



## Minutes of NZSG Maori Interest Group

### Annual General Meeting 2015

### He Tangata Whenua Whakapapa Roopu

**Saturday 12 September 2015**

**3/16 Queen Mary Avenue, Epsom, Auckland**

**10:15am**

The Convenor, Owen Ormsby opened the meeting with a Mihi Whakatau and thanked those attending for giving of their time.

**Present:** Christine Liava'a # , Trevor Mosley #17460, Owen Ormsby #4583, Lorraine Rice #11020, Sue Slight #20214

**Apologies:** Brenda Joyce #13868, Bruce Mathers #6666, Barbara Melville #22314, Barbara Wyley #10677, Bev Heke #21783

#### **Minutes of the last AGM, held at Epsom, Auckland 29 June 2014.**

It was moved by Sue Slight, seconded by Lorraine Rice that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted. CARRIED

#### **Matters Arising**

Diane Wilson had commented on the NZSG Marriages CD lacking the details of Maori marriages. She had advised that while they have been transcribed, they have not been included on the CD and that NZSG Council were looking into a legal opinion on whether they could be included on the next update. The members present would like to know if any progress has been made on this and ask that the MIG Secretary follow this up with council.

Also questions regarding the 'lost' 1906 Maori roll – what is the progress on this as a possible project for our group to undertake.

#### **Convenor's Report**

Owen spoke to his report tabled at the meeting, he reinforced our group's commitment to actively maintain and protect the cultural practices of being tangata whenua and its relationship to whakapapa.

Owen also advised that Princess Tomairangi Paki, a sister to the Maori King Tuhetia has agreed to become the patron of the Maori Interest Group. In recognition of this, Owen intends to write to our new Patron, including a copy of our Whakapapa book and a list of our members so she will have some understanding of the mahi we engage in.

It was moved by Owen Ormsby, seconded by Sue Slight that the Convenor's report be accepted. CARRIED

### **Financial Report**

The Financial Report had been circulated via email prior to the meeting so all members had time to review it. The Treasurer, Brenda Joyce, had also noted on the report that for further information supporting the Financial Statement – members could refer to the MIG website [www.nzsgmig.com](http://www.nzsgmig.com)

Owen acknowledged our appreciation of our Treasurer's activities over the past year. Our credit balance has improved by over \$500 in the past financial year and is now at a healthy \$3806.93.

It was moved by Lorraine Rice, seconded by Owen Ormsby that the Financial Report be accepted.

CARRIED

### **Editor's & Webmaster's Report**

Bruce Mather's 2014-2015 report was tabled to the meeting – this being his 14<sup>th</sup> report since he took over the joint role. All members present expressed their continued appreciation for the work that Bruce does on our behalf and the professional website we have because of him. Thanks are also extended to Eddie Cowell for his continued sponsorship of both the website hosting and the renewal of our web address. Their contributions are greatly valued by all members.

It was moved by Lorraine Rice, seconded by Sue Slight that the Editor's & Webmaster's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

### **Election of Officers**

The meeting was advised that all current committee members were prepared to stand again. Christine Liava'a moved that the five current committee members be appointed for the 2015-2016 year. This was seconded by Sue Slight. All present voted in favour of the motion.

CARRIED

### **The MIG Committee for 2015-2016 year are listed as follows:**

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| • <b>Convenor</b>            | <b>Owen Ormsby</b>                               |
| • <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | <b>Brenda Joyce</b>                              |
| • <b>Webmaster/Editor</b>    | <b>Bruce Mathers</b>                             |
| • <b>Committee Members</b>   | <b>Celia Geary, Lorraine Rice, Trevor Mosley</b> |

### **General Business**

Owen advised that he had recently visited the Family Research Centre in Panmure to review some of the paper research material held in the MIG shelving area. He plans to organise a meeting at the FRC with other committee members to sort and categorise this material with a view to deleting obsolete items but also look into opportunities for publishing these items – perhaps online through our website.

Discussion around the future of our Interest Group continues to focus on how to keep the interest alive in our current members and also strive to bring new members and ideas to provide growth and strength.

NZSG Revised Rules – these were briefly discussed and the meeting was advised that these revised rules are available on the NZSG website for review by all members. It was noted that submissions from members is required by December 2015 and we are all encouraged to look at the proposed rules and provide feedback to Brenda Joyce before that time so that MIG can forward a one-view response to NZSG Council.

It was decided that the Maori Interest Group will hold their next AGM on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 during the NZSG AGM weekend at Baypark, Tauranga. Further details will be advised once they have been confirmed.

There was a brief discussion on NZSG Council's advice that the NZSG would be manning a stall at the 2016 Mystery Creek Fieldays. Once further details are known, members will be advised.

Owen spoke of his thoughts about how we present our group at Research and Open days. We have pull up banners advertising who we are that are predominately green and look fresh and inviting. He believes that it is time for us to have table cloths made that enhance that 'look' rather than the current Black, White, Red Maori motif cloths we tend to use. He has suggested that we should look to have Green cloths made – plain but with our group name and logo on them. Lorraine Rice has volunteered to look into this and report back to the committee with some options.

Lorraine Rice apologised to the members for the haste in which the meeting was held, but three members were attending a funeral at 11am in Papatoetoe and there was some urgency to ensuring they left on time.

Karakia Mutunga

Owen closed the meeting with a Karakia Mutunga.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:45am

***N.B. All AGM Minutes are considered summary and in draft format until ratified by the 2016 MIG AGM.***