

2/24/18- Meeting with Cousins

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After attending funeral services for our cousin, Kenneth Moiha, sister Kim asked if several of the cousins attending the service could meet after to discuss the status of the Moiha lands. We met at Joe's place, where the big island ohana was staying around 3pm.

Attending the meeting: Kim Moiha, Jarret Delos Santos, Lynda Acain, Lydia Moiha, Antonette Moiha, Kama Moiha, and Kupuna Aunty Pricilla. Our husbands and wives were also present.

Before starting, Antonette first wanted to say to the group that if we decide to allow Denette to stay on the Waikalooa property, they (the big island ohana) are ok with that.

*Denette Kanakaole, (cell phone #757-5796) who was Kenneth's girlfriend, is currently living on the Waikalooa property in the habitat for humanity single room home that was built there during Kenneth and Denette's occupation of land. Denette had reached out to several cousins expressing her desire to stay in the home and continue caring for the place as she and Kenneth always did. Denette called Jarret on the evening of 2/12 to express concerns that she would have to move out. Jarret informed her to stay for now until the family decides. There are 3 kupunas and Kim, who is living in Hana, that we would like to hear from.

Jarret opened the meeting by giving a run down on current taxes due on both the Waikalooa and Kipahulu property. Ownership & Property Titles for both are complex due to the way the lands were passed down from one generation to the next. Tax payments were handled by **Rachel Kanekoa** and upon her death, passed to **William Kanekoa**. There seems to be no written records of payments and the arrangements made between the Moiha siblings and their cousins. Both Kipahulu and Waikalooa properties have taxes due and are incurring penalties. Recognition was also given to the passing of Kenneth and Kahuena and the impact that each loss has on the both properties going forward.

The Moiha land ownership of the Kipahulu property is shared with the Tolentino & Smith Ohana, as well as, Waihe'e Church. Ownership involves several hundred people and continues to grow. Concerns are being voiced by Tolentino members due to non-payment of taxes.

The Moiha land ownership at Waikalooa is shared with the Aiplena ohana.

Jarret quoted a statement made by Attorney **Lloyd Poleman** that upon review of the land ownership court documents, both properties have sentimental value rather than a monetary value to each person involved with ownership.

Jarret asked Kim to tell us about each land since she grew up in Hana and is our last cousin there.

Waikalooa – Kim said she is currently paying \$600 rent per month to live and work in Hana. She is the last of the Moihā ohana that is living there and feels she should be allowed to move back to Waikalooa and assume use of Kenneth's old home. She also said that Denette does not want to move out. Land taxes were discussed, and Kim said she is willing to help pay for the land tax. Jarret spoke up and agreed with her moving back since she is family and the Moihā ohana in Hana.

Kipahulu - Kim gave some historical information about the land and ownership. She mentioned that the Moihā ohana has more lands in the mountain area above the property. Kim also gave some information about the current status of the land and occupants. Complex ownership, multiple owners, and delinquent taxes were discussed.

Jarret stated the Kipahulu property was very complicated and wants to put his energy into the Waikalooa property. Jarret agreed to start working on Waikalooa's delinquent tax situation. Jarret felt Kim would need assistance in dealing with Denette and said he would help with that.

Kama would continue investigating Kipahulu for solutions.

Jarret would document the meeting and contact **James Kanekoa** to see if he had any plans going forward for the properties.

Our meeting ended around 5pm.