

2016 AGM Minutes
Saturday 26 November, 2016
Rangiaohia Marae, Matata

Present: Leith Comer (Chairman), Kenneth Raureti (Trustee), Cathy Dewes (Trustee), Harina Warbrick (Trustee), Tiipene Marr (Trustee), Merepeka Raukawa-Tait (Trustee), Alana Hunter, Darcy Stoneham, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Ruby Rondon, Fay Patrick, Norman Semmens, Robert Dawson, Monica Te Aonui, Tunis Perenara, Chris Clarke, Larissa Renata, Theresa Rondon-Harvey, Taichi Playle, Delwyn Rondon, William Hataraka, Rihi Vercoe, Tim Morrison, G Tierney, Whaiora Brown, Tanira Raureti, Rangitihi Perenara

1. Mihi Whakatau

Tiipene Marr

2. Karakia Timatanga

Tiipene Marr

3. Apologies

Ruwhira Rameka and whanau, Margaret Burton, Orini Marr, Tawhiri Morehu, Albert Morehu, John Marks, Peri Marks, Raymond Hunia, Donna Semmens, Maurice Warbrick, Paul Warbrick, Nereta Pereiha, Lindsay Marr, Shirley Marr, Lillian Te Pou, Sherina Rondon, Jasmin Rondon, Martin Rondon, Francis Rondon, Aneta Rondon-Tarei, Terrence Rondon, Phillip Rondon, Lawrence Niao, Mere Niao, Te Aokahari Niao, Kura Raureti, Audrey Rota

That the Apologies be received. Moved: Robert Dawson/ Monica Te Aonui

4. Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman, Leith Comer, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2016 AGM and ran through the contents of the AGM pack.

That the Chairman's Report be accepted: Kenneth Raureti/ Harina Warbrick

5. 2015 AGM Minutes

The 2015 AGM Minutes were tabled.

That the 2015 AGM Minutes be accepted. Moved: Harina Warbrick/ Monica Te Aonui

6. Financial Report – Harina Warbrick

Harina said the Financial Report was uploaded onto the website on time and that it was not posted out to everyone as it would cost over \$10,000 in postage costs. Theresa said Harina needed to figure out a way to get the costs down. Theresa said Harina resigned from the Trust and asked why she is still a Trustee. Leith explained that Harina did submit her resignation and that the Board decided not to accept it and asked her to stay on the Trust. Harina then withdrew her resignation and it was accepted.

Harina said we have had a very profitable year which included an addition payment of \$500,000 from CNI. Harina clarified that she does not look after the share portfolio. It is looked after by

Forsyth Barr. Wages were substantially reduced and another payment is going to the Charitable Trust which will show in the next financial year.

There will be a degree on movement, but in 30 years' time, things should be looking better.

Cathy asked about the positive outlook in 30 years' time and whether it was due to the CNI rentals payments. Harina confirmed it will be due to CNI rental payments being substantially higher.

Theresa said she has a question about why the Trustees pay themselves \$16K when only \$20K goes to the beneficiaries. She asked why the 100K donated to Te Mana did not go into a Hauora, but instead went to the Charitable Trust. She asked why the Trust didn't give kaumātua grants, like the other Iwi. Darcy said it is because we have yet to settle, and the other Iwi have settled already. Leith said we hope to have an AIP by June 2017 and settled by 2018.

Monica asked if the kaumātua could get grants for hearing aids, glasses and teeth. Harina said that the grants would need to come through the Charitable Trust.

Theresa asked why the Trust invested in Apple shares because she knows they are losing value.

That the Financial Report be accepted: Kenneth Raureti/ Timothy Morrison

7. Te Reo and Education – Cathy Dewes

Cathy said that the Kura Reo weekends were fabulous. Cathy has a personal goal to work on one whanau at a time. Kura Raureti and her whanau already have the reo and she is now focussing on Tiipene Marr and his whanau. The kaunihera whanau is working OK. Pep has a good local knowledge of who needs support. Cathy is a little nervous about the MOE contract. Cathy and Pep need the names of 55 school aged tamariki, to work with them to achieve success in reading, writing, numeracy and literacy all in reo Maori. The programme will be run in both Matata and Rotorua and Cathy asked that names be put forward to herself and Pep so they can start working with them.

Pō kauhau are going great. Ngamaru Marino was fabulous. The kaumātua interviews will be edited and put up onto the website with subtitles. Leith said that Cathy worked hard to get the programme done in the way she wanted to do it. Delwyn said Te Wānanga o Awanuiārangi has a Te Pou Hono programme, whereby they assist us and we determine the content. Delwyn said she will speak to Te Mana about the programme.

8. Charitable Trust – Merepeka Raukawa-Tait

Merepeka said the Charitable Trust did not receive an annual amount to disperse so it has been difficult to grant what the people need. She is looking forward to the Comprehensive Settlement, and receiving a set amount each year. Health grants were discussed; Merepeka believed that they will be available to all ages, not just kaumātua, because younger people are struggling to pay for their needs. Larissa asked if Te Mana can invite WINZ to Matata to explain to the people how to go about getting funding for their health needs. Leith offered the help of office staff. Darcy said the Resource Centre has services in place for both health and WINZ. Monica said the men here are too whakamā to talk to anyone away from their own homes.

Larissa asked about grants for school children to help pay for school fees. Merepeka said that the need is great and the Charitable Trust will be looking at this.

Taichi asked if the hold-up was just the pūtea. Merepeka said it was but that the Charitable Trust now has the \$100K that Te Mana received from Marlborough Lines and, moving forward, will look at how the disbursements will be made. Taichi said that he is in a whānau trust which makes disbursements with little pūtea, but it can be done.

9. CNI – Kenneth Raureti

Kaingaroa and the satellite forests came back to the eight CNI iwi in 2009. The mana whenua of the forest was challenged by Ngāti Manawa last year. The High Court decided that the iwi go back to the adjudicators, who would tell the iwi what sort of title will be allocated and show clearly which lands go to each iwi. The decision came back last week. One example of the findings: Whirinaki forest: Ngāti Manawa receives substantial, Tuhoe receives medial and Ngāti Rangitihī receives limited mana whenua. Ngāti Manawa gets four shares, Tuhoe two shares and Ngāti Rangitihī one share. The decision was made that Ngāti Whare also gets four shares. Other iwi are now asking why Ngāti Whare are getting the shares when it was decided that Ngāti Manawa share their shares with Ngāti Whare. The adjudicators also said that the changes be effective forthwith, but The Trust Settlement legislation said that there must be unanimous agreement for that to happen. Ngāti Rangitihī currently receive 3.1265% of the total rental income. Delwyn asked how our total percentage went down. Kenneth explained that our total shareholding has gone down from 20% to 17% because of Ngāti Whare receiving their own shares, instead of sharing the shares that Ngāti Manawa received. It was asked who initiated the court action. Ngāti Manawa initiated the first Court action, but the next stage has not yet been decided. He does not think that Ngāti Rangitihī will initiate Court action and is hoping discussions will make it work. He anticipates opposition from Raukawa. Delwyn asked if Kenneth thought the proportions allocated were fairly represented. Ken's personal view was that Ngāti Manawa and Ngāti Rangitihī should hold over 70%, they hold 66% total so it is close. Leith asked if there is a mechanism for Ngāti Rangitihī to change what has already been decided. Kenneth said it would only be by a unanimous decision.

Hunting and access permits have continued to rise. For tangihanga, we were able to get instant permits but over the last ten months there has been a lot of forestry activity and Timberlands has been finding it harder to issue permits. The CNI is currently working with Timberlands.

Taichi asked if all the iwi talk to Timberlands or just one iwi at a time. Ken said everyone sits at the table together. Taichi said there are heaps of people hunting there, including Chinese. Ken said Government legislation means that everyone in NZ is allowed access.

10. Comprehensive Claim – Leith Comer

Leith ran through the treaty negotiation milestones and spoke about the Ngāti Rangitihī Story which resulted in the Redress Package that went to the Crown in July.

Chris spoke on being an observer at the OTS hui. His whakaaro was that they were very productive, one outcome being very beneficial for Ngāti Rangitihī. Being an observer opened his eyes as to how the treaty process worked.

Tiipene spoke on the Matata Lands we are looking at claiming. Ngāti Awa and Tūwharetoa have 30 hectares each at the Reserve and NR want to claim 30 hectares at Whakapou Korero, a one-acre nohoanga at the cut, DOC land around Otara-o-Muturangi, the place where Te Arawa waka landed, Mihimarino, the land where the old pūwaha of Te Awa o Te Atua was, from the old Railway Station to Murphy's Camp and beyond to Mimiha, the land along Arawa Street beside the lagoon and the Awakaponga urupa. Norman asked about the Matata Scenic Reserve. Leith said that currently DOC do not give back camping grounds but we are focusing on getting Tapahoro back. There is a Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) consisting of Tuwharetoa and Ngāti Awa over the Reserve. We want a joint stewardship over the area with both those iwi, which will give us more control than a JAC. A comment was made that there should be a way for us to get some sort of agreement for us to manage the campground. Tanira asked if we can negotiate to get the Matata campground at a later time. Leith said no, once we settle, that is it. He wants to get Tapahoro and show the Government that we will keep it open to the public, then look at asking for the other campgrounds of Matata and Rerewhakaaitu. Delwyn explained that we did tōno for all the campgrounds and that the Government have policies in place that they do not give back campgrounds. There are other interested parties that belong to a Joint Advisory Committee for Matata Scenic Reserve, where Ngāti Rangitīhi has a seat waiting. That has no merit, so we are looking at something bigger to incorporate all the iwi and DOC.

Ken spoke on the Tarawera Lands. Ngāti Rangitīhi own the top of the maunga already and is looking at claiming the Lake Tarawera Scenic Reserve and Moura, Tapahoro, 500m strip of land both sides of the awa down to the falls, 500m from Tapahoro to Humphrey's Bay, Waimangu Valley, which Tūhourangi have a vested interest in, and Lake Rerewhakaaitu Campgrounds. Te Ariki was already settled by the Crown with Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa as 50/50 Tūhourangi/Rangitīhi. Negotiators have met with neighbouring iwi. We recently found out that Tūhourangi has a whenua rāhui on the Scenic Reserve.

The challenges for us are having to get ministerial approval for Tapahoro and an explanation about the whenua rāhui. Taichi said that because Tūhourangi have already settled, why we would need to accommodate them. Leith said that the Crown will listen to the other iwi and if they have interests in the land we are claiming, we will need to accommodate them or risk not getting the land.

Delwyn - We have multiple claimants and two of the claims were taonga related. We are seeking from the Crown, funds to assist us in looking for our taonga, funds to claim and repatriate our taonga and funds to help us build a whare taonga.

Delwyn explained that we are in a claims process and we only have one chance to get our places of significance back. It is a three step process – ask; see what we can do about our taonga; ask the whanau about what we can do to accommodate the taonga.

Theresa said that the iwi need to be consulted about what Ngāti Rangitīhi want.

Leith spoke on the clean-up of the Tarawera awa. Hui have been and are continuing to be held with DOC, BOP Regional Council, Ministry for the Environment and other iwi to look at the ways in which that can be done.

The Crown is arguing that we already settled our quantum through the Kaingaroa settlement however, Ngāti Rangitīhi is only being paid out on 3% as opposed to the 17-20% we have been awarded by the adjudication process.

The Crown will come back to us on 7 December to discuss our claim. The settlement process, including the hui-a-iwi is very open and, in Leith's opinion the most open he has been in.

Ruby said there are things the Trust need to sort out. Leith said if she can find anything that he has done untoward, he will resign.

Rihi asked if we had a backup plan if there were any cross-claims. Leith said Ngāti Rangitīhi is working with neighbouring iwi, all of which have claimed, so they cannot cross-claim, but there could be resistance to it.

Theresa said that the Crown is in the wrong. We should not be asking for our own land back.

Leith thanked the Trustees for their contributions. He also thanked Te Mana staff, including Chris Clarke and Jeananne Ward, who are contracted to Te Mana.

Karakia Whakamutunga: 4.17pm.