

**Minutes of Te Rongopai Marae Meeting
24^h January 2009, 10am**

Present: Pixie Peawini, Bill Ruru, Martin Baker, Albert Horsfall, Robyn Rauna, Wai Chambers, Norma Chambers

1. Uncle Pixie opened our hui with a karakia

Apologies: Lynne Pere, Ray Farmer, Syd Smiler, Lois Horsfall, Jacqueline Haapu, Raylee Smiler, Titoki Black

Moved Albert/Bill

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 20th December 2008

Moved Pixie/Albert

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Accounts for payment

That we ratify the following accounts for payment:

- Power bill
- AG Plus
- Gisborne Herald
- Telecom
- Womald
- ADT
- Clare's Mower Service; and

Also make payment for:

- Contact Energy
- GDC – Rates for Awapuni 3
- Robyn Rauna – Reimbursement for purchase of goods for Lottery Community grant

Moved Albert/Wai

CARRIED

5. Update on Projects Underway

a. Honours Board

The names of returned service men and women so far collected were presented by Pixie. Names will need to be finalized by the end of February so we can meet Lotteries report deadline of July 2009. We agreed we should acknowledge Rere Tupara and Joe

Hoera Poaka on the board because as a result of their blessings and karakia they gave to hoia from Waituhi only one fatality (death) was suffered. Some 960 names have been identified so far. These will be put on to the Rongopai website (www.mahaki.com). We talked about enclosing the honours board in the bell tower and having a lockable cabinet beneath it for the flag.

b. Logo

Moved Pixie/Bill

That the logo as presented to the hui with the agreed changes and in the colours of red, white and black was accepted.

CARRIED

c. 110 Year Centenary-Reunion

The dates are 22nd – 25th January 2010.

Numbers to cater for: Between 500 and 600. To be confirmed closer to knowing registrations etc.

A marquee is to be hired and everything required in the marquee will need to be hired.

On Thursday we will erect the marquee. We should have Maori Warden presence. We asked that people update the whakapapa that we put online and also include their personal contact details. Robyn is to look at setting up a myheritage site for our whanau. The key benefit of doing this site will be that it will be all encompassing and inclusive of whanau members regardless of being Wi Pere Trust beneficiaries or not.

We are to book Whakato and Maori Battalion maraes in Manutuke for sleeping to cater for back flow. Kaumatua and those with babies should have sleeping priority at Rongopai. Depending on availability we should also look at booking Pakowhai Marae.

Photos – we will store photos that we collect in the kauta and will use it to set up photographic displays.

Allocation of Responsibilities:

Turanga Health – First Aid Kits, Barbeques, nurses

Paepae for powhiri – Uncle Pixie

Karakia – Boy Tuhou/John Pomana

Whanau A Kai Kapa Haka – Johnny Ingram & Maxine Jones

Photographer – to be appointed

Kitchen/Caterers/Store Ordering

Video/Media – we thought about streaming the hui online

Rubbish, toilets, cleaning/grounds, roading – Transit N.Z

Hireage of equipment – marquee, 2 x chillers, portaloos, skips

Programme for the kids – Patrick

Sourcing rolls of pork – Albert

Sound system – Russell Braithwaite

MC/Toastmaster – Rangiwaho, John Tamatea were preliminary suggestions

Suppliers:
Leaderbrand
Meat
Kai Moana
Eels

There was discussion that families should take turns to do all of the cooking except for the hakari.

The week before the hui we will need to get the septic at the marae emptied.

Blanche Walker to be approached to see if she would do the catering for the hakari on the Saturday and ask Lytton High School if they would do the waitressing etc.

We thought we should have a disco and a band but ask Sonya Nepe whanau member and local proprietor of Patutahi tavern if all alcohol consumption could be held at the pub.

We'll book buses to do hikoi and socializing.

For the church service on the Sunday we agreed that we should have mass christenings and blessings (for any age) led by the hahi ringatu but open to all denominational faiths.

We talked about having centenary t-shirts. Possible supplier Jimi Hills. These would have the Rongopai logo on it and perhaps the Wi Pere Trust logo on the sleeve. This could be a fundraising initiative for the marae.

We thought we should invite the Wi Pere Trust to give an update to our whanau on Trust progress as well in the centenary programme.

Another suggestion was to acknowledge successes within the whanau – individual achievements that we can collectively celebrate at the hakari.

We thought we should hold hockey games at the Patutahi Domain – under 35's vs over 35's and a golden oldies game honouring our love of the game of hockey.

It was decided that this is the first of a number of discussions we will have to plan the centenary. We will combine all future planning meetings with the regular meetings of the Rongopai Marae and that these meetings are open (as they have always been) to any member of our whanau to attend and contribute.

6. General Business

Pixie mentioned that Whanau A Kai will be holding a wananga shortly which Te Whare Wananga a Awanuiarangi are funding.

Meeting ended with a karakia by Uncle Pixie at 1pm.

