

# NGĀTI KURI TRUST BOARD AGM

**Venue:** Te Hiku o Te Ika Marae, Te Hapua

**Date:** March 29<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Time:** 10.30am.

Attendance as per attendance list:

**Karakia:** Karaka Roberts

**Mihi:** Bundy Waitai, Bob Wells, Graeme Neho

Eliza Waenga read out the tika of the Marae and asked everyone to abide by the kaupapa. The Chairman, Harry Burkhardt, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance today. He went on to insist that although everyone was welcome to be part of the meeting, that every person in attendance should respect the mana of Ngāti Kuri and of one another. He reinforced that the role of the Trust Board was to serve the beneficiaries and that if the beneficiaries were unhappy with the Board, that they had the ability to manage that through the voting process. He also assured all present that the Board is here to answer the queries of the beneficiaries.

**1.0 Apologies:** Barbara Larsen, Te Irirangi Tetira, Bradley Norman, Shelley Norman, Charlie Petera, John Kearns, Liz Harvey, Gordan Larkins, Aroha Meikle, Mereana Rapata Hanning, Whitney Holmes, Merimeri Penfold, Margaret Taurere, Lance Taurere, Brett Taurere, Kahui Watling, Rawhiti Anania, Margueritte Leoni, Inano Tavita-Sucich, Mijo Sucich, Eileena Sucich, Mari Ravita, Neta Tavita, Noeline Kingi, Rangi Sucich, Shirlee Tuakume, Dolly Passi, Meeri Abraham Raewyn Dickson, Riria Rewi-Maaka, Johanna Maaka, Robert Te Hira, Te Irirangi Hemi, Raewyn Dickson, Murray Dickson, Prime Cooper, Chloe Cooper, Edward Neho, Jim Neho, Corey Neho, Whare Mehana, Pineaha Murray, Christopher Neho, Kowhai Murray, Gary Christensen, Tracey Christensen, Karl Christensen, Jaydene Christensen, Brad Christensen, Eric Abraham, Wayne Petera, Donna Smith, Walter Wells, Betsy Young, Haden Petera, Dudley Petera, Annette Petera, Tyla Petera, William Petera, John Petera, Steven Petera, Luana Sutherland, Isaac Sutherland, Shiloh Sutherland, Tania Petricevich, Garth Petricevich, Waitangi Karaka, Karen Karaka, Nadia Neho, Jess Neho, DJ Neho, Davina Neho, Jillaine Neho, Alex Neho, Angela Popata, Dedrie Rolle, Billy Rollo, Takimoana Waipouri, Te Reipa Raymond Tauariki Jnr, Hamihiana Thomas, Uria Thomas, Rhipete Thomas, Elizabeth Tauariki, Mawhini Tauarkiki, Te Irirangi Hemi, Ngaa Rauuira Puumanawawhiti, Janet Paku, Erana Watts, Ted Watts, Hinemoa Sylva, Percy Sylva, Heeki Moses, Ted Watts, Evelyn Watts, Carol Roberts, Leeann Uruamo, Edward Uruamo, Te Reo Uruamo, Te Aroha Uruamo, Anahera Uruamo, Simon Abraham, Bob Neho, Kathleen Neho,

**1.1 Motion: That these apologies be accepted.**

**Moved:** Tata Norman      **Seconded:** Jerry Norman      **Motion carried.**

**Obituaries:**

Harry explained that the list of obituaries is not a comprehensive list, but one that is derived from who is acknowledged at the monthly Board Meetings. He invited all in attendance to include their whanau members on the available obituary list. However went on to offer his condolences to all Ngāti Kuri who have had bereavements over the past year. There was a minute's silence observed.

**2.0 Minutes:** Copies were mailed to beneficiaries prior to the meeting. Harry also informed the crowd that there were copies also available for anyone who had not received a copy.

**2.1 Motion: That the minutes of the AGM of 2013 be taken as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**Moved: Bob Wells    Seconded: Kare Leathem    Motion carried.**

## **2.2 Matters arising from the minutes:**

Bundy Waitai queried if Wharekapua and Waimarama were under Te Urungi, and also questioned the increase in the expenses of Te Manawa. Harry confirmed that both were under the commercial arm of Te Urungi, but reiterated that Te Urungi is 100% owned by Ngāti Kuri Trust Board. There followed some discussion regarding who would be culpable were either businesses to fail. Harry closed out the discussion by stating that he is focused on what success looks like and that he is interested in the medium to long term trajectory and how that looks.

Rozita Leoni had a query that was on pg 2 of the full minutes, regarding the use of different entities. Harry clarified that we were required to have a post governance entity, however the Trust Board refused to deconstruct what was already in place. Ngāti Kuri Trust Board will remain in place, however Te Manawa o Ngāti Kuri was also founded. This was the component that the Crown required. It will run parallel to NKTB, with each Trustee of NKTB automatically becoming a Trustee of Te Manawa o Ngāti Kuri.

Rozita queried, in reference to pg3 of the minutes, if there was a wananga held regarding the issue of the Pou. Harry clarified that that was regarding the Pou whenua. He explained that NKTB has been extremely busy with reaching a settlement and said that he would welcome people stepping up and taking control of things they were focused on.

Mereraina expressed concern regarding the issue surrounding the relationship between the Department of Conservation and NKTB, particularly in relations to accessing resources at Kapok Wairua. After some discussion, Harry explained that NKTB was in a position to engage with a wide number of agencies. He stated that we needed to be articulate and have a compelling picture about who we are and what we wan

## **3.0 Chairman's Report:**

**(a) Fisheries:** There was an outline of the dispute between Ngāti Kuri and Te Aupouri. Harry expressed regret that it makes it difficult to work with those who may not have our best interest at heart, and that compromise is a component of collaboration.

**(b) Schools:** There is a long-term agenda regarding the management of the Ngataki and Te Hapua Schools. The Iwi would like to have control over the governance of both, and would anticipate installing the best people available to manage those. The schools are not in a good position with both on the verge of having a Commissioner appointed to them. This can be changed however, and we have been presented with a challenge and opportunity to ensure this can happen. Ngāti Kuri will only be as good as our future human capital.

**(c) Education Strategy:** This strategy is near complete. At this stage there is a wonderful opportunity to finalize it and then bring it out in a wananga position. There was some discussion around the strategy report.

**3.1 Motion: That the chairman's report be accepted.**

**Moved: Harry Burkhardt    Seconded: Karaka Roberts    Motion carried.**

**4.0 Audited Financial Report:**

(a) The report was mailed to beneficiaries in their AGM packs, had been posted on the website and copies were made available at the Hui.

(b) Queries; Bundy requested some clarity regarding Trustee costs and wages. There was a full discussion regarding both. Ben Waitai explained that Bundy was talking about structures and/or safety mechanisms. Harry understood that the take home message was that clarity regarding the structure of payments etc was required. He was quite happy to provide this again.

(c) Tom Petricevich explained that with the purchase of the orchard and the farm, one of which was a mortgagee sale and at a great price, there was an opportunity that the Trust Board had had to take. You cannot make more land. He was very confident in how that was being safeguarded and that it was for the people and would not be given away.

**4.1 Motion: That the audited financial report be received and adopted.**

**Moved: Harry Burkhardt    Seconded: Joan Norman    Motion Carried.**

**4.2 Motion: To accept PKF Aiken as the auditors going forward.**

**Moved: Karaka Roberts    Seconded: Mereraina Uruamo    Motion carried.**

**5.0 Historical Treat Settlement report:**

Catherine provided a written report in the annual report. A full copy of the settlement package had been sent to all beneficiaries before voting to accept that package. There will copies made available on the day. There was a full discussion regarding different aspects of the package. Bundy informed the hui that his Wai 747 claim would not be part of the Settlement as per the notice he provided, he referred to different aspects of his claim and how that process would be heard. Ben requested clarity on Mokaikai area, and Sid queried what action was being taken to safeguard the foreshore seabed. Harry provided clarity regarding the still pending agreement with the Crown.

**5.1 Motion: That the Historical Treaty Claims Report be received.**

**Moved: Catherine    Seconded: Kare Leathem    Motion carried.**

**Returning Officer Dale Osofski provides the report:**

The nominees for:

Ngati Kuri rohe Toka Maaka and Whiti Abraham

General rohe: Charlie Sucich and Lance Norman.

There was no voting for the Muriwhenua rohe.

Results for the others; Ngati Kuri rohe Toka Maaka is deemed elected.

General; Charlie Sucich is deemed elected.

A full report will be forwarded to the Trust Board and will be available on the website.

Harry thanked all those for putting themselves forward, and thanked Whiti for his service.

There was a break for lunch at 1.30pm. Harry resumed the meeting by thanking the Ngāti Kuri Rugby Team whom had provided lunch as a fundraiser.

## **6.0 General Business:**

Marama Pohatu thanked the Board for their consistent support of her daughter Whitney Holmes, through funding from the Trust Board. She is now a registered nurse. Maakarita Paku also thanked the Board on behalf of her two sons. Both have received the support of the Trust Board and both are doing very well. She presented reports that they had done for the Trust Board.

Graeme acknowledged the success of all of the young Ngati Kuri achievers. He drew particular reference to the successes enjoyed by both Ramon Noho and Bradley Lanigan in the rodeo circuit, two young cowboys.

In closing, Harry thanked everyone for coming and being part of the meeting. He also ensured everyone that the Board hears and takes on board those discussions had today.

Karakia: Karaka Roberts

Meeting closed at 3.00pm