

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE NKOA HUI

Held Friday 14 – Saturday 15 May 2004
at Ellerslie International Motor Inn AUCKLAND

Tena koutou katoa

Nga mihi ano ki a koutou nga hunga e tautoko mai, e awhina mai, e manaaki mai tenei kaupapa whakahirahira ma tatou.

World Sprints 2004

New Zealand Area Coordinator to the Hilo World Sprints

NKOA Council has appointed Maggie Greening as the NZ Area Coordinator for the Hilo World Sprints. She will be partially sponsored by NKOA, which is similar to what has happened in previous years.

I know that the highly organised team managers and the contingent will assist Maggie in this role. Kia kaha tatou!!

Maggie's main role will be to:

- ensure that a high level of communication is instigated particularly through team managers – this will include:
 - the notification to team managers in a timely manner of **ANY/ ALL** protests that involve New Zealand contingent paddlers;
 - daily briefings and notification of changes to the racing schedule or daily timetable;
- ensure that a high level of discipline within the contingent is maintained through the respective team managers;
- assist with any drug testing procedures if any NZ contingent paddlers are requested to undertake drug tests;
- clarify any racing rules/ processes/ procedures as required;
- ensure that any protests are processed in a timely manner to ensure that no contingent paddler is disadvantaged.

National Long Distance Marathon 2004

Nga mihi nui ki nga kaiwhakahaere, ki nga hunga e awhina mai, ki nga kaihoe e tautoko mai tenei kaupapa ataahua. Na te kaha o te whakaritenga me te whakahaere o tenei tumomo whakataetae ka puawai tonu tenei hakinakina tuturu mo Ngai tatou.

NKOA Council congratulates Te Uranga o te Ra for hosting an *awesome* Marathon. The planning and preparation *par excellence* coupled with the management of the event including the outstanding weather, the fantastic hospitality and perfect racing conditions have certainly added to our paddler's experiences. Nga mihi ano ki koutou ra.

Aotearoa 2006

The planning of this event has started with the following established:

- Organising Committee – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Rick Roozendaal, Tere Kiriau, Irene Allen and Campbell Dewes.
[Unfortunately Campbell withdrew but acknowledged the vote of confidence – he will give us a final answer by the next Council hui.]
- This committee will have overall responsibility and accountability to the NKOA Council for the organisation and running of the event.

Race Director

Maggie Greening has been appointed by the Council as the Race Director for the 2006 Worlds being held here in Aotearoa at Lake Karapiro. The purpose of the Race Director is to organise the successful running of the event's competition components, in accordance with the directions and decisions of the Organising committee, or any contract with the Organising Committee.

Event Manager

The appointment to this position has yet to be promulgated. The purpose of the Event Managers role is to organise the successful running of the event in accordance with the directions and decisions of the Organising Committee and/ or any contract with the Organising Committee. The Event Manager will be appointed in August and advised shortly after.

There will be many experiences that paddlers will have seen or been part in relation to World and National paddling events around the world. If you have any suggestions please liaise with your regional rep and ask that your suggestion[s] is submitted to the Organising Committee for consideration.

WORLD SPRINTS TENTATIVE OUTLINE

Venue: Lake Karapiro

Date: 17-27 March

Proposed Schedule:

17 – 20 March	Set up venue
19 – 20 March	Practice days
21 – 25 March	Racing
26 --27 March	Clean up

The opening and closing ceremony is still to be included in the proposed schedule.

Waka Construction Contract

Moananui has been successful with their bid for the construction of W6 Waka for 2006 worlds.

The W1 is still under negotiation.

Congratulations to Kris Kjeldsen on his successful proposal.

Strategic Direction.

Council revised our strategic plan and found that many of the objectives have been brought to fruition and are now part of the NKOA organisation.

These include:

- establishment of a national website www.wakaama.co.nz
- establishment of waka ama in schools and to conduct regional and national events for school the highlight of which have been the Secondary Schools national event;
- updating and reviewing NKOA rules and regulations to provide a fair platform for participation administration and enjoyment

NKOA is aware that the development of paddlers and coaches section needs to be focussed on and this will be addressed in the updated version of the Strategic Plan.

In our national sprint events evaluation and feedback there was an overwhelming call to include the W1 with the W6 and W12. Council respects the input and advises that there will have to be some changes in the current programme to accommodate this. No doubt Alex will be able to address this issue as he did with the current programme. Kia kaha Alex.

There is a need to tighten up our administration by implementing policies and procedures of good practice to ensure there is consistency throughout our administrative area.

Regional Reports

These are well received by NKOA Council and it is encouraging to know that the work that is happening in each region is positive and will benefit not only this sport now but sets a good platform for the future generations. I am happy to encourage the sharing of ideas and korero in the reports so all paddlers and regions benefit from them.