



Minutes of NZSG Māori Interest Group Annual General Meeting 2016

Saturday 11 March 2017
NZSG Family Research Centre
159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland
10.00am

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

Present: Christine Liava'a #11163, Trevor Mosley #17460, Owen Ormsby #4583, Lorraine Rice #11020, Sue Slight #20214, Ruth Rye #15277, Don Hayward #14950, Jill Owler #26454 and Invited Guest – Chairperson of NZSG Board - Robyn Williams 7238

Apologies: Brenda Joyce #13868, Bruce Mathers #6666, Barbara Melville #22314, Barbara Wyley #10677, Bev Heke #21783, Celia Geary #5527, Robert Potter #2556, Lindsay Richards #4061

Motion: That the apologies be accepted
Moved: Lorraine Rice
Seconded: Sue Slight
CARRIED

Minutes of the last AGM, held at Epsom, Auckland 12 September 2015.

Unfortunately the minutes from the last AGM were not available due to the Secretary being unable to travel at the last minute. Both Ruth Rye and Owen Ormsby spoke to the meeting as to their memory of the last AGM. These details were noted in principle.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Convenor's Report

Owen spoke to his report tabled at the meeting, in particular covering the details around the MIG committee meeting held on 10 December 2016. Owen advised the meeting that our current Kaumatua, Sonny Rauwhero is unable to continue in this position due to declining health. Owen also advised that Princess Tomairangi Paki, who had agreed to become the patron of the Māori Interest Group has to relinquish the role in light of her health. Owen will continue to look for a suitable replacement for both positions.

Motion: That the Convenor's report be accepted. Moved: Owen Ormsby
Seconded: Ruth Rye
CARRIED

Financial Report

The Financial Report was tabled before the meeting. The Treasurer, Brenda Joyce, had noted on the report that this was an interim report covering the period from 1 Apr 2016 to 28 Feb 2017 and has not been independently reviewed. A financial report covering the full financial year 2016/2017 will be prepared after 31 Mar 2017 and will be independently reviewed.

Motion: That the Financial report be accepted. Moved: Lorraine Rice
Seconded: Sue Slight
CARRIED

There were some questions around actual membership – subscriptions in the report seemed to indicate only 10 paid members for the past year but there was a further 'Library' subscription. Members have requested that reporting of membership numbers and types be clarified in future financial reports – perhaps to the extent of listing Individual and Institutional memberships or subscriptions separately.

Election of Officers

Robyn Williams took the chair for the Election of Officers and called for nominations for officers as follows:

Convenor: Owen Ormsby Nominated by: Trevor Mosley
Seconded: Lorraine Rice
CARRIED

As nominations were called for Secretary/Treasurer, Robyn explained that it was no longer good practice to have a joint position and called for separate nominations for Secretary and Treasurer.

Secretary: Lorraine Rice Nominated by: Sue Slight
Seconded: Christine Liava'a
CARRIED

Treasurer: Brenda Joyce Nominated by: Lorraine Rice
Seconded: Owen Ormsby
CARRIED

Editor/Webmaster: Bruce Mathers Nominated by: Lorraine Rice
Seconded: Sue Slight
CARRIED

Nominations for Committee Members were as follows:

Trevor Mosley Nominated by: Lorraine Rice
Seconded: Sue Slight
CARRIED

Jill Owler

Nominated by: Sue Slight

Seconded: Trevor Mosley

CARRIED

Celia Geary

Nominated by: Lorraine Rice

Seconded: Sue Slight

CARRIED

Robyn Williams declared that the Māori Interest Group Committee for 2016-2017 year be as listed below:

Convenor	Owen Ormsby
Secretary	Lorraine Rice
Treasurer	Brenda Joyce
Webmaster/Editor	Bruce Mathers
Committee Members	Trevor Mosley, Jill Owler, Celia Geary

Proposal for Discussion from Brenda Joyce/Bruce Mathers – That the Māori Interest Group cease to be an Interest Group and become a Contact Group within the NZSG.

Robyn Williams was asked to speak to the meeting regarding the proposal. She expressed her concern if MIG were relinquish its Interest Group status to become a Contact Group. She believes it is important for the NZSG to retain the Māori Interest Group as a full Interest Group.

Robyn discussed some options for the issues around MIG's ability to gather a quorum for AGM's and other meetings. Skype is an option for up to 12 people and meetings could be held at the FRC with technical help available to set up Skype or a telephone conference could be an option for a larger group.

Owen spoke of his thoughts about our need to develop and grow the group or it would slowly die off. Robyn then explained that if we were to change to a Contact Group – there would be one Contact only – this one person could not hold funds and act in the same roles as the current committee structure. All assets and funds would have to be dispersed if the MIG were to devolve to a Contact only group. Trevor spoke of the similar issues facing the Scottish Interest Group. Further discussion was around whether Skype would work for AGM's and about Māori protocols of kanohi ki te kanohi for meetings of this nature.

Christine Liava'a was then invited to outline the operation of the Pacific Island Group – a contact only group under the umbrella of the NZSG. Christine has around 150 active members who communicate mostly via email. She has no website, no subscriptions and issues a newsletter each quarter which is emailed to members. Any assets that she holds are resources she has created herself. She used to operate a bank account for when she copied and mailed resources to members, now the bank account is closed and information can be emailed to enquirers. Christine advised that she doesn't have to hold AGM's so a meeting quorum is not an issue for her.

Christine expressed that her biggest concern is that of succession planning for when she wishes to step down from the role of contact for this group.

Jill Owler expressed her concerns about how the group could continue to raise its profile and wondered if there were opportunities to tap into other resources. Discussion was around strengthening links with the Māori Librarians within the Auckland Libraries, Owen then took this further to say there was a need to develop ties with Iwi and Hapu in our rohe. Don Hayward suggested we look to meeting with local Māori on their marae, Jill suggested we could hold Research days such as the Scottish and Irish Interest Groups do.

To aid a membership drive, Robyn suggested that we should only email the full Te Reo newsletter to [be] paid up members of MIG and that only a brief version be available to others to encourage them to subscribe for the full version.

After much discussion the following motion was put:

That the NZSG Māori Interest Group retains its current position as an Interest Group within the NZSG.

Moved: Owen Ormsby

Seconded: Jill Owler

For: 8

Against: 6 (postal votes)

CARRIED

Owen then announced that a Committee meeting would be held at the FRC, 159 Queens Road, Panmure on Saturday 8 Apr 2017 from 10am to 2pm for the purposes of planning our next steps in developing the Interest Group.

Other Business:

The following motion was put to the meeting:

That the Rules of the NZ Society of Genealogists dated Sep 2016 be adopted by the Māori Interest Group and all previous rules be rescinded.

Moved: Owen Ormsby

Seconded: Sue Slight

CARRIED

Trevor moved a vote of thanks be extended to Robyn Williams for giving up her time to assist the meeting. Owen then thanked Jill and Christine for their support also.

Karakia Mutunga

Owen closed the meeting with a Karakia.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.00 noon

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