominated by Tiipene Marr and Harina Warbrick (14 votes)
- Eugene Rondon - nominated by Theresa Rondon-Harvey and Ruby Rondon (8 votes)
- Ngamaru Raerino - nominated by Monica Te Aonui and Anthony Olsen (17 votes)

- Theresa Rondon-Harvey - nominated by Ruby Rondon and Sharina Rondon (10 votes)

That Maurice Warbrick and Ngamaru Raerino be appointed as Interim trustees.

Moved: Monica Te Aonui/ Theresa Rondon-Harvey. All were in favour.

b. Te Reo and Education

Dr Cathy Dewes reported. The negotiations and contract with MOE has followed the Te Ohoohotanga plan and Te Kaunihera whanau have tried to cover all of what was expected of them. Po Kauhau, research and archive work are yet to be bought together as a Ngati Rangitihi resource. Ataarangi tutors and kainga korerorero are being funded by demand and need. Tamaki are running kapa haka and kura ako i te reo. Cathy mentioned that we are currently seeking funds of around 300,000 to establish these programmes here. The \$60,000 already received was for the establishment of the Kaunihera Whanau.

c. Charitable Trust

Peri asked where the Charitable Trust received their funds from. Merepeka responded that there was only one sum of \$100,000, which was received from the Trust. The Charitable Trust is looking into sourcing external funding.

The Charitable Trust funds are available to all registered beneficiaries of Te Mana. Melanie Cheung asked if the Charitable Trust is making grants off the interest or eating into the capital. Merepeka responded that the Trust is granting off the capital.

Leith thanked everyone for coming, thanked the staff and thanked Anthony for his work as Hāpai-Ō.

10. Karakia Whakamutunga

Ngamaru Raerino closed the hui with karakia at 4.00pm