



**NZSG Maori Interest Group
Annual General Meeting 2014**

He Tangata Whenua Whakapapa Roopu

Sunday 29th June 2014
3/16 Queen Mary Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, NZ
10.00am

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

Present: Owen ORMSBY #4583, Lorraine Rice #11020, Anne Newnham #23304, Diane Wilson # 4445 , Ruth Rye #15277, Sue Slight #20214

Apologies: Trevor Mosley #17460, Alan Tunnicliffe # 245, Brenda Joyce #13868, Bruce Mathers #6666, Celia Geary #13868, Bev Heke #21783, Rex Sinnott #4161, Graham Jones #14770, Don Hayward #14950, Barbara Scholes #11302

Minutes of the last AGM, held at Pukekohe Sunday 3rd June 2013.

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

Matters Arising

Nil

Convenor's Report

Owen spoke to his report – outlining his concerns over what the problems faced by the Maori Interest Group now and into the future. He spoke of his perception of poor communication from the NZSG Council, how to grow the membership and to develop desired outcomes for the Maori Interest Group (MIG).

During the following discussion, Anne asked Owen to outline the problems with council and he replied that sometimes communications from Council are not clearly stated to the MIG committee. As an example, he used the situation

discovered recently where copies of the MIG publication 'Whakapapa' were placed on the Trade Me website for sale by auction. Owen was concerned that the MIG committee had not been asked if this was an acceptable platform for sale of this book. Diane Wilson explained that all NZSG publications that are permitted to be sold to the general public – as opposed to for sale to NZSG members only – have been available for sale on Trade Me for the past three years. Ruth Rye advised that there was never any intent on behalf of the NZSG to offend or upset the members of the MIG and it was just another avenue to promote the research aids the NZSG has for sale.

Diane reiterated that the book was only listed for sale, none of the content was ever made available online – just the title and the price. Lorraine Rice spoke to the advantages of selling outside of the NZSG Genealogist magazine or the NZSG website. Discussion also covered the need to reach out to the missing – those aged between 30 and 50 years who are familiar with buying online but not familiar with the NZSG and its offering. Diane then asked Owen if he was prepared to go back to the MIG committee, explaining the reason why the book was offered for sale with a view to getting permission from the MIG committee to be able to sell the book online again. Owen agreed that he would do this in his next discussion with the MIG committee.

It was moved by Owen Ormsby, seconded by Anne Newnham 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

It was moved by Lorraine Rice, seconded by Sue Slight that the Financial Report be accepted. CARRIED

Election of Officers

The meeting was advised that all current committee members were prepared to stand again. Further nominations were called for and when none were forthcoming, Ruth Rye moved that the five current committee members be appointed for the 2014-2015 year. This was seconded by Anne Newnham. All present voted in favour of the motion. CARRIED

The MIG Committee for 2014-2015 year are listed as follows:

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

Twentieth Birthday – Maori Interest Group

Discussion on this item was carried over to General Business.

General Business

Diane Wilson spoke of a possible project that MIG may be interested in developing. When Anne Bromell produced her Electoral Rolls on microfiche, the 1906 Southern Maori Roll was thought to be lost. It has been found recently at The Alexander Turnbull Library. Diane suggests that the MIG committee talks to ATL to get permission to copy, transcribe or digitise this 'lost' Maori Roll as a suitable 20th Birthday project. Owen agrees to discuss this with his committee.

Maori Marriages – The current NZSG Marriages Index CD does not include the Maori Marriages for the period 1836 – 1956. Diane advised that they have been transcribed. These records were to be included in the next update of the Marriages Index CD but for the intervention of the Privacy Commissioner which restricts the publication of personal information about living people. Diane also advised that NZSG Council is looking at getting a legal opinion on whether under the more recent 2005 Act, the missing Maori Marriages will be allowed to be included in the next update.

Owen Ormsby advised the meeting that our Kaumatua, Sonny Rauwhero is in ill health and he is talking with Pukaki Marae about a suitable replacement. Owen also expressed his desire for us to find a patron for the Maori Interest Group – someone with sufficient standing and mana in Te Ao Maori that they would help in promoting the status of the Maori Interest Group.

To enable a discussion amongst MIG members 'kanohi a kanohi', regarding the 20th Birthday celebrations and other issues as stated above, Owen suggests the planning of a meeting to be held in early October 2014. Further details to be advised to members as they become available.

Karakia Mutunga

Owen closed the meeting with a Karakia Mutunga.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.10am