

**NGĀTI RĀRUA ĀTIAWA IWI TRUST**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT TE ĀWHINA MARAE, PAH STREET,**  
**MOTUEKA ON SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2016, COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

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**PRESENT:** 66 registered members attended

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Charleton, John Murray (Trust Secretary), Renee Thomas and Nichola Dixon (Minute Taker)

**APOLOGIES:** S Taylor, W Hopa, A Chase, R Stephens, J Stephens, U Stephens, M Smith, E Smith, C Morgan, T Takao, S Bailey, T Bailey, L Katene, M Luke, A Thomas, M McGregor, N Watson Tahuroa, B Hudson, J Stafford, M Mercer, W Stafford, J Piggott, M Piggot, K Nelson, P Katene, A Luke, M Kahukura, I Kahukura, A Young, J Doyle, T Young, D Griffin, T Park, N Young, L Park, K Jansen, J Park, W Hoben, RL Katu, H McArtney, A Dodds, K Rapata, A Neho, T Bell, T Rapata

**MIHI:** Rore Stafford

**KARAKIA:** Archdeacon Andy Joseph

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The Chair reminded all to register.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the hui and the Board and staff introduced themselves.

The Secretary read the Notice of the Meeting.

The Chair addressed the meeting.

Our ancestors were very clear Te Maatu was not to be touched. Land was taken out of our control. Our people continued to protest and lobbied government to have our stake returned. Many families moved away but continue to come back. We will continue to talk about the ties that bind us, who we are, where we come from and where we are going. We are the first living generation to benefit from the legacy. Today we want to share the kōrero and make sure you hear from the team.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED** (*Matua Jansen/Teri Hopa*) that the minutes of the AGM held on 4 April 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendments. **CARRIED**

Pg 4 amend Elizabeth Kahukura to Elizabeth Chase.

Pg 5 amend "It was moved by E Kahukura" to E Chase.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **COMMERCIAL**

Over a year ago an assessment of Trustee performance was carried out on where we needed to address our capability and gap around entrepreneurial knowledge left by John Morgan. Jarrod Buchanan was co-opted for a one-year term to introduce that around the Board table. The NRAIT Board is diverse, recognising we are a whānau business.

NRAIT has been looking at ventures to invest in such as bees and blueberries.

Mihi to J Charleton who supports the investment committee and researches new ideas and is always putting new ideas on the table for consideration.

Mihi to J Buchanan who has been co-opted to the Board and been a great asset in the past year with his business and entrepreneurship skills.

J Banks said to put things into context, we want to distribute a lot more so need to be making more. To help us with our financial decision making we have adopted an internal asset management style. An explanation of these three kete can be found in the Annual Report.

P Morgan said we have tried to put it in a Maori concept as a simple approach and way of looking at it which makes it easy to understand investment and financial language. Operates under investment policy and committee who make recommendations back to full Board.

M Stephens asked for an explanation of NRAIT's corpus land policy. It was advised NRAIT doesn't have a formal corpus land requirement as our lands are not Māori Reserve, therefore not subject to Te Ture Whenua. However it adopts a similar corpus policy that is in line with that adopted on other Maori Reserve lands in that special resolution would have to come back to the owners for approval of sale.

A question was raised as to the water space – where is it how many hectares is it and what is the space. Circa 11 hectares based at Hikapu Reach was bought at an opportune price and is currently managed by Clearwater Mussels on a month by month basis. At the expiration of a three-year term in October we went to the market. No one was interested so we are back to a month by month contract with Clearwater Mussels.

R Piggott asked if there has been any thought given to whānau currently leasing NRAIT houses being allowed to purchase them. It was advised that requests to purchase come to the Board on a case-by-case basis. R Piggott further said those properties are deteriorating and asked if there is any upgrade work planned. It was said there is a limited pool of money and decisions need to be made over where rental properties sit in the landscape for us as a separate matter as to whether our people live in them or not. We contract a Property Manager to manage those properties and at the current time they meet all legal requirements. The ongoing cost of investing and continuing to develop those properties over time may decrease what we do in other spaces.

S Morrison asked if NRAIT invests in innovation, research and technology. J Banks agreed it is an exciting space and we are looking at how we can collaboratively do that.

R Kahukura asked what members need to do if they have a business idea they want to approach the Trust about for investment. J Banks replied there is a due diligence process. There was a lot of kōrero on our roadshows on where we want to go and how we can create opportunities for people and provide awahi around that, identify gaps and who can fill them. If a member has an idea that is ready to go, then the Board are ready to listen. There are possibly two pathways to this – a pure investment opportunity for the legacy to be involved based on meeting set objectives. The second part is investing in opportunities and growth and how to successfully develop an entrepreneurial culture. They are two different questions. The Trust has to create its own eco system that creates benefits of being in business for families and extended families. Discussion with other entities needs to occur.

### **Te Whanake report**

Video Presentation

M Stephens asked how programmes will be rolled out with no-one in the Kaiwhakatairanga role. It was explained that priorities will be looked at over the next month or two and a plan will be put in place to ensure that the capacity and capability is there.

Ramari Joseph congratulated the Board for the work done with education grants and scholarships.

NRAIT is currently revising its current education grants and scholarships framework to make the process simpler, and spread it wider - support labourers and tradespeople too.

Matua Jansen thanked the Trust on behalf of his whānau as being recipients in the past and thanked them for the good work in supporting and continuing grants and scholarships.

It was mentioned there has been a significant increase from 2014 to 2015 in koha and a smaller increase in education grants. B Thomas replied that the amount awarded through the education programme is based on applications received. B Thomas thanked the owners for supporting the grants programme.

Pat Park congratulated the Board on their excellent way to present a report.

A question was asked about grants and scholarships available for members living overseas. The NRAIT Empowering Act states that benefits must be provided in New Zealand.

### **Financial Overview**

The Auditors gave an unqualified audit, stating that the financial reports gave a true and clear view and that proper accounting records have been kept.

### **Statement of Financial Performance**

New reporting standards came into effect on 1 April 2015 and registered charities are required to prepare financial statements in line with these new standards.

**IT WAS MOVED** (*Matua Jansen/Elizabeth Chase*) that the 2015 annual reports be received and approved. **CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED** (*Elizabeth Chase/Matua Jansen*) that Thompson & Daly be reappointed as auditors for the 2016 year. **CARRIED**

Distribution is based on the profit we are making year to year. We have looked at our education grants and scholarship framework and our capability to grow our talent. The 2016 distribution will be set at \$50,000 - \$30,000 for study with a STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) focus and \$20,000 with a general subject focus. The remainder of distribution is in line with current policy.

**IT WAS MOVED** (*Tom Taylor/Teri Hopa*) that owner approval be given in support of the Trust making provision for distributions to be made in the 2016 financial year. **CARRIED**

S Morrison said that at University of Waikato STEM scholarships are underused so she is not sure about that distribution. Research has shown the importance of investing in Te Reo and tikanga.

P Morgan advised of plans for a Te Reo programme to be developed.

NRAIT has plans for a Reconnection strategy where we develop process to support families coming together. Still a lot of work to do to put this package together.

We need to work smarter with the other entities – need to plug into that to make sure our spend is well utilised.

As we move forward our ongoing discussion with one another is critical so that we end up with something that is responsive to identified needs.

**IT WAS MOVED** (*Elizabeth Chase/Lorraine Bailey*) that owner approval be given in support of the Trust making the following provision for Board fees to be made in the 2016 financial year totalling \$150,000. **CARRIED**

As a benchmark, other entities were looked at to see where Trustee fees sit. There were a number higher, however the Trustees decided the figure should remain at \$150,000. The actual expenditure is around \$110,000.

Bill Thomas said he thinks the figure is not enough, the Board does a great job. He thanked the Board for a job well done.

The Chair formally congratulated M Chase and B Thomas who are on the Board for another three-year term.

**IT WAS MOVED** (*Matua Jansen/W Thomas*) that Mr John Murray, Trust Secretary, as an independent person, be the scrutineer. **CARRIED**

W Kahukura asked why his whānau couldn't vote Ātiawa as they were both Ngāti Rārau and Ātiawa. The Chair responded saying it was based on whakapapa and as it relates to this – decided by our people in a different process.

P Morgan advised there had been kōrero around this over a period of time and the issue was about lines of whakapapa and historical record – matters dealt with in the Māori Land Court – determined and recorded formally in the courts. We have a list of tūpuna in our statute and members have to show direct descent.

S Morrison suggested we re-look at our constitution especially with regard to voting.

Since NRAIT's inception our tūpuna list has not been challenged. That gives certainty we are the only families. We need to close the list off.

### **ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

There is one Ātiawa vacancy – J Katene retires by rotation and puts himself forward for election. P Park is nominated. Both nominees spoke to the hui.

#### **John Katene**

Grounds person, rewarding looking after youth at risk on this marae. Director for Tiakina te Taiao. Out of that has developed a nursery which he works on with the idea of creating work for our people.

#### **Pat Park**

Acknowledged J Katene. Good process to have, healthy, shows interest. Acknowledged hard work by Trustees. He runs a very successful fishing company, involved in high level talks. Also a monitor on the ground. Brings entrepreneurship to the Board, facilitated two Project Ipukarea workshops. Has skills to offer, can make a real contribution to the table.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Maori to the Valley**

Callaghan Innovation are leading a programme that involves sending year 10 rangatahi to Silicon Valley (USA) on a programme to inspire them towards entrepreneurship and innovation and to instill a desire to study STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) subjects. NRAIT will select a rangatahi to sponsor on this programme, using a transparent selection process based on academic ability and an aptitude to learn. It is hoped a cohort from Te Tau Ihu will attend, with a chaperone to support them.

#### **Treaty of Waitangi**

NRAIT still has perpetual leases and continues to argue we should have the same property rights as all other property owners in NZ. We estimate we are owed about \$20M. They are resources that are not coming in to the Trust. We have had active talks with government officials, had some good momentum and thought we might get the Minister on board. In 2016 we are more than likely to have to step up talks.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Aneika Young thanked the Board for funding her registration to the Startup Weekend. She reported it was a worthwhile programme based around Māori kaupapa and she would encourage anyone to attend. The winning team's idea was to create a business doing odd jobs to help people.

Liz Chase thanked NRAIT for her daughter's Sports and Cultural grant. She was the youngest member of the Porirua Under 17 representative basketball team. She asked if NRAIT had considered sponsoring a team. R Taylor responded saying we have sponsored teams in the past based in the region where there is a large proportion of our tamariki in the team.

Larry Bailey thanked the Board for putea received this year for the marae.

W Kahukura congratulated B Thomas on being returned to the Board, and also M Chase and requested she keep in touch with the family.

M Stephens asked how NRAIT shapes its investment strategy, the knowledge and IP around that – would be beneficial for other entities and could be a potential revenue stream.

P Morgan replied that it is on the radar. Other entities have complex structures, different constitutions within their framework, clearing a number of areas that we could work with them to the benefit of all – investment management of assets, our social and cultural programme.

S Morrison asked what NRAIT's strategy and thinking around the impact of climate change on our assets and our Māoritanga is. B Thomas replied that NRAIT is part of the RMA group Tiakina te Taiao which has just applied for funding to look at the health of Tasman Bay and what comes off the land and our role of kaitiaki.

K Kahukura asked when applications open for grants under the revised education grants framework. R Taylor replied that work is still being undertaken on the online application process and that we would advise members of the date in due course.

A Walters asked about affordable housing and the results of discussions with Habitat for Humanity. It was said that, as a result of the Project Ipukarea questionnaire and workshops, affordable housing wasn't a priority at the moment. We will reconsider this if the members tell us to. R Taylor said the Board had developed a plan around Te Pae Mahutonga, a strategic plan outlining key areas and what the strategic development is to ensure those objectives are met. There has been a lot of debate and deep thinking into what we put in the workplan. It is recognised that we can't fix everything.

P Park said affordable housing was high on the priority list. His moko have had to move from this town because they can't get a house. He said NRAIT should think seriously about moving it up the priority list.

A Walters said she was brought up in Motueka, moved away and has now moved back. She said housing is an important part of raising people out of poverty and a really important issue.

R Taylor said the Board doesn't disagree. We get the most transformative change happening in our families over time. Lifting the level of education, over a long period will be the fastest way to lift ourselves collectively.

J Buchanan said it is a hard thing to sit at Board table and hear whānau saying they need assistance to move back to Motueka and we can't help. It is important to look at what is achievable now with the best outcome over the short and medium term.

**RESULTS OF ELECTION**

Mr Patrick Park has been elected as a Trustee of the Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust Board.

J Katene congratulated Mr Park. He said it was a very good Board with a mix of excellent younger members and older more experienced members. He enjoyed his time with John Morgan. He thanked Barney Thomas for being a mentor to him.

**IT WAS MOVED** (*W Kahukura/M Jansen*) that the voting papers be destroyed. **CARRIED**

M Chase said being a Trustee and working for the owners was a significant responsibility and she is looking forward to another term.

B Thomas thanked the owners and said people are very perceptive and when it is time to go that is when the people have spoken.

Archdeacon Andy Joseph closed the hui with a karakia at 12.35pm.

Signed Chair: .....

Dated: .....