

Minutes of the Ruapuha Uekaha Hapu Trust Annual General Meeting 2015, held on Saturday 30 May, 2015 at Tokikapu Marae, Waitomo commencing at 10am.

Attendees:

Sara and Mike Sullivan, Virginia Ormsby, Whakataerangi Tanetinorau, Noline H Love, Cecilia & Rob Hodson, James Ormsby, Lloyd Keung, Dolly Keung, David Anderson, Daniel Cairns Jnr, Tina Cairns, Julia Kaiwai, Waiata Ngataki, Patricia Turu, Kupe Koroheke, Chrissy Toroa, Betty Mathews, Pia Searancke, Pianika Taylor, Judy Davis, Tirama Taane, Les Tane, John Koning, PH Green, Erica Davis, Maia Davis, CJ Hemara, Kore Hemara, Josie Henry, Lana Henry, Marlene Tapara, Teena Tapara, Eruera Holmes, Sherrill Flavell, Marian Quinlan, Eric Tane, John Tane, Marcia Rangi, Te Aroha Tapara, Maurice Davis, Patricia Davis, Waimarama Anderson, Ronald Ormsby, Mereana Tapara, Emily Tapara, Tyson Tapara, Esme Astle, Hone Tuau, Mere Kohe-Love, Christine Uerata, Raven King, Walter Anderson, Sonny Carnachan, Michael Moerua, Barney Thompson, Robert Tane, Lani Dawn Tane-Stockler, Georgina Gibbons, Norman Tane, Michael Gibbons, Lynn Green, Missy Love, Peter Douglas, Steve Keung, Josephine Anderson, Chuck Davis.

Apologies:

Marama Anderson-Morrison, Pera Rangitaawa and Whanau, Ngahuia Anderson-Ashby, Charlotte Ashby, Aaron Ashby, Waiata Ashby, Pania King, Thomasina King, Aroha King, Mahinui King, Teri King, Sonny Ormsby, Chris Ormsby, Pauline Retermeyer, Mariwa Davis, Hana Taane, Boss Taane, Wendy Te Arotoa, Renee Hodson, Cairyn Hodson Tomokino, Taylah Hodson Tomokino, Rachel Dargaville, Rob Borell, Frances Borell, Cindy Keung, Tori Ngataki, Te Rori Ngataki, Jo-Ella Hura-Tupaea, Yvonne Rota, Jayme Tolley-Kitiona, Heather Davis, Sarah Tolley, Tamarangi Tolley, Whatapuku Wright, Ngahuia Wright, Harmony Wright, Richard Wright, Corina Pikitia Wright, Simon Wright, Ada Wright, Gemma Wright, Joseph Wright, Renee Hodson, Hutu Tane, Mary Neilson, Purdu Huia, Angela Hemara, Huhana Davis, Mike Taane, Wiremu Tane, Quin Tane, Craig Tane, Tania Tane, Stacey Davis, Robert Tahu, Mathew Kohe-Love, Leanne Hohaia, Steven George, Tio George, Tirua George, Mana George, Hurihia Davis, Hari Green, Marea Green, Erana Pollock, Kohatu Pollock, Ariana Hemara-Wahanui, Ngahuia Hemara-Wahanui, Valma Hemara-Wahanui, Miria Davis, Aroha Carnachan, Ninakaye Taanetinorau, Omeka Taane, Angel Taane, Myke Taane, Reginald Taane, Angela Pope.

Mihi

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to present the work the Trust had undertaken in the last twelve months, to present the annual accounts and to answer questions from the beneficiaries.

The Trustees in attendance introduced themselves; Chuck Davis, Lynn Green, Josephine Anderson, Steve Keung, Hiria Kohe Love and Norman Tane. Peter gave Angela Pope's apology.

Chairman's Report - Peter Douglas

Peter traversed the historical background of the Wai 51 settlement and made reference to the people involved and the environment they were working in to settle the claim in 1990, which was very different to how things are done now. Key points of his report included;

- The Licence provided security for a commercial operator to take over the running of the Caves and generating a reliable source of income for the settlers.
- The loan of one million dollars been repaid by a portion of the royalties and used to help with social and economic development.
- The new relationships and responsibilities established as a result of settling the claim with the Crown and with the commercial operators running the Caves.
- The inordinate amount of time spent in the Maori Land Court and how the work of the Trust had been fettered by its direction.
- The Trust, having gone through the review of trust process was now in a position to look ahead and think about what it hopes to be in 25 years' time when the Trust celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the settlement.
- Peter referred to the success of Ngai Tahu and Tainui who had grown their settlements of 170 million dollars and now had assets worth one billion dollars. Both iwi had experienced difficulties and had to work their way through complicated issues, politics and people's expectations.
- The RUHT had rejected the notion of paying out dividends but would take on a greater responsibility helping hapu trust members in the future, particularly our rangatahi to find their place in the world.
- It was also important to help our kaumatua pass onto us what they have learnt and how to maintain the things that are important to us as we look for the things that are going to be relevant to our life in years to come.
- An Education Endowment Fund of 1 million dollars had been established as a means of not only assisting people with their educational goals but also as a mechanism to secure funds that couldn't be accessed or used for other purposes.
- Educators Lloyd Keung and Liane Green were helping the Trust with education initiatives.
- A focus of the Trust was to generate a reasonable return on the funds that had been accumulated and taking a moderate amount of risk to improve returns.

In summary Peter stated that in looking ahead 25 years from now we should be able to reflect at that point on the good decisions made at this point so that the Trust is a sound operating organisation when that time comes and, people are proud of coming from here. Managing the funds and growing our people was an important function of the Trust but it was also a responsibility of the Trust to plan ahead for the next 25 years.

Peter completed his report by asking if there were any questions. There were none.

Financial Report 2014 – Steve Keung

Steve presented the Financial Report for 2014 via a power point presentation. He advised that the 2014 financial statements along with the statements for 2015 were being reviewed and were unaudited. This had arisen because he had a few questions for the Trust's accountants regarding some accounting issues and until he was satisfied with their responses could not recommend to the Chairperson that the 2014 accounts be signed off. Steve reassured the meeting that there had been no misappropriation of funds.

Steve referred to his power point presentation;

- The Cave royalty makes up 80% of the Trust's income with 20% coming from the investment portfolio.
- To reduce reliance on the royalty from the Caves the intention is to generate more income from investments which is a key strategy of the RUHT. The reason for this is if something was to happen at the Caves the Trust would lose up to 80% of its revenue.
- In the previous year 30% of our revenue came from our investments compared to 20% from this year. This was a concern and the accountants have been asked to provide further information on this decrease.
- Income is 1.2-1.3 million with a profit of around 800k compared to 900k in the previous year. The decrease is related to a change in the way that assets have been mixed and/or moved around.
- The Trust is worth \$6.8 million dollars which has increased by 1 million dollars since last year. The assets of the Trust comprise of cash, investments, and forestry. The balance sheet does not include the value of the Caves which would increase the worth of the Trust substantially.
- The 6 million dollars in the investment portfolio comprises of two main asset allocations, fixed income/interest and shares. Fixed income assets are low risk and therefore generate lower interest returns (7-8%) whereas shares have a little more risk. It is important to have funds in shares to offset low returns from fixed income investments because of the lower interest rates.
- The goal is to have 40% in growth stocks (shares) and 60% in fixed interest.
- Last year we had most of our money in fixed interest and in cash. The returns we received from shares was only 14%. This year it had doubled to 28%. The benefit of this won't show up until the next year when the values of our shares beginning to rise.
- Returns from fixed income will be reduced because of the movement from fixed income into shares. Steve stressed that it was important not to be irresponsible so we are investing into good solid stocks.

Steve reported that the decrease of income last year is attributed to three things;

- The accountants changing the way they accounted for income ie changed from a cash basis to an accrual basis which reflects money into the year it was received and not when it was earned. This can give the impression money has been lost but really it has been reflected into another year (the new financial year).
- A drop in interest rates domestically and world-wide. This is the result of countries growing their economies by encouraging people to borrow money that has low rates of interest to repay

- The shift of asset allocation from fixed income into shares - the value of the assets grow but you don't actually receive the money but are paid a dividend.

Over all Steve and the Board feel confident about what they are doing with the funds and in 2015 there should be growth in the share portfolio. Steve asked for questions but there were none.

Education Report – Steve Keung

Steve reported on the different initiatives the Trust had rolled out to assist with the education of hapu trust members; grants and the online Maths Buddy tutorial programme. The goal of the Trust was to help people to live prosperous and productive lives and to become the future leaders in their communities. Moving forward it was intended to do more than giving out education grants and to leverage that by bringing in other services to help individuals.

Lloyd Keung spoke about the Maths Buddy programme and the number of students subscribed on it. It was a well worth programme for parents to use with children who struggled with maths and the Trust was offering it for free to members.

With regard to the education grants the Trust distributed 55k in 2014 and the surplus (19k) was carried over to the 2015 grant round. In the 2015 financial year there would be two drops of intermediate and secondary grants. The purpose of the two drops was to align the distribution of grants to the beginning of the school year.

A question from the floor identified that there was a difference in the amount of the surplus in the Annual Report, \$19,300 and what was in the power point, \$19,700. Steve finished his report.

Other Items

Peter reported on other items in the Annual Report; the 125th Anniversary, activities the Trust had undertaken during 2013-2014 including a glowworm research study and archival filming project on Waitomo place names by Kuia Josephine Anderson. Peter acknowledged the people who assist the Trust with their expertise; Dan Hikuroa, Greg McCarthy, Ariana Hemara-Wahanui and Joanne McCracken. Peter also reported that the Trust had made a donation of \$5000 towards the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary at Orakau. The last agenda item was the minutes of the last AGM which were briefly discussed.

Following an question and answer session the meeting closed.