

Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

31 July 2011

Ngātokowaru Marae, 10.30am – 1.13 p.m.

Mihi / Karakia

Whatarangi Winiata / Te Kenehi Teira

Attendance

52 attended.

Apologies

Colin Knox, Ngāti Tukorehe, Wayne Kiriona, Heitia Raureti, Sharon Taite, Cooper Arapere, Poly Carkeek, Haydon Turoa, Margaret Burton, Rachel Falwasser, Huatahi Nuku, Cecelia Eparaima, George Davis, Phillip and Christopher Albert, Hinekahu Gotty, Roimata Olson, Peter Shaw, Paula Chapman, Nichol Hayward, Gabrielle Rikihana lateness, Hayley Bell, Kararaina Teira.

Apologies were accepted.

Introduction

Rachael Selby, the Chair introduced the interim trustees; Christine Kiriona, Charles Olson, Whatarangi Winiata and Toa Pomare.

Annual Report

Rachael Selby spoke to the Annual Report.

- The Trust is called the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust and have a website, a primary source of information for everyone.
- The Trust is the mandated Iwi organisation for Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga.
- In March 2007 at a hui a iwi it was agreed to set up a body to receive the fisheries assets and manage them on behalf of the iwi.
- There are ongoing negotiations with neighbouring Iwi.
- In 2010 a group was convened to prepare a Deed of Trust and prepare for an election. Last year that group consulted on the Deed, amended it and conducted elections in 2010 to get approval for the Deed and set up the Trust. 35% voted, 97% voted in favour of the establishment of our MIO. Voting at that time was by postal and internet voting.

- Both the Trust and AHC Ltd are registered with the Charity Commission. The AHC is wholly owned by the Trust. The AHC reports to the Trustees.
- The Trust also has shares in Aotearoa Fisheries Ltd.
- Under the Deed Iwi members are elected onto the Trust of 5-9 trustees.
- The AHC has 3-5 directors, Toa Pomare, Tom Jamison and Gabrielle Rikihana. The AHC Ltd is 100% owned by the Trust.
- The Trust's number 1 job is to prepare for the elections. We have met monthly, the main jobs were to have a register and prepare for the elections.

Goals:

1. To complete the establishment of the Trust. Most have been ticked off. Coastline agreement continuing with our neighbours.
 2. Establish governance policies and procedures. Work has begun on a distribution policy. We were required to set up a disputes resolution committee.
 3. Develop and maintain a register. We were fortunate that a terrific job was done by Te Rūnanga o Raukawa. The register has 8,000 members on it.
 4. Establish an office and a secretary and a budget, we are close to having a budget completed. This is ongoing.
 5. An educational plan. Our vision is to contribute to our survival as Raukawa and to maintain the value of what we might see as an endowment.
- A concern for the Trust is the number of members whose addresses are not current. We urge members to update their addresses on the Register by emailing raukawakitonga@twor-otaki.ac.nz.
 - A registration policy following the requirements of the Trust Deed has been adopted.
 - With the new website now available we expect to be able to contact members with email addresses by e-panui.

Dennis Emery thanked Rachael Selby for her presentation.

RESOLVED:

That we receive the Raukawa ki Te Tonga Trust Annual Report, July 2011. *Carried.*

Points of discussion:

- Clarity was requested in regards to the allocation to Raukawa, CRA7 and negotiations with the Taranaki Iwi. In response:
 - The fisheries negotiated selling FMA8, this still applies.
 - The Trust is waiting for Muaupoko to get MIO status to move into the stage of allocation.

- The Trust has put (CRA4) into dispute. This year go with the status quo, resolve a position with the other iwi so allocation of crayfish can take place hopefully next season.
- The Trust doesn't put their quota with Aotearoa Fisheries Ltd. It is a dividend of income shares no voting rights. This year they distributed a dividend of \$175,000.
- A statement made was at previous hui held at Tukorehe, Paranui, Parwahawaha and Raukawa Marae at no stage did the people agree to use the Principal. The case was that we keep the principal together and survive off the interest. At no stage has that been retracted.
- Audited accounts will be available next year as the financial year ends 30 September.
- A registration policy has been approved and will be put onto the website.
- Distributions can be made for charitable purposes, educational and religious purposes.
- There have been no major investments given out. The Trust has requested the AHC Ltd to come up with an investment policy.
- The Trust appoints the directors of the AHC. The Trust took the directors from Raukawa Tauranga Ika Ltd, Toa Pomare and Gabrielle Rikihana.
- The major activity to date has been the expenditure in the running of the elections. In addition are the working party set up costs and legal costs. The new trustees will determine the directors and term of office and make the appointments.
- Most marae are already registered as charitable organisations. Support is available to marae and hapū to set up charitable status.
- The office at the moment is at the Wānanga., Alma is seconded on a .2 basis. If we want to set up an office elsewhere the new trustees will make that decision.
- A concern was that we rely on electronic communication and many of our people do not have access to that type of communication.
- An issue raised was that people were registering and finding themselves in a different hapū. The comment made in response was that people tick many hapū (because they affiliate to many hapū) and the person entering in the data has to decide which their nominated hapū is. The form presently doesn't cater for a primary hapū. The suggestion made was that the registration form be modified to include, "Please indicate the tupuna of Ngāti Raukawa you descend from that came in the migration". The new trustees will need to look at this.
- Registrations are entered on the database and validators need to come and validate. Hapū need to appoint validators who are prepared to sign off.
- A concern was raised about not being able to vote because their whānau had not been validated by hapū validators.
- There is an option to tick Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga. The Trust have recommended an Iwi Registration Committee. A commitment was made to rectify the situation this whānau was experiencing.

- A suggestion made was to have 2 sets of register. A Hapū Register and an Iwi Register. There may be a time to come to submit their numbers, each will help their hapū by registering with their hapū.
- Another suggestion was to recognise marae also.

RESOLVED:

That we agree to accept the 2011 Annual Report. *Carried.*

Dispute Resolution Committee

If any disputes arise between members and the Trust and the parties are unable to agree on a process, a Dispute Resolution Committee will be a place where the parties are able to go.

The Trust was looking for people who had a broad range of skills. Two people we recommended and Heitia Raureti and Jessica Kereama-Stevenson are happy to form the basis of the Dispute Resolution Committee.

RESOLVED:

That Heitia Raureti and Jessica Kereama-Stevenson become part of the Dispute Resolution Committee. *Carried.*

Fisheries Negotiators

Since 1988 three Iwi Fisheries Negotiators namely, Iwikātea Nicholson, Whatarangi Winiata and Whaimaro Kiriona (deceased) have lead the way. They saw their role was to get the settlements here to their people. We now have a quota of \$6million. Today brings an end to the work.

RESOLVED:

That this annual meeting records a vote of thanks and appreciation to our three Iwi Fisheries Negotiators; Iwikātea Nicholson, Whatarangi Winiata and Whaimaro Kiriona (deceased) who have taken us through this process. We acknowledge their efforts and thank them.

Carried.

Candidates

Ted Devonshire and Toa Pomare withdrew their nominations. Apologies received from Colin Knox, Fiona Wilson, George Davis and Te Hope Huia Hakaraia.

2011 Elections

Christine Kiriona invited the candidates to have a kōrero to those present. There are 13 candidates and the following eight candidates addressed the meeting:

Rachael Selby	Rupene Waaka
Turoa Karatea	Te Kenehi Teira
Bernadette Arapere	Mic O’Dea
Moray Bevan	Simon Austin

Rachael Selby thanked the candidates for making themselves available today.

Whatarangi Winiata extended a vote of thanks to Rachael Selby and Christine Kiriona.

Karakia

The hui concluded with karakia at 1.13pm followed by lunch.