

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
Notes of Board Review Hui
20 August 2009 1.00pm
Wairoa Taiwhenua – Marine Parade, Wairoa

Attendance List

Gary Cooper
Adrian Manuel
Friday Whaanga
Dick Niania
Nane Kapene
Valitta Wairau

Pat Hohipa
Rill Meihana
Burt Campbell
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William Blake
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Howard
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Reremoana Huata
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Board Review Team:

Christine Teariki
Mere Whaanga
Meka Whaitiri
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Mihimihi

Karakia: Friday Whaanga

Overall general comments from the floor.

1. Questions were asked from the floor as to why the Taiwhenua who have dissolved/are no longer operational have ended up like that.
2. Not fair that Taiwhenua who aren't operating are still sitting around the Board table making decisions for those Taiwhenua who are (still operating).
3. Wairoa is one of two Taiwhenua who are operating well – there is obviously a model there that can be given to others.
4. Is a lack of support possibly the reason why the others have gone that way?
5. Our people get trapped in sentiment, and don't consider whether their Board nominees are capable of doing the job.
6. Skills are needed at Board level.
7. There is a misconception that Board members need to be the older generation.
8. Kaumatua nominations – Wairoa Taiwhenua is trying to set up a Kaumatua board, would like to see a Wairoa Kaumatua sitting at the table because we have the most marae.
9. The Wairoa chair takes all of Wairoa with him when he sits at the Board table. Wairoa shouldn't be put into the same category as those Taiwhenua not functioning. Wairoa don't get anything from NKII, we have to scrimp and scrape to other organisations for funding.
10. The Board doesn't give us (Wairoa) anything, we should be in a position not to have to ask others.
11. The failed Taiwhenua make decisions for us, and we get nothing. The rest shouldn't suffer because of the failed Taiwhenua.
12. Criteria should be set up to distribute the funding – if you perform you should get the funding.
13. The iwi should invest in people not a second-hand waka.
14. Priorities need to be set – we know what they should be but Board isn't doing that.
15. How was that waka sorted when we opposed it? Was it a majority decision?
16. Waka – when Ngahiwi spoke to us about Wairoa being the waka capital, my vision was that we would all become involved with waka ama. This waka hourua was not what we discussed.
17. The iwi chairman is letting us down badly. The top needs to be looked at. The chair needs to be hauled in.
18. Should be the kaupapa of the people, not one person.
19. We disagreed with the purchase of the waka – how was that heard? They still went ahead with it.
20. Some who were asked (about the waka hourua) don't represent us, don't sit on the Taiwhenua board.
21. Everyone has a right to speak their own whakaaro, but it's the ears of those who listen that give it mana.

22. Wairoa was unanimous that we didn't support that waka. We gave our reasons.
23. Should have someone on that board from Wairoa.
24. Review should be in the constitution, to be held on a regular basis.
25. The Board people should have c.v.s to show they are qualified to do the job.
26. Skill base that is available, may not be there at marae level. Support systems and structures should be put in place.
27. Top management – there should be no personal agendas involved, those people should be there for all of Ngati Kahungunu.
28. Our Taiwhenua person is marvellous, but feel there is a breakdown with the NKII Board.
29. We have skilled people on our marae, but the problem is not at marae level, but at NKII Board level. So I'm pleased you're having a review.
30. Kahungunu ki te Wairoa have been unhappy for a long time about the waka. Te Waka Tamatea Arikinui – I say to the Board, "set that problem right". We should look at how that can be corrected. The question is, "How do we proceed?" Here is the problem, so how do we proceed to fix it? This is a bad situation that needs to be corrected and made right. We have made repeated requests. This is mahi that has been going on for a long time.
31. Kaumatua – Bill is No. one here, not number two!
32. Bill has the mana kaumatua for us at Wairoa.
33. Let's get together, go forward together, and make things right
34. Through unity we can proceed and meet our aspirations.
35. Am pleased with this review, and this is the place to speak; don't leave it until you get outside.
36. Terms of the constitution – how often are the elections process and constitution reviewed?
37. There was also queries about the Kahungunu Cultural Centre and the Ka Moe Ka Puta Exhibition stuff.
38. There are lots of loose ends that need tidying up.

Meka went over the Current Iwi Activities

- 2007-8 Annual Report
- Establishment of a Fisheries Management Unit involving Hapu
- Language and Tikanga – Tihei Kahungunu Booklet – Tutors Wananga
- Registrations
- Scholarship/Sponsorship
- Pataka
- Communications
- Public Relations Events

Acknowledgements to the whanau for coming.

Karakia – Pat Hohipa