

# Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated

## Notes of Board Review Hui

26 August 2009 6.00pm  
Kahungunu ki Tamaki Nui A Rua

### Attendance List

Terry Tipene	Irene Gregory	Sharon Harrison-	Marquis Hape
Geraldine Tipene	Linette Rautahi	Mason	Hayden Hape
Jennifer Kino	Ivan Hape	Sonny Hauraki	Facilitator: Christine
Vanessa Hape	Theo Hape	Edith Harris	Teariki
Patrick Hape		Maria Edwards	

**Apologies:** Kahu Pene, Claude Pene,

### Karakia:

**Overview of the Board Review: Christine Teariki**

### Overall general comments from the floor:

- Concerns about feeling left out in activities and knowing what's available for whanau. The iwi was compared to Auckland and how Auckland only sees beyond the Bombay Hills and that's as far as they see. So it is with the iwi, Tamaki Nui A Rua is left out. There are so many things happening in Heretaunga. Why can't the iwi come to Dannevirke and give other Taiwhenua's to give us a chance to see the heads of the iwi.
- Regarding Registrations. An updated list is sent to Taiwhenua on a quarterly basis. Tamaki Nui A Rua is looking at some kind of policy for Board members to take the list. The list of names can be viewed by others but the whakapapa cannot.
- When elections come up, how do we know if we are registered? Why do we have to go to the iwi for the list? Why don't the iwi have a list here at Tamaki Nui a Rua? How do we know who is on the list?
- We want a registration list here in Tamaki Nui a Rua of all our Kahungunu whanau. How do people know about the election? How do people have a say as to how someone gets onto the Board? How do we do the elections ourselves?
- It was made clear that people can view their own registration information but they cannot access other people's information.
- There was concern that as this hui was advertised for registered members. How do we know that people here are registered? Is there a list here? The only validation we have here is our word. There's nothing here to validate whether we are registered. Christine said that that is not an issue tonight.
- Heretaunga has always been the hub where the NKII office and is necessary. Staff have their own separate jobs to do which collectively helps build the

strength, the culture, the social aspect of things. Things are handled from a head office perspective. Acknowledged NKII Board in being supportive with regard to Matariki events celebrations.

- Would like to be given more information from our elected member who sits on the board.
- Everything at NKII Board hui, unless it is in committee, much information comes here through the website. It keeps the NKII Board Integrity and accountability.
- What can we do to help our iwi especially in this time during recession when there is economical down turn, our employment, our health, housing particularly for the elderly and the sick. Acknowledged NKII for the home insulation project. Since that contract was delivered more of our Kaumatua are well. Would like to see a healthy, educated focused community.
- Ngahiwi has been put on the primary board for primary and economic development. He's in a position to be able to strongly suggest changes. The government is looking for ideas for employment but there's a danger of him coming back with suggested changes from those forums...of people who are not here at ground level. We need to find our own solutions and work them up ourselves. In the end, the best way the iwi can go, is to find out from a variety of our people. We can't please everyone, but we need to make the effort. Suggest that its okay to hear their suggestions and not necessarily go with it.
- There was some discussion about the Prisons and how main stream is a big industry. Ngahiwi's ....Prisons....By Maori for Maori was discussed. Advised that we don't get swept away by what main stream is telling us....and do the mahi ourselves.
- In regard to the mahi, has research been done on the support and prevention of our people in prisons? Its hard work.
- Is it the education system we are in today. A lot of our people are being left behind because they are not educated. A good challenge for our iwi is to upskill our people who are in danger and end up in prison so they don't go there. It can be looked at as an investment in our iwi.
- Our people miss out because they talk their own korero. Pakeha communicate differently. There is a different system of grading. Our people had fantastic memories. We didn't write, it was recalled. We had fantastic memories.
- If we are a newly formed committee, will NKII come down and upskill and educate us on how we should be running as a committee?
- Don't know who the Board members are and don't know what they do. All we know is, when we want to know anything about Tamaki Nui a Rua, we have to ring NKII.
- Linette has been on the board for years and should know everything.
- Rules and Guidelines that are set and come from the Constitution.
- Governance needs repetitive training. It's wise to ask for the training before you stand or when you first start out. Each of the Taiwhenua have different ways of doing things. In Heretaunga the election is rotational so that the whole board isn't replaced at one go so that the majority of the governance board is able to continue. Trustees are liable. You are morally and ethically accountable back to your marae and the people who elected you.

- There was a discussion about the election process and the delegation from Marae to Taiwhenua to Iwi Board.
- Regarding education, we need to hold our schools accountable. Schools need the social skills and the community support. It depends on the teachers you get. Our kids deserve better. It will not happen unless we try to make a change. The parents have the power. Parents can make any demand and things can happen. There are ways and means of making the changes. Its hard work. Same thing in the prisons, it's hard.
- Can't understand how refugees and people who immigrate here, can't understand the culture or speak the language and yet they thrive and they do well.
- We are used to what we have. We don't thrive for more. We don't have that strong motivation that refugees have. Their reasons for change are life threatening.
- Christine gave the whakapapa about the NKII Board and the KAHC.
- Whanau asked about investments NKII has made regarding Tukahu Steel frame housing and Mussel Farm. Questions were asked as to why they didn't thrive.
- Regarding the Mussel Farm investment - We didn't have the infrastructure to run it. It's not an economic proposition. No designated money was given from the Taiwhenua. At the time there were distributions out to the taiwhenua as well.
- We were told that this investment would take years before it would provide a dividend.
- There are concerns that the iwi invest so much money into something they don't research about.
- It was recalled that there were advertised hui held during this time. At these hui Ngahiwi had shared the research information. Acknowledgements to Cawthron Research Industry were made. The shareholders spent a lot of money researching the information. The iwi has 40% shares in this. It would take 8 years for the Mussel Farm to show dividends. Why have we not received any mussels?
- There was a brief discussion about Rangitane money and the investments made.
- Questions were asked about the Board being able to answer all of the questions being asked.
- What's stopping the iwi from allowing each hapu to set up a quota? A quota system for the mussels. We are disadvantaged.
- Pataka is currently being accessed for tangi. HB Seafoods has the quota for inshore fish. Each box is 5-10kgs. It used to be for hui, but now limited for tangi only. The fish is not quality fish. The customary fish is a by catch. The last box we got was off. It had an ammonia smell....but there was discussion that it was in the car for the long distance.
- A Pataka report is kept at the NKII office. A used by date is on the box.
- A freezer was here in Dannevirke, but there is no longer a freezer. Not sure what's happened to it.
- The iwi should start thinking about a rural focus. We moan to the government departments because we are disadvantaged because we live in a rural area.

- Some clinics have been closed down. Pakeha people are trying to get our clinics back here in our rural areas. In terms of the NKII Board.....we should be looking at our needs.
- Concerns about the last two elections run by the NKII Board. The last two returning officers were Aramanu and Keri. The elections were run under two different names.
- Has a date been given for the next Takitimu Festival? Christine said 2011. It will be run independently next time so funding can be sourced independantly.
- Information packs were given out – Iwi Activities include: Scholarships, Sponsorships, Pataka, Matariki, Anti Violence, Waka Haurua.
- Discussion about the Manawhenua Hauora programme being run in the area.
- He panui about the Hikoi Whenua being run in Hawkes Bay. Contact person is Tuakana August at the DHB (06 8788109)
- There were discussions about Land Claims and land banking.

Mihimihi – Linette Rautahi thanked Christine for coming to the meeting.

Karakia – Patrick Hape