RAKIURA MĀORI LANDS TRUST

Rakiura Māori Lands Trust (RMLT)
MINUTES HUI A TAU
SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025 11am-3pm
Te Rau Aroha Marae Bluff

No.		Minute Details
1.	1a	**Opening 11am** Meeting opened and called to order by Chairperson of RMLT
2.	2a	**Karakia timataka**: Trustee Riki Everest **Welcome Mihi:** Trustee Tutehounuku Korako
3.	3a	**Memorials** Chairperson called for any memorials for those owners who have passed away since the last AGM. That the meeting observe a moments silence for those who have passed away since the last AGM held 2024 **Moved Richard Leggat** **Seconded Mere Pohatu** **All in favour**
4.	4a	**Meeting Chairperson:** Eliza Snelgar (Secretary) invited the Chairperson to take control of the Meeting and called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That Richard Manning the Chairman of Rakiura Māori Lands Trust be appointed as meeting Chairperson of the RMLT AGM 2025. **Moved Eliza Snelgar** **Seconded Riki Everest** **All in favour**
	4b	**Quorum:** Under the Trusts Deed section 5 Clause (c) at least 10 owners present in person throughout the meeting are required to constitute a quorum. The meeting Secretary confirmed 24 registered owners are present at the meeting, exceeding the 10 required under the Trusts Deed. The Chair called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That this meeting is be deemed to be constituted **Moved Eliza Snelgar** **Seconded Mere Pohatu** **All in favour**

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		Owners & Attendees Present Ben Wakefield Whanau Trust (Alexander Wakefield, Eliza Snelgar), Tamara Hallett, Betty Henry, Cecil Gray Fife Whanau Trust (Alan Fife), Christopher Graveson, Geoffrey Stewart, George and Lylla Skerrett Whanau Trust (Diane Holloway), Jasmine Whaitiri-Stewart, Laina Niha, Lee Fewster, Lenore Te Maiharoa Soper Whanau Trust (Sandra Johnson), Lynley Williams, Mary Bragg, Patricia Kerr, Raymond West, Rebecca Topi, Ruamano Whanau Trust (Suzanne Murphy), Sarah Ann Johnson Whanau Trust (Sally Bridgeman), Stephen Symons, Susan Phillipson, Ulva Goodwillie, Victor Te Maari, Walla and Delca Whanau Trust (Victor West), Woodward 5 Whanau Trust (Jean MacDonald), lorna and Les White Whanau Trust (Mere Pohatu), Tiemi Waaka Whanau Trust (Richard Manning), Stewart Manning Whanau Trust (Richard Manning), Kerry Topi, Jennifer Williamson, Jason Goodwillie, Melaine Cheung, Rakiura Goodwillie, Terri Winder, Amanda Pink, Tana Goodwillie, Nathan Nislon, Kelly Fewster, Kevin Newton, Daria Martin, Houston Norton, Andrea De Vries, Jill Skerrett, Tuhounuku Korako, Richard Leggat, Richard Everest, Shane Anderson, Simon Thorburn, Dave Day.
	4c	**Standing Orders:** Meeting Chair established the adoption of the Standing Orders through the following recommendation: That the Standing Orders as covered in schedule 2 of the RMLT Trust Deed be confirmed as the Standing Orders for the RMLT 2025 AGM **Moved Eliza Snelgar** **Seconded Richard Everest** **All in favour**
	4d	**Agenda:** Chairperson called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That the Meeting Agenda as formally notified to beneficial owners prior to the RMLT AGM for 2025 is confirmed as the Agenda for the meeting. **Moved Eliza Snelgar** **Seconded Diane Holloway** **All in favour**
	4e	**Apologies:** Chairperson called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That the apologies received be recorded in the minutes of the meeting **Moved Eliza Snelgar** **Seconded Richard Everest** **All in favour** **Apologies received:** Rod TeMaiora, Jane Graveson, Tamuku Whaitiri, Raina ?, Margaret Murray, Ann Robertson, Barry Stewart, Greg West, Ariana Sutton, Rosemary and Mervyn Tairoa, Elizabeth Korako, Colleen Skerrett, Peter Skerrett, Maia Hape, Renata McStay, Tracy Karaitiana, Lorraine Dixon, Judy Heremaia, Maurice Johansen, Rona Potiki, Melanie Huria, Diana Mules, Shirley Palmer, Eilen Tuffley, Peter Robinson, Faye Bailey, Gloria Collier, Graham Forsyth, John Pennicott.

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	4f	**General Business:** Chairperson Richard Manning asked for any General Business items from the floor. I. Sue Phillipson raised her concerns about the 1080 pest control method. Chair explains that the 1080 issue will be addressed in the trustees report. II. New accessway for the beach to the Lodge, and issues with hunters on the lords River blocks were noted for discussion on the Trustees report Chair confirms that there is no further General Business for later discussion.
5.	5a	**2024 AGM Meeting Minutes Taken as read**: Chairperson called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That the minutes of 24 March 2024 RMLT Annual General Meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record. **Moved Sue Phillipson Seconded Diane Holloway All in favour**
	5b	**Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM 2024:** No amendments received. No matters arising
6.	6a	**Trustees Report:** Chairperson called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That the 2025 Trustee Report presented by Chairman Richard Manning be accepted **Moved Mere Pohatu Seconded Amanda Pink All in favour** Summary of report: The trust's focus on governance, infrastructure, and restoration was highlighted, including the completion of the Oneke Whare and Wharfe, and the establishment of the Oneke Wilderness Guide Walk. Ongoing maintenance and operating costs, as well as debt servicing, are highlighted as ongoing Trust obligations. The use of 1080 for pest control was discussed, emphasizing science-based evidence and community engagement. The Trusts vision and strategic goals are to utilise the whenua productively and generate passive income for beneficiaries. Mere Pohatu has taken up the communication and media portfolio (FB, Website and media). Steve Donaldson is acknowledged for his mahi in historical tipuna research. The Trust is working on restoring the whenua with Shane Anderson (Ranger) leading the efforts. Discussions Q & A: **I.** The use of 1080 to eradicate pests on Rakiura was discussed. Riki Everest represents RMLT on the Engagement Action Group (EAG). committed nothing other than a verbal willingness to work with the parties involved so that we manage our whenua and taonga species within our own parameters. RMLT is committed to working with Science and clear communication to manage the use of 1080. RMLT to engage with community groups that have successfully used 1080 for pest control to share their experiences.

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		II. Explore opportunities for owners to participate in or receive discounts on the Rakiura Tourism experiences.
7.	7a	**Rakiura Experiences Ltd (RMLT & RealNZ Partnership) Report** Chairperson called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That Trustee and Director REL Tuhounuku Korako be asked to present the report. That this report as presented is noted as received by the meeting. **Moved Eliza Snelgar** **Seconded Richard Manning** **All in favour** Summary of report: The new tourism products including the Oneke Experience are highlighted as world-class offerings ensuring the tourism products are culturally sensitive and of high quality. RMLT has invested heavily in these products with financial returns expected in two to three years. The importance of respecting the whenua and following the trusts protocols was emphasised. The Trust is working to involve local mana whenua, and kapa haka group in the tourism offerings and the importance of community engagement and the role of local guides on Oneke. The Trust is keen to work with other partners to expand and involve local owners.
8.	8a	**Financial Statement Report:** Chairperson called for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That the Financial Statements for the Rakiura Māori Lands Trust for 2024 be presented to the meeting by RMLT Accountant Ashton & Wheelans Simon Thorburn. That this report as presented is noted as received by the meeting. **Moved Mere Pohatu** **Ulva Goodwillie** **All in favour** Summary Financial report: Financial portfolio is managed by Trustee Richard Leggat and Accountant Simon Thorburn. Report highlighted a 22% return on equities in a 12 month period. The Trust's assets increased by nearly $2million, with significant investments in property and infrastructure. The Finance focus is on managing costs and generation revenue. RMLT is committed to ensuring the financial sustainability of its operations and investments. Importance of the trust's financial stability and future planning was highlighted.
9.	9a	**Moved Aroha Gibb** **Seconded Jeff Stewart** **All in favour**
10.	10a	**Accept Trustee Nominations** 2 Nominations were received for 2 Trustee vacancies through rotation. The Chair asks for support from the meeting through the following recommendation: That this meeting endorse Richard Leggat and Tuhounuku Korako to retain their places on the Trust. **Moved Richard Everest** **Seconded Jan Ryan** **All in favour**

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11.	11a	**Vote on Trustee Remuneration** The Chair introduces a motion to adjust Trustee Remuneration based on an independent review. That the beneficial owners approve under Clause 3 (iii) of the Trust Deed the remuneration levels for the roles and duties of Trustees as voted on by Trustees at their 23 November Hui 2024, and to be implemented from the date of the RMLT AGM 2025 Chair calls for a vote on the remuneration adjustment motion Chair notes the passing of the motion with a show of hands. **Moved Diane Holloway** **Seconded Chris Grayson** **All in favour** Summary: Diane Holloway congratulates Trustees on their hard work.
12.	12a	**Vote on Amendment Trust Deed** **Paterson Inlet Block XV1, Section 22 (Native Landing Reserve)** That the elected RMLT Chair become the representative Trustee on the Native Landing Reserve Trust. Moved Richard Manning (Chair RMLT) Seconded Eliza Snelgar (Secretary RMLT) **Moved Richard Manning** **Seconded Eliza Snelgar** **All in favour** **Rationale for this motion;** the Native Land Reserve is not under the Trust administration. It is a stand-alone entity. The Whare is erected on the Native Landing Reserve. An occupation application has been lodged with the Māori Land Court to protect the property right of this dwelling. Chair calls for a vote on the Trust Deed Amendment motion Chair notes the passing of the motion with a show of hands
13.	13a	Chair Richard Manning thanks everyone for their attendance and contributions. Karakia Whakamutaka delivered by Trustee Tutehounuku Korako. Meeting closed at 1330hrs followed by Lunch.