

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE NKOA HUI  
HELD Saturday 31 JANUARY 2004 IN HENDERSON &  
Sunday 14 MARCH 2004 IN PANMURE**

**Tena ra koutou katoa**

**Nga mihinui ki a koutou nga hunga e tautoko mai, e awhina mai, e manaaki mai tenei kaupapa whakahirahira.**

**The Council will no longer post full minutes of its meetings on the website, instead an Executive Summary of the issues and decisions made will take their place.**

**It will be an opportunity for me as NKOA President to outline from time to time concerns and issues that need to be brought to your attention.**

**Competitions**

**The national sprint competitions have now been completed. [W6/ W12 sprints, W1 sprints, and the Secondary Schools]. At the completion of each event a questionnaire was circulated seeking paddlers and teams comments on various aspects of each event. NKOA would like to acknowledge those people who took the time to complete the questionnaire, as it will give Council a steer as to what needs to be improved to keep our sport enjoyable and fair to all competitors and supporters. However the Council was also disappointed with the number of responses - 29 paddlers out of 1800-odd does not seem representative.**

**Some of the concerns that came from the survey are:**

- ❖ Starts were not consistent, they need to be fair for all competitors – rolling starts are not conducive to 'Fair Play';**
- ❖ no individual team or region should be given preferential treatment over others;**
- ❖ officials need to be neutral but objective in all situations;**
- ❖ venue selection must comply with safety of paddlers and waka and meet the minimum depth of water requirement as laid down by IVF;**
- ❖ continual refining and upskilling of event management will be integral at all levels.**

**The Race Director for each of these events will submit a report and recommendations at the May hui. There will also be a further opportunity for regions to input before the way forward is adopted. Remember the Worlds are here in 2006.**

## National Marathon

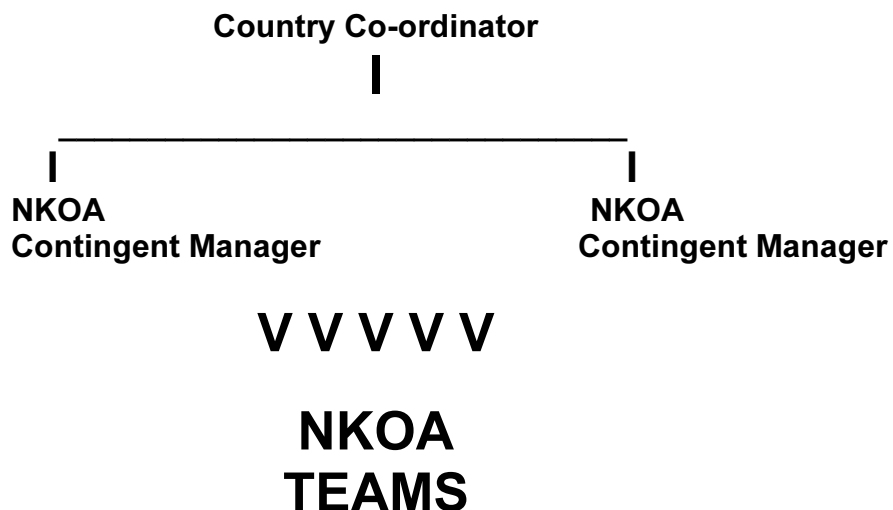
This event is still to be held and preparations are well under way. Council has confirmed Monica Wharehinga as the NKOA representative for that event. Monica's role is to ensure safety, and compliance in accordance with NKOA rules are adhered to by the organisers. It also means that she will be able to make decisions on behalf of the Council in accordance with NKOA long distance racing rules.

## World Sprints

It is good to hear that we will once again have a large contingent (450) attending the Hilo event in August 2004. Stars Travel has advised that 321 have already confirmed their travel. Louise will deal with teams travelling with Stars Travel.

NKOA agreed that a management team is required to manage the contingent for the worlds. The structure outlined below is based on previous years' experience and the increase in numbers competing this year.

Council Executive has appointed Maggie as the Country Co-ordinator for the Worlds. Her role will be to advocate and liaise on our behalf with the IVF and Competition Director prior to and during the event. All team managers will work to Maggie on all matters relating to competition. Council also approved two NKOA Contingent Managers to assist Maggie in her role.



## NKOA Contingent Managers

Expressions of Interest for the positions are now called for. These are to be submitted to Maggie by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2004 for consideration.

Criteria to be considered for NKOA Contingent Managers for Hilo World Sprints:

- previous experience required
- excellent communication skills
- understanding of wakaama an advantage
- participation in wakaama an advantage
- ability to be objective a necessity
- knowledge of international competition rules
- must be able to work under pressure
- sense of humour necessary.

Moana is well under way with sourcing uniforms. It is Council's intention is to outfit all teams with '*on the water uniforms*'. This of course will be dependant on funding received as to what will be provided.

Council is aware that teams are seeking sponsorship to help them get to Hilo and advises all teams that this sponsorship should only relate to '*off the water gear*'.

NKOA Council reserves the right to '*on the water*' uniforms worn at the Worlds.

A time line of activities for Hilo is listed below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<b>1 March</b>	\$80.00 balance of entry due	Banked as per Treasurer's instruction	
<b>31 March</b>	IVF to advise of any extra quota places	Maggie to advise respective teams	
	Confirm travel with travel agent eg Stars Travel	Manager's responsibility	
	Confirm team names and entry to NKOA	Correspond with Maggie	
<b>9 April</b>	Expression of Interest for NKOA Contingent Managers for Hilo	Into Maggie	
<b>30 April</b>	NKOA Contingent Managers to Hilo confirmed	Watch the NKOA website	
	Uniform established and confirmed	Moana to NKOA	
<b>30 June</b>	All admin completed and entries to IVF		
	Uniforms distribution	Respective managers will be contacted with details	

The President will undertake NKOA representation to the IVF hui, which will be held sometime during the world event.

## 2006 World Sprints

The president has extended an invitation to the Minister of Maori Affairs Hon Parekura Horomia, to accept the 2006 World Sprints at Hilo. He has still to reply. A draft outline timeframe for 2006 will be developed in May.

### Strategic Direction.

NKOA has had a strategic plan that was developed and submitted to the NKOA Council in 2002. It has been advised that this plan is not widely known or communicated. The importance of a strategic plan is integral as it provides a focus and a way forward for the sport.

A strategic planning session is to be conducted in may over the period 14-16 May 2004 at the Karapiro Lake lodge in Cambridge.

See programme outline below:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Friday 14 May	1900 hrs	NKOA Council hui	Karapiro Lake Lodge
Sat 15 May	0700hrs	Breakfast	Lodge
	0830 hrs	Wananga hui Review The way forward Role of NKOA Role of Regional Bodies	
	1030 hrs	Kapu ti	
	1100 hrs	Workshops	
	1230 hrs	Lunch	
	1300 hrs	Workshops	
	1400 hrs	Report back / feedback	
	16000 hrs	Waka	

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday 16 May	0730 hrs	Breakfast	Lodge
	0830 hrs	2006 World Sprints	
	1100 hrs	Wakamutanga	

Requested attendances:

- ❖ Regional Chairperson
- ❖ NKOA Council members

❖ **Graham Godbehere**

**Regional Chairperson please contact Maggie by Friday 30 April to advise availability. If Chairperson cannot attend, a regional representative should be appointed and Maggie advised accordingly.**

**World Sports TV Series**

**We have received an e-mail from World Sports TV Series seeking an opportunity to film Waka ama. The president will explore this further and advise in due course.**

**Va'a Committee nomination.**

**Council has received an individual e-mail from Charles Villermi seeking support from Council for Hotu Kerr to be nominated as Vice president on the IVF. We are seeking an official notification from the IVF of the impending elections and whether other IVF countries have been given the same opportunity for transparency.**

**Te Toki**

**Council and Te Toki have an outstanding issue since 2002 that needs to be resolved urgently. The Vice President has been in discussion with Te Toki and the Council expects that a positive outcome should be achieved by August this year.**

**Event Insurance**

**Council at this stage is not able to offer a suitable plan that would cover all clubs who conduct waka ama events in a given year. Council was hoping to do this under a sanctioning programme.**

**Clubs and regions are expected to seek their own insurance at this stage until Council is able to advise progress.**