

# OMAHA MARAE TRUST

Saturday 09 April 2022 10am

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Annie Baines , Sam Williams ,  
John Chand, Myra Aitken , Ruben Williams , Christine Baines , Mona Nimmo , Te  
Ao Rosieur

**Apologies** Marama Gossage  
Unable to reach Robyn Greenwood via Phone

1. **Karakia / Mihi - John Chand**
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes – Annie to Sort . Apologies whanau . had a bit of Trouble with the recorder and was unable to retrieve them .**
3. **Financials – Annie**

Because we have not held a hui for a while due to covid restrictions – I have put together all the Bank statements with invoices paid for the past Financial year that being 01 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 . I have also arranged to get the accountant to do a financial Summary for the year .

Our Trust falls under the Reservations Trust Act – therefore we are not required to do a full audit .

I provided our Financial reports to Jason Pou who is the Lawyer for Mook Vern and Ringi in relation to their latest Application to the MLC Hoping this would put an end to this . Annie reads emails received from Mook Hohneck and CEO of NMST Nicola MacDonald :

**Nicola Macdonald** : ka aroha Omaha Marae having to put up with your dodgy accounts oooohh did I touch a sore spot aye

SHAME no marae trustee will sign off on your dodgy books.

I'll say whatever I like about Omaha Marae what are gonna do about it?

**Mook Hohneck** She needs to get ready an explain her self made Omaha Marae financial spreadsheet with a whole lot of make believe numbers on it. As her accountant wrote its not an audit and he takes no responsibility. Could of least used Xero but more professional cheating !

In response to this – Annie provides Trustees today - Bank Statements from the current year – back to 2016 . All invoices that were paid also attached to these statements . Every cent is accounted for . This is here for the Trustees to view – and to report back to their whanau .

Am happy to work with the Auditors if the Witaiaawa whanau want a Full Audit . It does however come at a cost of Approx \$5k - \$7.5k per financial year . As it is not a requirement of the Trust – this will need to be paid by the person / whanau requesting it .

Mona says there needs to be cut off dates in relation to whanau requesting these records .

The Trustees discuss the \$50k that NMST owe this marae . They have it as a distribution annually in their financials – but never give it . It is agreed by the Trustees to apply for this distribution owed . Our books are all in order and it has been provided to the Trust .

We still receive our Annual \$10k from the Ngatiwai Trust Board .

#### **4 . INWARD CORRESPONDANCE**

Te Ao reads out letter sent to the Trust . Te Ao was concerned that Annie supported the Resource Consent . Also provides a plan of septic system .

Annie did not support any Resource Consent . The Lady from NZ Herald contacted me via email after speaking to Mook Hohneck .

It was a poorly written article and Annie states she was completely misquoted . Annie also provides the current plan to Trustees .

After discussion the following facts become clear :

The current Septic system has been in place for approx. 40 years . It was put in place by John Courtenay . It does not run into the urupa .

The new system will be further away . Its going to be upgraded and the soakage field is going to feed new native planting . It does NOT run into the urupa .

At max capacity – the new development will house 22 people .

There has NEVER been any talk and no intention from the Fishers of locking us out from our Urupa or Marae .

Will request a detailed clear report on the septic system from the Fishers so we can inform our whanau .

Trustees agree to move forward – and to make sure we communicate clearly with each other with any big concerns .

Annie is concerned at the way then NMST is being run – namely the Leadership and believes we need change . We represent here at the marae all the tupuna whanau of rahui and Tenetahi .

Mona : We need to encourage growth . So that we don't have the same people for years and years .

Motion : That until there is a change in the leadership at the NMST – they will not use our Marae for any NMST business .

After discussion – its agreed by the Trustees , to write a letter to NMST outlining our concerns and that until we see change in the Leadership – they will not be conducting any NMST business at the Marae .

Annie to construct a Letter and send to trustees for input / thoughts before sending on .

## **5. THE CHARTER**

The charter is now complete . I will file a copy with the Maori Land Court . There is some contention around the 4.6.5 Can Not be A trustee on the Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust from the Witaiawa Whanau Trustees . For now it will remain . It can always be changed in the future . The charter was signed by all Trustees except the Wi Taiawa whanau Trustees .

## **6. LAWNMOWING / MAINTENANCE**

Brian Aitken has been doing our Lawns . We want to thank Brian and Rach for helping us during this covid period . Its been a great help . The trustees would like Brian to carry on this service if hes keen – until the end of the year . Whanau are still welcome to come and spend a weekend if they want to do some mahi . Big thank you to all those whanau who came over the xmas , and new years period and did little bits and pieces around the marae .

Morgan Nimmo – has got an idea for the front fence . Mona to send us some pics .

The Carvings are rotted . Te Ao to look at the restoration of these – and get back to us with the best solution and costings .

Think there is funding for this kind of thing . Annie to look into that .

Ceilings in the wharenuui / wharekai should finally be started this week after many hold ups due to covid . The electrician will come at the same time to replace lights with LEDs .

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Our time as Trustees actually expired in February 2022 . I want to acknowledge that the past 2 years have been unprecedented times and we basically have had to be Trustees from afar . We have managed to do some good stuff during these crazy times . Our septic system fixed which was long overdue , our roof replaced which was also badly needed . New wifi internet system .

Mona Harris has said she will be retiring at the next AGM .

Te Ao also addressed the Trustees and said she would also be stepping down at the AGM.

And Rubes – maybe also standing down .

After discussion the Trustees have decided to go back to their whanau . Discuss who their Trustees will be – whether they will remain or pick new ones . We will then confirm at an AGM . Due to covid protocols at this current time – we are looking at July for the AGM . Hopefully by then the worst of the covid will have past and we will be back to normal .

**Next Hui Date : 29 May 2022 10am**

**KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

**SIGNED :**

**DATE :**



