

**2019 AGM Minutes**  
**Saturday 7 December 2019**  
**Rangitihī Marae**

**Present:** Leith Comer, Tia Warbrick, Donna Semmens, Melanie Cheung, Cathy Dewes, Taichi Playle, Rita Costar, Alana Hunter, Darcy Stoneham, Dougal Stewart, Jeananne Ward, Erina Pakeha, Ada-Maria Park, Myra Corbett, Fay Patrick, Martha Hewer, Rihi Wharewera, Horton Wharewera, Monica Te Aonui, James Wharewera, Pia Mason, Te Kani Wharewera, Linda Wharewera, Janet Mason, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Freda Semmens, Mohi Te Kakara, Tiipene Marr, Graham Pryor, Mark Sykes, Harina Rupapera, Wikitoria Falwasser, Martin Hunia, Orini Marr, Maria Minarapa, Matengāwha Hataraka, Rihi Vercoe, Carol Kimberley, Richard Barker

**1. Karakia Timatanga**

Tiipene Marr at 1.09pm

**2. Apologies**

Ngaire Whata, Frances Whata, Abe Whata, Tawhiri Livingstone, Jody Whata, Lexia Whata, Tracey Whata, Mere Butler, Florence Simpson, Rob Dawson, Gail Dawson, David Paul Pakeha-Pinkney, Margaret Burton, Rachel Park, Peri Marks, Maxine Marks, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait, Christopher Clarke, Raina Corbett, Mahaki Corbett, John Marks, Bernadette Marks

**3. Minutes from the previous AGM.**

Taken as received and accepted. **Moved:** Monica Te Aonui/ Tiipene Marr.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Leith welcomed attendees and acknowledged Tiipene Marr for his work in Treaty negotiations and the staff for their efforts this year.

That the chairman's report be accepted. **Moved:** Tiipene Marr/ Monica Te Aonui

**5. Financial Report**

Jeananne spoke on the financial situation of the Trust for the year.

**Q:** What was the comprehensive feasibility costs for?

**A:** The Trust received a grant of \$50K from Maori Tourism for the Great Walk feasibility study.

**Q:** And the environmental costs?

**A:** Most of the costs were for the Treaty Settlement and \$19K to the Trust's environmental contractor, Christopher Clarke.

That the Financial Report be accepted. **Moved:** Monica Te Aonui /Orini Marr

## 6. Our Numbers

Melanie Cheung spoke on the Our Numbers handout. Investing in our younger generation is a must, as 1-40 year olds make up over 60% of the database population.

**Q:** Do we know how many of our people can speak fluent te reo?

**A:** No, the last census was a poorly organised in regards to Maori statistics.

**Q:** Is there a focus on putting a youth strategy together?

**A:** The Trust will look at a long term strategic plan after the next trustee election.

**Q:** Are the percentages similar to other Iwi?

**A:** We do not currently have that data.

**Q:** Do our numbers show that we are living longer as an Iwi?

**A:** We as a race have a shorter life than pakeha but the numbers do look like we have more of our older generation living longer.

**Q:** How does our treaty spending figures compare to other Iwi?

**A:** If we look at other settlement, it will be comparable.

## 7. Charitable Trust

Tia Warbrick spoke on the Charitable Trust financial year.

**Comment:** The survey is a way of getting rangatahi involvement, to find out what their aspirations are. The t-shirts and badges were purchased for the same reason. A t-shirt is sent to all grant recipients who post on Facebook or tell their stories in the quarterly newsletter.

**Q:** Will the Charitable Trust tag 10% of the funding for Maori language students?

**A:** It is highly likely, trustees will be talking about what that will look like.

Harina Rupapera has been working on a rangatahi initiative, endorsed by Te Pukenga Koeke o Te Arawa. There is a cultural and educational strategy in January to support rangatahi.

Harina asked if the koeke could contribute to the future plan.

**Q:** Where does the money for hauora come from?

**A:** The money for hauora should come from the Crown.

## 8. Trading Trust

Richard Barker spoke on the Trading Trust financial year.

**Q:** are log values going to be going back up in the near future?

**A:** Log prices fluctuate but the price has gone up in the past two months. China is our biggest customer, it would depend on how much pine they require.

**Q:** Has the Trust thought of owning substantial property in Rotorua to create hostel type accommodation for kaumatua?

**A:** After the settlement that is one of the options we will be looking at.

**Q:** What is the reason you are paying the ANZ loan off when you can pay it all off now?

**A:** The Trading Trust has been talking about paying it off now.

**Q:** What is the parent group?

**A:** Parent group is the main Te Mana Trust, the other group includes the Trading and Charitable Trusts.

Graham said the investment in kakano has been stellar. The forestry investment worked out to be a good investment, which has doubled since investment. Demand for logs is increasing but it will wax and wane.

## 9. Whare Oranga

Cathy spoke on the aspirations for a whare oranga at the marae.

Mobile mirimiri service, doctor, nurse and other health services; classes, reo and waiata; addiction services.

Cathy presented a video on a holistic approach to health and wellbeing.

## 10. Treaty Update

### 1. The Awa Restoration Entity

At a hui last week, the draft bill was about to be finalised.

### 2. Tapahoro

Ngāti Rangitihi will own the land the campground is on. The Crown will administer the land and be responsible for the campground. In the Deed, there is a provision for us to take over the campground if we wish to.

### 3. Agreement between Ngāti Rangitihi and Tuhourangi with the Crown

The land offered by the Crown was not what the Iwi wanted. The Crown did not want to give us what we asked for. Instead they offered to sell us 50ha of the 80ha site. The problem is the Crown's valuation is much higher than ours.

**Q:** Will Ngāti Rangitihi and Tuhourangi jointly buy the land if an agreement with the Crown was made?

**A:** Yes.

### 4. Other Treaty Questions

**Q:** Will there be a transition period when we take over?

**A:** As we take on land at Tarawera and Matata, we will become the administering body and take on the cultural and environmental management.

**Q:** Does it mitigate all the access management issues?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Can we ask them if we can buy more land around Tarawera?

**A:** There is not any land the Iwi would want to buy. We will already have all the culturally significant pieces of land.

**Q:** When do we vote?

**A:** Ratification voting will run from 1 February – 2 March.

Ratification hui will be held throughout the country between 7 & 16 February.

**Q:** Is there a certain percentage that need to vote?

**A:** The Crown has a system which is based on total voting numbers and total adult beneficiaries.

**Q:** There was an article in the Beacon, which has Ngati Rangitahi as a subtribe of Ngati Awa. Was that a backlash?

**A:** Mark Sykes explained that he and Pouroto were interviewed for the article, and the Beacon got it wrong. There was an apology in a later issue.

Carol Kimberley from the Savage Whanau wanted to thank everyone who has done an incredible amount of work on behalf of the iwi. Pia Mason thanked Leith and staff for what they have done.

## **11. Other Questions**

**Q:** There is \$95k of MOE putea, where is it going?

**A:** Pep is managing the reo portfolio.

**Q:** Can individual performance reviews of the Trustees be presented at AGM's?

**A:** Personal performance reviews should be done but they should not be made public. There are many things to consider because the next elections may happen sometime between March 2020 and March 2021.

**Q:** Is it true that Trustees signed an agreement that board hui content cannot be passed on to the people?

**A:** No, trustees did not sign any agreement.

**Karakia whakamutunga:** Tiipene Marr at 3.40pm