

# OMAHA MARAE TRUSTEES HUI

## MINUTES May 2019

**Date:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Time:** 11 am

**Venue:** Omaha Marae, Leigh

**Attendees:**

Kororia Dennis  
Jessie Chapman  
Annie Baines  
Moira Brown  
Myra Aitken  
Christine Baines  
Mona Nimmo  
Te Ao Rosieur  
Sammy Williams  
John Chand  
Reuben Williams

**1. Karakia / Mihimihi**

Karakia/ Mihi given by Reuben Williams

**2. Present / Apologies**

Marama Gossage – apologies received via email to secretary

Robyn Greenwood - Absent

**3. Correspondence**

a. Inward (attached)

- Richmond Road School  
Booking request for November, forwarded to committee Chairperson
- Tupono Legal  
Chairperson received letter re: Ngati wai Trust Board Representative  
(discussed in General Business)

b. Outward

- Nil

Correspondence tabled and accepted by trustees unanimously

**4. Matter Arising**

a. Minutes – General Discussion

Reuben Williams listed as absent at last meeting but did forward apologies via whanau member who didn't pass the message onto trustees.

Apologized to trustees for absence due to work interview and tangi.

Annie Baines raised issues regarding the minutes being sanitized and not reflecting the meeting accurately.

The trustees agree that the minutes be recorded to ensure accuracy and assist the secretary.

Issues that were not reflected properly in prior minutes:

MPI Kaitiaki permit holder - Nicola McDonald and Mook Hohneck have been in contact with MPI regarding fishing permits.

b. Koha Initiatives – Thank you Letters

Annie Baines has sent these out.

c. Insurance – current policy

Annie Baines has looked at the current policy, the replacement of the roof is not covered under this policy.

Annie to look into policy and see if mattress room and mattresses can be replaced.

- d. Reimbursement – MLC Adverts  
Annie Baines sent an email to Manu Tuhoro at the Maori Land Court requesting information regarding reimbursement and has not had a response to date.  
She will send another email to Maori Land Court to follow up.  
Te Ao Rosieur asked if reimbursement for the Wi Taiawa whanau was covered under this email.  
Annie Baines has included the Wi Taiawa reimbursements in the email.
- e. Pakiri G Trust Funding Proposal  
Christine Baines is still looking into funding proposal information.  
She wants to have maps of the outer islands for the owners to look at in a shareholder meeting.  
This is still work in progress.
- f. Customary Fishing Training and roles
- Training opportunities for our Rangatahi  
Mona has asked if we could look at training for our rangatahi in fisheries roles.
  
  - Kaitiaki role  
This role is to issue permits for cultural take/harvesting.  
Reuben Williams suggests Eddie Watts to take this role on and would support him.  
Myra Aitken has approached Eddie and he agrees to take this role.  
MPI provide training.  
All trustees agree that we support and nominate Eddie Watts in this position.  
Chairperson to send a letter to Eddie Watts supporting his role as the kaitiaki for the marae.
  
  - Honorary Fisheries Officer  
Jessie asked if this is separate to the kaitiaki role and an opportunity for our local whanau.  
This is possible but Omaha Marae needs to organise the kaitiaki role first.
- g. Committee update re: Facebook and MLC Documents  
Marama Gossage received an email from Angela Aitken regarding the Marae committee AGM, they will hold this in June 2019 and ask that whanau who are keen to join the committee be prepared to do mahi.  
All trustees have received a copy of the lawn roster.  
It is the responsibility of the trustees to ensure whanau are doing their turn and if whanau are unable to make a weekend they communicate with the next whanau in line and explore options to swap weekends with another whanau.

h. Trustee Expense

Chairperson has suggested a limit to the expenses as we have a trustee who is in Australia.

Christine Baines commented that prior trustees and tupuna did this job out of aroha, as whanau pick their representatives they need to be responsible for ensuring trustees can make it to the meeting.

She commented on the state of the road and that money needs to be spent in the correct places.

Annie has checked with our accountant and petrol vouchers will not incur with-holding taxes.

Chairperson agrees with Christine Baines that we do not start paying trustee expenses.

Reuben Williams commented that when his whanau did the lawns, he made some lemon cakes from the lemons here at the marae and sold them to make money for whanau from Kaeo who come to mow lawns, he does not expect the marae trustees to cover expenses.

John Chand bought it up initially just as a discussion point, historically the marae did not have money, but at its current state it is financially healthy.

As part of his trustee training, the co-ordinators did say it could be a possibility.

Annie Baines noted it is a long way for trustees to travel for meetings

Chairperson asked if trustees are in agreeance to keep the status quo and not commence paying trustee expenses.

**All trustees agree unanimously to keep the status quo and not commence paying trustee expenses.**

i. Urupa Mapping

Chairperson has been to the urupa and had a look at the layout.

There were 5 plots that she was not sure of, Christine Baines confirmed the plots.

Mapping is still ongoing

j. Original Charter

Annie Baines circulated the original and current charter to trustees.

Christine Baines says amendments need to be made by the trustees and trustees need to take it to their respective whanau.

Annie Baines suggest we make amendments that are agreed on now.

Te Ao Rosieur to send the proposed amendments out to the trustees.

Annie Baines to email charter to trustees electronically.

Trustees will confirm agreed changes at the next meeting.

k. NMST Funding

Chairperson is waiting for the financials to be audited

## 5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes were amended as per discussion above and approved.

All trustees agree that minutes are true and correct.

## 6. Financial Update

Report Attached.

No outgoing payments made since the last meeting.

### a. Audit Update

Annie Baines will hopefully have the audit complete by next meeting.

### b. Authority

Two current signatories need to go to the bank and amend authority to include Annie Baines and Claude Dennis.

Annie will let signatories know when she can make it up to Warkworth. Jessie Chapman and Christine Baines to go to the bank with new signatories.

### Payables:

Nil

All trustees agree that the verbal financial report be accepted and passed.

## 7. General Business

### a. Maintenance Report

#### • Urupa

Sammy Williams confirmed quote received \$5,784.00 from Tree Contracts to remove tree which is encroaching urupa and putting graves at risk.

During a site visit with Highway Stabilisers they reported there is another tree on the south side of the urupa that could cause Stabilisation problems.

Once the trees are removed, Highway Stabilizers will re-assess the retaining wall.

They also note the seacave below is not compromising the urupa.

Recommendation to have both trees removed and mulched.  
Sammy to circulate new quote to trustees and trustees to approve payment at next meeting.

- Weed spraying

Weed spraying quote is \$200.00 plus GST this includes cliff-face spraying, carpark, rear of property and urupa.

Trustees accept this quote and Sammy will engage services.

- Road

The road to the marae needs to be repaired.

Trustees agree that the chairperson invite the surrounding landowners to the next trustee meeting to discuss shared-payment.

Sammy Williams to obtain a quote for this work.

- Roof of wharenuī

Kahui Aitken still waiting for quote.

Trustees agree to get this work done as soon as quote is received and accepted.

- Mattress Shed

Mona Nimmo suggests shipping container for storing mattresses as it is air tight, water tight, however possible logistic issues.

Next whanau on lawns to chop flax next to mattress shed which rats are climbing to enter shed.

Trustees to look at replacing the shed with another building.

Trustees to approach Kahui Aitken to look into options for a building.

Reuben Williams can source concrete at cost.

b. Ngātiwai Trust Board Nomination

Chairperson received letter from Jason Pou - Lawyer (acting on behalf of Mook Hohneck, Vern Rosieur and Ringi Brown).

This letter outlines Maori Land Court hearing submissions from Roi McCabe regarding endorsement of nominations to the Ngati Wai Trust Board as the Omaha Marae representative.

The letter explains the process for nomination on the NWTB and also states that the Omaha marae chairperson contact the NWTB and start a process for re-nomination.

Annie Baines stated the Maori Land Court cannot act on this issue as it is out of their jurisdiction and when Mook Hohneck took the marae to court, not long after that the NWTB renewal came up. Roi McCabe sent a letter to the NWTB and asked if he can roll Annie over until court case is finished. NWTB agreed.

When the elections were held, NWTB rang Annie Baines and said she still had to fill in paper work for the election services purposes.

Annie filled in the paperwork and her position was rolled over.

Chairperson asks if any descendants from Omaha Marae can stand for nomination?

Annie Baines said yes when the nomination rolls around.

Chairperson asks if she should contact NWTB to sort nomination for marae.

Mona asked if the legal letter from Jason Pou has been sent to NWTB.

Annie asked who we are answering to, I am representing Omaha Marae legally.

Chairperson wants to ensure our position is clear and legal with the NWTB position.

Mona asked in light of the verbal report and the letter, we let NWTB know we are happy that Annie is filling this position.

Sammy notes that it is a hard job, and it is a kick in the guts when we receive letters like this.

Chairperson wants to ensure that our trustees are safe.

Christine Baines reads a letter from Chris Finlayson which outlines the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust duties and responsibilities.

Annie Baines states that before she was the NWTB representative, Mook Hohneck was the representative and that he has a cheek to ask of her legitimacy. She states that he is a bully and she will not stand for it.

She asks that she be involved with all communication on this matter.

Claude Dennis reiterates that this is about our marae trust and making sure we are safe and legal.

John Chand notes that as the chairman you have a responsibility to ensure we are handling situations in the right manner.

Election Process

Annie explains the process:

NWTB notify the chairperson of Omaha Marae of the upcoming election and the Omaha Marae trustees nominate people for the position.

The nominations are endorsed by the trustees.

If there are more than one nomination then NWTB run a postal vote.

Annie asks that a letter is sent to Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust telling them to mind their own business.

Christine Baines noted that Sherie Baines nominated Annie Baines for the position.

Peggy Brown nominated Ringi Brown and Marilyn O'Brien nominated Mook Hohneck, but because Ringi and Mook were not asked their nominations were withdrawn.

Annie Baines says that Mook Hohneck tried to go through the side door and get on the NWTB as the marae trustee.

Claude Dennis to contact Hayden Edmonds (Chairman of NWTB) to discuss legitimacy of Annie Baines' position.

Once confirmation has been received, Annie Baines requests that the marae trustees send a letter to Jason Pou confirming Annie's legitimacy and to stop interfering with marae business.

- c. Sand mining opposition  
Still to be sent.

**Next meeting date:** 11am – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**Karakia Whakamutunga**

Karakia given by: John Chand

Meeting closed: 1.20pm

Minutes Authorised by:

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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