



2018 AGM Minutes
1pm Saturday 1 December 2018
Rangitahi Marae

Present: Leith Comer, Darcy Stoneham, Alana Hunter, Dougal Stewart, Tia Warbrick, Melanie Cheung, Richard Barker, Monica Barker, Jamie Warbrick, Makuini Warbrick, Monica Te Aonui, Freda Semmens, Peri Marks, Ruby Rondon, Delwyn Rondon, Madison Chambers-Coll, Tawhiri Morehu, Norma White, Deborah White, Taichi Playle, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait, Clara Marks-Falwasser, John Marks, Bernie Marr, Peri Perenara, Robbie Dawson, Harina Warbrick, Tiipene Marr, Jeananne Ward, Mere Butler, Vanessa Allen, Brendan Coffin, Linda B Mason, Janet Mason, Pounamu Anaru, Manawa Wright, Cathy Dewes, Marsha Playle, Maria Minarapa, Vanessa Wiki, Gemo Playle, Tunis Perenara, Harina Rupapera, Margaret Burton, Kenneth Raureti

1. Mihi Whakatau

Tawhiri Morehu at 1.04pm

2. Karakia Timatanga

Tawhiri Morehu

3. Apologies: Kanapu Rangitauira, Carrie Savage, Julia Wilson, Orini Marr, Ruruhira Rameka, Gina O'Brien, Yvonne Pryor, Toby Hunia, Fay Patrick, Raheera Fox, Luana Ngaheue, Rachel Park, Michael Perenara, Alana Eastwood, Fiona Eastwood, Paul Warbrick, Api Perenara, Anaru Perenara, Colin Hayward

4. Minutes from the previous hui. Taken as read. **Moved: Merepeka Raukawa-Tait/ Freda Semmens**

5. Welcome from Chairman

Leith welcomed attendees and complimented the trustees for all their hard work throughout the year.

6. Chairman's Report. Received. **Moved: Mere/ Robbie**

7. Financial Report – Jeananne Ward

Jeananne noted that the figures for Waimangu was only for 8 months as it was purchased in August 2017.

Peri Perenara asked what the interest rate is for the \$1M loan for Waimangu.

Jeananne said it was around 5% as a Commercial loan.

Manawa asked what the Trading Trust was. Jeananne explained that the Trading Trust looked after the commercial side of the group.

Cathy asked why the Forsyth Barr balance was \$900K less than the previous year. Jeananne said that \$2M was withdrawn from the investments to purchase Waimangu.

That the financial report be accepted. **Moved: Harina Warbrick/ Bernie Marr**

8. Trustee Reports

a) Communications – Melanie Cheung

Melanie asked the people how they thought communication can be improved. Tiipene said he'd like to see a couple of wananga being held between AGM's.

Mere Butler said health should be at the forefront of Iwi discussions and that someone at governance level should be representing Ngāti Rangitihi in the health sector.

Delwyn said there should be a housing strategy in place. If there is none, a strategy session is needed.

Peri Perenara asked if there was funding available at Government level for papakāinga. Kenneth Raureti said the biggest barrier for our youth was accommodation at University. He asked if the Trust could buy a house near a University.

Manawa said Facebook communication is the way to go, as 67% of the Iwi are of the younger generation. He asked if insights of the Facebook page can be included in the annual report.

Vanessa Wiki asked that there be a workshop on communications.

Ruby Devon-Rondon asked that people who travel to hui be reimbursed travel costs.

b) Hau Kāinga – Taichi Playle

Taichi spoke on the two tikanga wānanga that have been held over the past year. He asked if there were any other suggestions.

Manawa and Vanessa Wiki said the wānanga were very successful.

Peri asked about plans for different types of wānanga. Taichi said the tikanga wānanga were a base for ongoing wānanga.

Delwyn said she worked at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi and there were funds available for Marae-based wānanga.

Darcy mentioned that her son has grown since being a part of Taichi's holiday programmes.

c) The Changing Nature of Governance – Merepeka Raukawa-Tait

Merepeka said there has been quite a change in the Trust since Tia, Melanie and Taichi were elected on. A mix of skills and good relationships within the Board are necessary to make the right governance decisions.

Peri Perenara asked Merepeka to give an example of the people who could support Ngāti Rangitihi in our aspirations. Merepeka said we need to put our case to the Government, Councils and other Te Arawa entities. Whānau Ora is currently being reviewed.

Marsha said that in 2017 Te Mana held a Governance session in Rotorua and suggested that Te Mana hold more sessions.

d) Te Reo and Education – Cathy Dewes

Over the past three years, under the Mā Te Reo contract, there have been multiple kura reo in Matata and Rotorua and ataarangi classes in Matata and Auckland. Last year, the Crown moved funding over to Iwi to distribute. Through Te Mātāwai, in which Cathy is a representative for Te Arawa, Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust secured funding for two kura reo and ongoing ataarangi classes at the office.

Maria asked if there was help for people with disabilities. Cathy said the strategic plan needed to be updated but there is currently nothing available.

Delwyn asked about creating strategies around supporting kaikaranga and kaikorero. Cathy asked that Delwyn speak to the Marae Trust.

Linda asked if there was a maximum number of tamariki for kura muri kura ki Matata. Cathy asked Linda to talk to Tracey or Pep Raureti.

Manawa asked if the Charitable Trust could financially support a couple of people to go to wānanga. Cathy said an application could be put in to Te Mātāwai, if the wānanga were to be fully in te reo Māori and more than just a couple of people attended.

Cathy said Te Mātāwai will also support whānau applications.

Janet asked if younger women can be the kaikaranga. Cathy said it is up to the whānau to decide.

9. Charitable Trust Update – Tia Warbrick

Tia gave an update on the Charitable Trust and trustees.

Peri Perenara asked if he could view the names of grant recipients. Tia said they were published in the quarterly newsletters, which are available online.

Monica Te Aonui asked if she could apply for her grandson's softball tournament if she applies for a kaumātua grant. Tia said yes, the one per year grant is for the education category. Bernie asked if a business start-up category can be included. Tia said it is not currently being supported but funding categories are being reviewed.

Manawa thanked Tia for setting up the Victoria University partnership.

10. Trading Trust Update – Harina Warbrick/ Richard Barker

Richard introduced himself and explained how the Trading Trust invested the Iwi pūtea.

Harina gave an update on Tapahoro. The Trading Trust recommended to the Board that they suspend the Concession Agreement with DoC.

Waimangu is a solid investment. Profits over the next few years will be put back into the company.

Monica Te Aonui asked if Ngāti Rangitihi can go to Waimangu free of charge. Harina said there was a whānau day on Labour weekend and there will be more to come.

Delwyn asked if Waimangu could leverage off Te Puia visitors. Harina said they leveraged off supply, management and contract issues. The Waimangu visitor experience is very different to Te Puia.

11. CNI Update – Kenneth Raureti

Vanessa asked Kenneth if Iwi owned the lake bed at Rotomahana. Ken said Te Arawa Lakes Trust owns the lake bed but there is debate nationwide around who owns the water.

Ken explained who the eight Iwi were in the CNI. When the CNI settled, Ngāti Rangitihi was awarded 3% of the settlement, but after the mana whenua adjudication process, was awarded 20.8%. The process was challenged, the outcome landed Ngāti Rangitihi with 18%, which comes into effect in 2043. There is currently a High Court application seeking a clarity judgement around the final decision.

Ken acknowledged Harina Warbrick for her input in the CO² share trading, which is doing very well.

12. Change of Responsible Trustee, Pokohu A3 – Leith Comer.

Leith spoke on the history of the Pokohu A3 block and asked if the people agree to the transfer of responsible trustee from Te Arawa Lakes Trust to Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust.

Resolution: That the responsible trustee for Pokohu A3 transfers from Te Arawa Lakes Trust to Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust

Moved: Delwyn/ Harina Warbrick. All in favour.

13. Treaty Update, towards AIP

Leith gave an update on the Ngāti Rangitihi Treaty Settlement.

Peri Perenara said Ngāti Mahi was barely mentioned in the Ngāti Rangitihi Story.

Leith said that the story was written based on Maori Land Court documents and that when Ngāti Rangitihi gives its historical account, there will be no hapū left out.

Delwyn spoke on the Ngāti Rangitihi aspirations. Leith said the Crown Offer covered all aspirations but one, the Awakaponga Urupā, which is owned by the Whakatane District Council. Cathy asked if Awakaponga urupā was still in discussions. Leith said that the negotiators will go back to the Crown and ask that a relationship could be agreed with the Whakatane District Council.

Tiipene explained the significance of the Matata Lands that Ngāti Rangitihi has been offered.

Kenneth explained the significance of the Tarawera lands that Ngāti Rangitihi has been offered.

Regarding Waimangu, the negotiators will go back to the Crown and inform them that Ngāti Rangitihi has not yet agreed to any terms with Tūhourangi.

The Crown has accepted that our population is not 2,000, but a 10,000 strong Iwi.

Mere Butler spoke on Pareraututu and the good relationships formed between her whānau and Auckland and Rotorua Museums.

Delwyn said Ngāti Rangitihi will be signing agreements with five cultural agencies to form relationships with them.

All discussions with neighbouring iwi have strengthened relationships.

Negotiators will meet with Te Mana trustees after the AGM to discuss whether or not to accept the Crown Offer. Leith ran through the next steps, should the offer be accepted.

14. General Business

a) **Cheaper Coffins**

Maria Minarapa asked for support in creating a coffin club in Matata, supplying cheaper coffins for Ngāti Rangitihi people. Leith said the Board of Trustees would support the initiative.

b) **Kohanga Reo/ Kura Māori**

Harina Rupapera asked that the Trust financially support the Kohanga Reo in order to obtain and keep a kaiako. She also spoke about the possibility of establishing a Kura Māori in Matata and holding more wānanga.

Karakia whakamutunga: Tawhiri Morehu at 4.45pm