

## NGATI KURI TRUST BOARD AGM

**Venue:** Te Hiku Marae Te Hapua

**Date:** March 24<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**Time:** 10.20am.

Attendance as per attendance list:

**Karaka Roberts**

**Mihi;** Pineaha Murray, Mai Te Ngara (Mike Abraham), Karaka Roberts, Graeme Neho.

Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance today. Housekeeping: In case of fire please exit through the nearest door to where you are sitting and assemble in the car park area in front. The Returning Officer will be here at 12.30pm to give the final results of the voting.

**Obituaries:** Aroha Tahitahi, Dick Heka, Clayton Murray, Peter Motu, Shirley Day, Alice Palmer, Barbara Moses, Saana Murray, Boydy Waitai, M. McLead, Paul Reeves, Hoana Hockley, Richard Hemi. (List from monthly Board hui to be added)

At each Board meeting the names are listed, we will get those names and have a list ready each AGM. If there are other names other than those mentioned please hand them to the secretary.

**1.0 Apologies:** Jillian, Davinia, David John, and Alex Neho, Emily Morris, Jim Wells, Peter Motu, James Penfold, Johnathan Penfold, Jane Waitai Marshall, Theresa Burkhardt, Hugh Ngauma.

**1.1 Motion: That these apologies be accepted.**  
**Mvd Merereina Uruamo, sec Kare Leathem, carried.**

**2.0 Minutes:** Copies were posted to beneficiaries prior to the meeting, copies also provided at today's hui.

**2.1 Motion; That the minutes of the AGM of 2011 be taken as a true and correct record of that meeting.**  
**Mvd Mere Rollo, Sec Sid Waitai, carried.**

**2.2 Matters Arising from the minutes:** Discussion on the Pou for general business. A remark from the floor re the treaty negotiations and the Crown's involvement, further discussion for general business.

**3.0 Chairman's Report:** There has been a high degree of accountability in allowing for the beneficiaries to approve or disapprove with matters. With the annual voting process if some are not happy we can make changes.

(b) The chair also wished to acknowledge the contribution by Alice Palmer to both the Board and Negotiators committees.

© The Board's commitment to assisting our Tamariki to achieve higher education is again reinforced. On our website we have the criteria for applying for funding. We are also looking at funding for those who do not necessarily have an academic ability.

Ngati Kuri need to build both professional and technical skills, as a part of that process there is a Horticultural course currently being run at Te Manawa

(d) The purchase of Waimarama Orchards has been a great step in creating a land footprint for Ngati Kuri. This is the start of building a commercial business for Ngati Kuri to align with Ngati Kuri's future. When we will have local people having local jobs. Some of our people are already involved with the harvesting of the crop. Currently the orchard manager is Paul Tolladay, however as our people up skill there will be opportunities for Ngati Kuri with the necessary skills to engage in many of these roles.

(e) Muriwhenua Land Report findings were that the government has to make compensation for the five (5) tribes. The challenge was to develop an asset base for the future. So far the Crown is not helping that process nor adhering to the Waitangi Report.

The orchard was brought by ourselves to signal to the Crown that we don't need them. Our aim to start little and build with the limited resources that we have. The Crown's job is to ensure that the Tribes have the means to build an economic base.

(f) The chair thanked Our Elders, for their attendance at our hui, some of them called at short notice. We see the role of the Kaumatua /Kuia growing, although there is a degree of formality it is all-inclusive, and we need input.

(g) Pou: On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 Cath and Charlie Petera, Merimeri Penfold and others travelled to Rotorua to collect the Pou, our thanks to those members. A week later the Pou was unveiled at Te Ahu, every thing was delivered complete, and a dawn blessing took place, the official opening will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012, a panui will be sent out to remind everyone.

Some discussion on the nature of the Pou carvings, however people had ample opportunity to discuss the nature of carving prior to the carver setting to work. However the concerns expressed are acknowledged, and a reminder that this Pou does not represent the Ngati Kuri story.

An explanation of the Pou design was given to the meeting by Pineaha Murray.

A Pou whenua will be done at a later time where we can include the Ngati Kuri stories.

### **3.1 Motion; that the chairman's report be received.**

**Mvd Harry Burkhardt, Sec Bob Wells, carried.**

**4.0 Audited Financial Report:** The report was posted to beneficiaries and also posted on the website. Copies are available today.

(b) Queries; on Page 8 there has been an increase in the AGM meeting expenses, it is noted that there has been a change in format, from doing the printing etc internally to contracting an outside agency.

Reply: This has been done to ensure the entire process is independent, if we look at the previous year and add extra wages, stationary; printing cost etc there is not much difference. Comment that some people did not get an annual report.

Once again we need people to ensure that they notify the Board's office of changes to addresses.

© Comments on the position of the Fishing Company, the dividend is from Aotearoa Fisheries Ltd (AFL) derived from our shares in that company. The chair acknowledged the concern at the valuation of the shares rose at the last AGM, however we will pick an appropriate time to review this.

(d) An explanation of the difference between Education Fund and Discretionary fund.

Reply: Education fund is for applications for further education. The discretionary fund is for those applications for assistance for Kapa Haka, high Sporting representation, and other non-educational applications.

(e) Query Consultation fees and costs are listed in the report but not in the book summary.

Reply: many of the line items in the report have been put together for the summary.

**4.1 Motion: That the audited financial report be received and adopted.  
Mvd Merimeri Penfold, sec Donna Smith, Carried.**

**Returning Officer Dale Ofsoski arrives to give his report:**

The call for nominations went out January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 the packs were posted out February 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 and the closing date was March 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.

The nominees for:

Ngati Kuri rohe Kahuipani Petera and Jerry Brown

Muriwhenua rohe Donna Smith.

General rohe: Harry Burkhardt, Rudolph Taylor, Lillian Karaka, Walter wells.

As there was only one nominee for the Muriwhenua rohe Donna Smith is elected with no voting necessary.

Results for the others; Ngati Kuri rohe Kahuipani Petera

General; Harry Burkhardt, Walter Wells and Lillian Karaka are elected.

A full report will be forwarded to the Trust.

A discussion on the failure of some in receiving their packages, again it is reiterated that keeping your addresses up to date will help, the system is not perfect and we are trying to improve it all the time. Any notifications we had about not receiving package we have done our utmost to rectify the matter by sending new packages.

Our thanks to Dale for travelling from Auckland to bring us those results.

12.30pm Break for Lunch.

2.10pm Meeting resumed.

Our thanks to the Ladies of the Te Hapua Maori Women's Welfare League for the wonderful lunch.

**5.0 Historical Treat Settlement report:**

**5.1 Motion: That the report in the annual report is taken as read.**

**Mvd Sid Waitai, sec Bob Wells, carried.**

Query; Cultural redress what does that mean?

The settlement is made up of three different areas. 1 is the Historical redress, which includes the Crown's apology and is written in the Deed of Settlement (DOS)

2 Is the commercial redress that includes things like the farms.

3 Is the cultural redress which includes thing like the conservation estate, the Social Accord, which offers co-governance roles?

A general discussion on the Treaty settlement process followed with many differing views being expressed. An explanation of what is included in the offer from the Crown at this stage.

A call that Ngati Kuri not sign the DOS. The response Ngati Kuri has not signed any DOS, they do have an AIP and negotiations are still underway. When the negotiators have a package that they deem good enough to present to the people, then hui will be held for the consultation, ratification process.

**5.2 Motion; that the Historical Treaty Claims Report be received.  
Mvd Catherine Davis, Sec Lillian Karaka, Carried.**

**6.0 General Business:** Mention of various groups that are coming North for Cooking programmes, filming etc. The process for access.

(b) Marae kitchen area is badly in need of renovations, asking if the Trust Board maybe able to assist.

© Eddie Moses named the hapu of the Tai Tokerau area and those currently representing those hapu.

(e) A hikoi will be taking place April 28<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate against mining in the Te Reinga Basin area. Ngati Kuri has already informed the Minister that we object to any mining.

(f) A request has been received from Waka Huia to record the story around the Spiritual Pathway. A hui was held with Kaumatua /Kuia who decided that a bigger meeting is called for, as many Ngati Kuri don't know the story. A panui will be sent out when a date is decided for this hui.

(g) Query on progress of the name change for the peninsular. Cape Reinga, Peninsular, and Forest, as yet we have not received anything but the Minister did give a verbal undertaking to pursue these changes on our behalf..

(h) An update on the WAI262, Te Rarawa has had a hui re updating the WAI262 stating it is not just for whanau. There was discussion on putting laws and restrictions

Thanks to everyone who came and supported today.

Our congratulations to those elected.

Meeting closed with a Karakia by Karaka Roberts. At 3.40pm.