

**Minutes of Te Rongopai Marae Meeting
22nd February 2009, 10.35am**

Present: Pukepuke Peawini, Martin Baker Jnr, Albert Horsfall, Robyn Rauna, Wai Chambers, Norma Chambers, Robert Waihape, Teowaina Ihimaera, Lois Horsfall, Kuini Tupara, Matengaro Ruru, Frances Smiler-Edwards, Hirini Smiler

1. Uncle Pixie opened our hui with a karakia

Apologies: Bill Ruru, Josephine Smiler, Te Rangimarie Black
Moved Robyn/Martin

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 24th January 2009
Moved Albert/Wai

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bookings have been made at Whakato & Maori Battalion maraes in Manutuke for the centenary.

The logo has been finalized – copies presented at the meeting. Minor changes are to be made to the size of the marae in relation to the pipiwharau and the fanned feathers of the pipi to be accentuated.

Moved Albert/Pixie

That the logo be accepted as the Te Rongopai Marae logo.

CARRIED

Turanga Health wishes to hold their kaumatua day programme at Rongopai Marae on March 24th & 22nd September 2009. Bookings confirmed with Turanga Health. We will use this Hui to fundraise for the marae through catering for the programme - \$1k per Hui. Numbers mentioned as (200) kaumats per Hui. There was discussion about how we have been told not to over feed the kaumatua. We are not called Te Whanau A Kai for nothing. Planning underway with our menu for the hui on 24th March 2009.

4. Accounts for payment

Moved Albert/Pixie

That we ratify the accounts from the last meeting to this meeting for payment:

CARRIED

5. Centenary Planning & Discussion
Albert sourcing rolls of rolled pork.

To book Patutahi Domain for the hockey games and write a letter to the principal (Carmen Edwards) of Patutahi School to see if we could have our children swim at the school pool in return for a koha.

Documentary production was discussed. Ownership concerns were raised. Albert to talk at Wi Pere Trust meeting about it belonging to the marae as we already have an intellectual property agreement drafted (last year by Duncan & Cotterill Lawyers, Wellington) that we could use.

Whanau at the centenary to have kai duties allocated and rotated. It was agreed that this should be led by younger members of whanau and pakeke to supervise.

Norma talked about her idea of having a mass christening and blessings service on Sunday – an interdenominational faith service. A suggestion was made that a certificate and a gift of a bible could be presented to each child. It was agreed that we should find out what interest there would be in this through registrations collected. Following the christening and blessings service we would have a church service.

Robyn asked that the marae consider asking the Ringatu pou if we could have the ra at Rongopai on the 11th & 12th of January 2010 in the lead up to the centenary. Given the history of our house it was thought that this would be appropriate.

Moved Frances/Albert

That we ask the Ringatu pou if we can have the ra at Rongopai January 2010.

CARRIED

Robyn to ask Charlie Pera about the ra and the interdenominational church service.

Norma suggested that whanau could pitch their tents at Rongopai if they wanted to be based there.

It was agreed that we should have an end of September deadline for people to register for the reunion so we can finalized numbers.

Whanau A Kai Kapa Haka (Maxine Jones & Johnny Ingram) to be approached to help us with the powhiri. Waiata koroua written for Wi Pere to be sourced from Charlie Pera. Poi composed for Riria Mauaranui to be sourced from Dave Para and words for these including “The Call of Waituhi” to be uploaded on to the website for our whanau to learn. Videos will be prepared of people singing these and uploaded on to the site- for all to learn.

Robyn to ask Sharon Maynard for pages in the Pipiwharauoa for the January 2010 edition.

We will have a working bee clean up at the marae mid January 2010.

Moved Pixie/Martin

That we approve of a building project to get the back car park tar sealed and install a new colour steel fence; and

That we apply to the Lotteries Marae and Heritage fund for their support with this project.

CARRIED

6. Annual General Meeting

We set the date for the AGM as 10am Sunday 21st June 2009 at Rongopai Marae. Audited accounts to be ready.

7. General Business

For the honours board Pixie asked that we collect service people's achievements.

It was noted that the honours board won't fit under the bell tower. We wondered if we should look at installing it on the wall of the wharenui enclosed in glass. We discussed a number of other options. We plan to unveil the honours board at the centenary.

Next meeting is planned for Saturday 28th March 2009 at 10am.

Meeting ended with a karakia by Uncle Pixie at 12.10pm.



Pixie, Albert, Robyn, Hirini & Matengaro