

**AMAHLUBI NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2004 AT  
PIETERMARITZBURG**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening prayer
2. Apologies
3. Introduction
4. Preview- minutes of the founding meeting of the committee (25/10/2003)
5. Elections of office bearers
- 6.1 Terms of reference
6. Parliament report back
7. Channeling of support to Amahlubi
8. Restitution by British
8. Clarify roles between Ndlunkulu internal matters and the committee
10. Involvement of chiefs in the process of revival of amaHlubi nation
12. Annual programme of action (re-enforcement of the committee)

Present were:

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Office bearers were elected as follows:

Chairperson-Temba (B.A.) Langalibalele  
Secretary-Chauke (M.M) Ngoma  
Treasurer-A.C.Salukazana  
Position identified still to be filled include

Vice Chairperson  
Vice Secretary  
Publicity Officer

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE  
-Revive AmaHlubi tribe and install their kingdom

- Research and consolidate all data related to amaHlubi tribe
- Reconstruction of amaHlubi tribe
- Development of amaHlubi tribe
- Ukubuyiselwa kwempahla nemihlaba yamaHlubi including imixhaka neminweba yamaHlubi aseNgilane (Restitution)
- Bhala ngokutsha imbali yamaHlubi
- Working committee of Ndlunkulu
- Unite amaHlubi nationally
- Ukuvuselelwa kwamasiko namagugu

Role of chiefs to the revival process of amaHlubi is open to their participation. Chiefs are free to delegate as soon as they deem it necessary.

## PARLIAMENT REPORT

In September 2003 a submission was drafted and presented to the National Parliament which was presented by Mr Tozama Zibi (Mt. Fletcher)

That was followed by an invitation by the portfolio committee to the Hlubi tribe to present their claim.

A delegation was then sent on 11/11/2003 where amaHlubi were well received.

They were advised to make a comprehensive submission to the minister of Provincial and Local Government.

Yunis Carrim visited the king at Escourt as a follow-up to the parliament visit.

A dispute resolution

Submit for the recognition of the amaHlubi tribe. The commission according to the act is scheduled to sit sometime in June 2004.

For the submission collect

-All relevant information, books, etc to support our claim

-Go to history archives for information

-Check people who know history of amaHlubi who can submit presentations to substantiate on the claim

-Check of organs of civil society that can support the claim e.g. Church, as Mehlomakhulu was brought to Herschel by Methodist church (Wesile)

-Identify amaHlubi chiefs and areas of Hlubis

-Contributions to the submissions must be submitted to Temba Langalibalele not later than **28/05/2004** and consolidated input to be circulated by **07/06/2004**.

People who have history of amaHlubi before 1818 are encouraged to identify individuals who can write and make presentations on our claim.

## CHANNELLING OF SUPPORT

Fund raising efforts must be centrally managed and distributed to all areas where amaHlubi live throughout the country. Any offers to the king, the king must consult with the committee as to how the offer should be utilized and distributed to benefit the entire tribe.

## RETRIBUTION OF HLUBIS BY THE BRITISH

Mr Temba Langalibalele met with the British high commissioner on 20/04/04 regarding restitution. She indicated that this matter could be handled legally between governments. She indicated that if they can honour this claim they will be opening a can of worms. She made an offer to assist in mobilizing funding for projects developments. British high commissioner argues that they spend lot of money through DFID for development.

Need of legal advise for the pursuance of our claim against BRITISH GOVERNMENT?

Consult Jubilee South Africa for guidance (legally) and Temba will persue the matter and we will be updated in the next meeting.

The HIV/AIDS initiative is acknowledged and the facilitator be invited next in the meeting.

It was also resolved that all the support be informed by the priorities as reflected by amaHlubi through the committee.

#### PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Land claim is universal to all Hlubis

-Annual programme document of consolidated history of amaHlubi where we read on one script.

-Vuselela amasiko amaHlubi

-Umkhosi Womhlanga

-Isiko lokwaluka

-Ulwimi lwamaHlubi

-Umgubho wengonyama uLangalibalele

(Amakhosi are expected to bring with them amaHlubi in their numbers)

-Strong media campaign to profile amaHlubi.

Mr Stunzi ka Ntsele has been tasked to draft a preliminary plan by **14/05/2004** and a comprehensive plan by **30/05/2004**

Programme of action be implemented throughout the country adopting a bottom-up approach.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ingonyama yamaHlubi will be holding imbizos starting from the Eastern Cape.

The aim is to raise Ingonyama profile as part of our campaign for revival of amaHlubi.

Mr Manzolwandle has been nominated to be an interim Media Liaison Person.

The chairperson thanked all present and commended all for attending the meeting and acknowledged the sacrifice people are making for attending these meetings.

All Hlubis have been encouraged to take responsibility in their respective places.

Next meeting will be on the 12/06/04 at Pietermaritzburg at 10hoo.

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#### **MEETING OF AMAHLUBI ON THE 12 JUNE 2004 @ P'MARITZBURG**

Meeting started at 10h35

1. Opening prayer
2. ✓Apologies/Absence
3. ✓Minutes and matters arising

4. ✓Elections
5. ✓Submission to commission
6. ✓Identify Amahlubi chiefs and areas of Hlubis
7. ✓P.O.A
8. ✓Report back & review of imbizo

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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Mr Mehlokhulu officially opened the meeting with a short prayer

#### **APOLOGIES/ ABSENCE**

The chairperson expressed regret to the absence of the two KZN representatives who were absent in the meeting.

Mr Welcome

Dr Madinga

Mr Stunzi ka Nsele absent

#### **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes were read and adopted by Mr N.F. Mehlokhulu and seconded by Mr Salukazana

Agenda will be based in the minutes of the last meeting

Agenda

#### **ELECTIONS**

Mr Mhle Mehlokhulu – Vice Chairperson

Mr Mzondeki Mehlokhulu - Vice Secretary

Mr Manzolwandle Hadebe - Publicity Officer

Mr Saba Mbixane – Assistant Publicity Officer

#### **REPORT BACK & REVIEW OF IMBIZO**

On the 27 May 2004, Ingonyama yamaHlubi attended imbizo with amaHlubi Chiefs at Umtata as part of raising the profile of amaHlubi as well as the profile of Ingonyama. The meeting was poorly attended. 90% of attendants were from Matatiele and Qumbu. Ingonyama urged the Hlubis to attend the meetings in their numbers and suggested that a fund to assist in the process of be established. The chairperson enquired whether chiefs were informed of the imbizo, it transpired that chiefs were notified but unfortunately transport was a limitation to most chiefs. In the meeting it was decided that a Royal Committee be established and members were elected.

It was agreed that Mr Salukazana submits a proposal for funding options for the process of revival of the Hlubi Nation

#### **PROGRAM OF ACTION**

It transpired that the person who was tasked to develop the programme of action did not submit it in both instances (14 & 30/ 05/ 04).

It was suggested that the Secretary and the Vice-Secretary be tasked to develop a **draft programme of action** to be submitted in the next meeting. The draft P.O.A. will be circulated on the 12 July 2004, all Hlubis are urged to comment and respond back to the authors.

The chairperson emphasized that all those who are tasked to do assignments be committed and meet their commitments.

### **SUBMISSION TO COMMISSION**

All members of amaHlubi were expected to submit info to Mr Temba Langalibalele by 28/05/2004, of which no one submitted any information in that regard. This is the most important part of the revival of this nation. If we fail now, future generations will justifiably blame us for failing their nation.

All information present was tabled;

- Brief history of amaHlubi by Mzondeki Mehlomakhulu (hand-written four pages)
- Extracts of the minutes of the meeting held Magistrate Office at Sterkspruit 23 October 1996 (Regarding Mt Frere, Qumbu, Matatiele & part of Maclear in connection with Mehlomakhulu land)
- Book Iziduko zamahlubi by H.M. Ndawo
- Photo copy of book Rev A.T. Bryant: Olden times in Zulu and Natal
- Thesis: The Hlubi and Ngwe in colonial society by Andrew Manson
- Extract from book Annals of Natal
- Proclamation dated 18 November 1873: Declares Marshall Law & Outlaws amaHlubi (tribe seize to exist)
- Amanqakwana ngezizwe zasembo: K.K. Ncwana kaNgobizembe
- The Hlubi Chiefdom in Zululand Natal: John Wright and Andrew Manson
- Hand written "Ibali le sizwe samaHlubi" by Rev. R. Mantshongo
- Ibali lamaHlubi: Henry Masilo Ndawo
- The history of amaHlubi Tribe and Izibongo: By Selbi Bunging Radebe
- Map from Oxford History of South Africa: Wilson & Thompson
- Map from the book by Rev A.T. Bryant

Mr Chauke Ngoma thanked all those who submitted information with special reference to the sterling work done by the chairperson, Mr Temba Langalibalele.

**Outstanding: Individuals are required for the oral submission. Mr Salukazana promised that he will contact "udadobawo" and will update the chairperson. Mr Z.J. Radebe proposed that a media announcement be made calling all those who know the history of amaHlubi and prepared to make oral submission to the Commission. It was agreed that contact persons be arranged per regions to promote accessibility.**

### **IDENTIFY AMAHLUBI CHIEFS AND AREAS OF HLUBIS**

List of chiefs of amaHlubi should be consolidated so that we can have a database of all chiefs as well as headman as long as they are registered as chiefs.

Chief Freshman Mehlomakhulu is going to submit the list of chiefs to the Secretary by 16 June 2004.

It has been resolved that Mr Temba Langalibalele and Mr Manzolwandle Hadebe will facilitate a radio slot at Ukhozi FM.

### **AMAHLUBI DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

It was resolved that a development trust be registered so that it can take care of all development responsibilities of the Hlubi Tribe.

The Chairperson also reminded the meeting that all Provinces have a responsibility to develop Provincial Constitutions for traditional leadership.

The Committee must be vigilant about the Constitution of KZN traditional leadership so that the interests of the Hlubi nation cannot be undermined.

He also emphasized that we must be vigilant in all matters related to culture.

Next Meeting 25 September 2004, P'maritzburg, 10h00.

**Addendum:** Subsequent to the above meeting, the Secretary was advised by the Chairperson that Ingonyama has nominated Judge Rampayi from Bloemfontein to serve in the Royal Committee and he will also assist in editing the submission of the Hlubi Nation to Parliament.

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Approved by:

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**CHAUKE NGOMA**  
**SECRETARY CHAIRPERSON**

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**B.A. LANGALIBALELE**