

# AGM 1979

## NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) AND THE CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES HELD IN THE CANTERBURY ROOM, RUSSELY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 25TH and 26TH JULY 1979 COMMENCING AT 9.30A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 25TH JULY 1979

**PRESENT:** The President Mr M. G. Stuckey (In Chair), the Executive Committee members Messrs P. Marshall, W. Clissold, M. Cloake I. Dickinson and P. Berry, approximately 75 members of the Association including delegates from fourteen Branches.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Messrs P. Berry, Chairman and Mr C. Wicht, General Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority, Messrs G. Walton P. Clinch and D. Hayman, M.A.F., Mr T. Walton, Editor of Beekeeper and the Executive Secretary, G.A. Beard. There were also present other visitors as well as representatives of T.V. and the Press.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The President invited Conference to stand while he read the opening prayer.

**ADDRESS AND WELCOME TO WAIMAIRI COUNTY:** Mr D. B. Rich, Chairman of the Waimairi County and Cr. Hazel Tait attended Conference at this stage to welcome members and delegates to Christchurch.

Mr Rich in his address extended a warm welcome to all attending Conference and said the Waimairi County had a population of some 70,000. The Christchurch area had much to offer visitors and he hoped members present would take in at least some of the sights Canterbury had to offer. The district was also well endowed with Parks and gardens. Also the County had been extremely progressive in dealing with pollution, it had had fluoridation for 15 years and it had some 10 per cent of its area in public reserves.

The County was pleased to welcome the Conference and in conclusion Mr Rich wished all good business sessions and a pleasant stay in Christchurch.

**PRESENTATION OF TREE:** The President then presented a South Island Rata tree to Cr. Hazel Tait and in doing so referred to the long tradition the Association had followed in presenting a flowering tree to the host County, Borough or City.

Mr President then asked Cr Tait to accept the tree as a mark of the Association's pleasure of having its conference in Waimairi County in 1979.

Cr Tait in accepting the tree for local planting thanked the Association for its thought and said she was sure the Rata would do well in the district.

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:** The President, Mr M. G. Stuckey then presented his address. The President in his address emphasised the need to look to the future - he was confident the industry had a bright future. Honeydew honey and comb honey producers had taken the initiative in marketing overseas their products. Generally it seemed the industry had two courses it could follow - advance with the changing market demands or go under. It was desirable and necessary that the industry look at itself and work out solutions. If changes were proposed it could be valuable to seek producer opinion by poll. It was essential too for all in the industry to work together for the best result. The ultimate goal will bring change and it is for honey producers to be the authors of the change.

In conclusion the President thanked members, the members of the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary and his staff for the help they had given him during the year. To the two retiring members of the Executive - Messrs I. J. Dickinson and Percy Berry he expressed a real vote of thanks from all the members - both had been President and both had served their Association well.

**ADDRESS BY UNDER-SECRETARY TO THE HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MR R. L. G. TALBOT:**

The President welcomed Mr Talbot to the Conference and invited him to address the members and delegates.

Mr Talbot in his address referred to record honey production in 1978 and said this in part reflected the increased number of hives being worked. Mr Talbot then referred to the position of finance for the industry and the stage that had been reached when some crunch decisions had to be taken. The H. M. A. election system had caused concern and proposals for change had been submitted to the Conference.

It would seem that if stabilisation was to continue then it appeared as though the H. M. A. had to take full control of exports or a production levy had to operate. It appeared that the H. M. A. working capital needs were in the vicinity of one and a half million dollars. The Minister of Finance was anxious that the Authority's dependence on accommodation be reduced. It would seem that if a levy was not favoured then the requirement must come from the 2000 tonnes of intake - around 5 cents a kg. A clear indication of industry wishes was necessary.

Mr Talbot referred again to the voting entitlement and emphasised that a change appeared desirable. Other matters referred to included Honeydew honey potential, comb honey exports.

Mr Talbot concluded his address by asking members to put aside sectional viewpoints and work for common goals and objectives and he then officially opened the Conference. The address was received with acclamation.

The President thanked Mr Talbot and a short question and answer session was held.

Morning tea was then taken.

**PRESENTATION OF PHOTO OF MARY ANNA BUMBY TO CANTERBURY MUSEUM.**

On behalf of the Bumby family a great grandson of Anna Bumby, Mr R. E. Overton of Scargill, spoke of Miss Bumby's association with bees in the early days of Canterbury settlement - Miss Bumby had brought bees to New Zealand. The family, said Mr Overton were very happy that the Canterbury Museum would accept the picture of Miss Bumby and also that the presentation should take place at the 1979 Beekeepers Conference.

The picture was then presented to Mr Anthony Savill of the Museum who thanked Mr Overton very sincerely for the gift; he assured all that it would have a cherished place in the Canterbury Museum collection.

**ADDRESS BY MR PERCY BERRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:**

Mr Berry in opening his remarks thanked the Association for its invitation to present the H. M. A. report. Mr Berry first referred to the membership of the Authority - there were four producer members of whom three were not suppliers. Mr Berry said he had been

chairman since last October. The principal problem had been getting adequate finance to operate; the Government attitude had been hard and it was aimed at getting the Base Price lowered.

The attitude since July 1978 had made for difficulty and the maintenance of a stabilising role for the industry was very difficult. The Authority should not give in to some of the demands made upon it.

Mr Berry pointed out that the Authority was still able to pay 85 cents a kg.

For many years the Authority had been placed under pressure by Government through the Reserve Bank. However an additional source of finance had become available. The bulk of the stocks from last year's high production and intake had been cleared and accordingly the Authority was now in a stronger position.

Mr Berry pointed out that the honey surplus was in the southern areas of the South Island and that this posed marketing problems. Some suppliers in the South Island felt that the centre of Authority activity should be at Pleasant Point. This would have to deal with around a 1500 tonne intake.

The election of producer members does not make for rapid changes in operational policy and changes should be orderly. The bringing together of more producers with a marketing knowledge: all representatives are men of integrity even though this is sometimes questioned.

The facts and figures show conclusively that things have changed for the better. Despite this however it is becoming increasingly clear that the bitterness in the politics of a small disruptive element in our industry is the greatest retarding factor both in its economy and in its ability to achieve harmony.

Mr Berry concluded his address by emphasising the need for every member and every Branch to see that they get something better - much better. Ten months ago the industry had entrusted to him a tough assignment and to date much progress had been made.

The address was received with acclamation.

The discussion on the matters marketing arising from both the President's address and the address given by Mr Berry were deferred to a time near to 2 p. m.

**APOLOGIES:** The following apologies were recorded and sustained - Messrs W. Ward, T. Roberts, Jasper Bray, F. Broadley, K. Henderson and C. Bird.

**OBITUARIES:** The following obituaries were made known to Conference - the late Messrs Allan Bates, Herman Van Puffelen, Laurie Griffen and Clarrie Hill.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** The President indicated that the Executive Committee had unanimously resolved to recommend that Mr Chris Dawson the retiring Librarian be so honoured by the Association. The President then called upon Mr Mervyn Cloake to move the motion.

Mr Cloake in moving the resolution said many members would acknowledge with gratitude the work Mr Chris Dawson had rendered the industry in his capacity of Librarian. The services Mr Dawson had performed for the industry had extended to talks as well as the library - members were indebted to him. Mr Cloake said he would like Mr Dawson to know that the Association and its members valued his contribution to beekeeping - he was a worthy recipient of the highest honour the Association could convey - Life Membership.

Other members then spoke in support of the resolution which read:

"THAT MR CHRIS DAWSON BE ELECTED A LIFE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)"

The motion was then put and carried by acclamation.

The President then presented Mr Dawson with a Life Membership Certificate.

Mr Dawson in responding thanked the President and members most sincerely for the honour the Association has bestowed upon him - the thought was very greatly appreciated.

LIBRARY REPORT: Mr Dawson then presented the report of the Library Committee. During the course of the report Mr Dawson made reference to the early decision to set up a library and read a list of those who had lent their support at that time.

The cassette tape library is being established and Mr Dawson indicated that he would continue to do the work involved in the meantime.

Mr Dawson then introduced his successor Mr M. J. Heineman of Milton who had accepted the position of Association Librarian.

The Library Report was duly received.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD - Mr P. Marshall.

Mr Marshall reported on his association with the work of the Chemicals Board and advised that the adoption of the new Pesticides Bill would bring changes. The pleasing point was that the Association would retain its member. Mr Marshall also made the point that he felt the Association should not change its representative for a period, and especially during the initial period of the new Board.

A short question and answer period followed and it was resolved that Mr Marshall's report be received with thanks.

TIMEKEEPER: Resolved

"THAT MR TONY SCOTT BE TIMEKEEPER."

SCRUTINEERS: Resolved

"THAT MESSRS P. CLINCH AND G. WALTON BE THE SCRUTINEERS."

SPEAKING TIMES: Resolved

"THAT THESE BE AS PER AGENDA."

TAPE RECORDER: Resolved

"THAT TAPE RECORDERS BE PERMITTED."

MINUTES OF 1978 CONFERENCE: The Conference resolved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1978 CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE BUSINESS OF THAT CONFERENCE."

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE: The list of Branch Delegates was read and noted.

MARKETING DISCUSSION BY ANNUAL MEETING:

Before taking general questions from the Conference floor on his or Mr Berry's address the President tabled the following notices of motion relative to marketing:

1) EX WAIKATO BRANCH

"That an Industry group undertake a feasibility study on the introduction of a producer organisation to handle the New Zealand Honey crop currently under H.M.A. control and that the Honey Producers be given opportunity to evaluate the study and take effective action without delay."

2) EX SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

"That this Conference recommend that an urgent indepth study be made by experts on behalf of the National Beekeepers Association on the advantages and disadvantages of turning the H.M.A into

- a) A regional co-operative and/or
- b) A non statutory Board similar to the present H.M.A. and/or
- c) A Private Company."

3) EX BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

"That the National Beekeepers Association employ an independent accountant and/or business consultant to analyse the H.M.A. to produce a new financial situation so that the H.M.A. can be a viable stabilising influence on New Zealand Honey Marketing."

The President then invited discussion on material raised in either the addresses or in the notices of motion.

A lengthy debate ensued and the following two questions were then discussed as resolutions from the Chair.

- 1) "THAT THIS CONFERENCE SUPPORT SOME FORM OF MINIMUM CONTROL ON HONEY MARKETING."

This proposal when put to the vote was carried heavily - only 2 votes were recorded against.

- 2) "THAT A STABILISATION FUND BASED ON HONEY EXPORTS BE SUPPORTED."

This proposal when put was heavily opposed.

The meeting then went on to consider a further proposal which read as under

"THAT IN THE COMING YEAR THE SITUATION BE THAT THE H.M.A. BE MORE SELECTIVE IN ITS ACCEPTANCE OF HONEY AND THAT H.M.A. BE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT DIFFICULT HONEY."

This proposal when put was carried.

The President said he felt the position was becoming more clear and he felt the Conference should provide answers to the following four points. (Minute Note. a free discussion ensued and the subject matters were fully covered.)

The four questions were detailed as under:-

POINT NO. 1: "That the H.M.A. have the sole right to export."  
This when put was lost.

POINT NO. 2: "That there be imposed a levy on the production of extracted honey."  
This when put was declared lost.

POINT NO. 3: "That a levy on hives of around 70/75 cents be imposed."  
This when put was declared lost.

POINT NO. 4: "That a Hive Levy in support of the establishment of a Capital Fund to be held in the Producer's own name and be returnable to producers on the cessation of beekeeping."

On being put a vote of 31 for and 32 against was recorded.

THURSDAY 26TH JULY, 9 A.M.

The President adjourned the Annual Meeting and declared the "Conference of Delegates" in session.

(Minute Note: The remits are presented in order from No. 1 but they were not necessarily taken in that order.

REMIT NO. 1 - NELSON: The remit read:

"That N.B.A. approach Standards Association of N.Z. to replace their existing model standard bylaw concerning the keeping of bees in built-up areas with one that does not require licensing of apiary sites by local authorities but simply gives them power to deal with nuisances on the basis of specific sustained written complaints."

Moved Messrs Ellis/Boskett and carried 12 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 2 - STH WESTERN DISTRICTS: The remit read:

"That this Conference strongly urge the Rural Bank advance money on beehives as security."

Moved Messrs Rowe/Bromell and after full discussion was put and carried 9 votes to 5.

REMIT NO. 3 - WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That the full return air travel and accommodation (including meals) expenses to Conference of one delegate from each Branch attending be paid by Executive."

Moved pro forma Mr H. Cloake and seconded Mr Russell Berry.

An amendment was moved to confine the proposal to air fares only but this was lost.

The motion on being put was also lost.

REMIT NO. 4 - MR R. DAVIDSON: The remit read

"That it is recommended that all Branches of the National Beekeepers Association hold Branch Meetings at least one month after each national Executive meeting."

Moved Mr Bartrum on behalf of Mr Davidson seconded Mr H. Cloake.

The motion when put was declared lost by 8 votes to 6.

REMIT NO. 5 - NORTH OTAGO: The remit read

"That Conference give consideration to the Executive being replaced by a Board, consisting of one delegate from each Branch meeting in a central area, as required - meetings to consist of one day only.

Moved Messrs Winslade/O'Neill and lost 11 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 6 - NELSON: The remit read

"That N. B. A. Branches approach local bodies with a request that they encourage the planting of nectar and pollen producing trees in their areas."

Moved Messrs Ellis/Bushby and carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 7 - HAWKES BAY: The remit read

"That Conference requests the date for Hive Levy payment be changed from 20 February to 20 April and the penalty date be amended from 31 March to 31 May. "

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Leadley and lost 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 8 - CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That this Conference request the Executive Committee to vary its instruction in regard to the voting for candidates to the national Executive to enable a person to vote for any number of candidates up to the number required for the position. "

Moved Messrs Penrose/Jeffrey and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 9 - NELSON: The remit as amended read

"That the N. B. A. issue guidelines to Commercial Apiarists for a schedule of wages and conditions applying in the industry. "

Moved Messrs Boskett/Bennett and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 10 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the M. A. F. make enquiries into the availability of a suitable material that beekeepers could use themselves for resurfacing the inside of 44 gallon honey drums, extractors and tanks. "

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Rowe and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 11 - OTAGO: The remit read

"That Conference express its strongest disapproval at the way legislation affecting beekeepers was processed through Parliament. "

Moved Messrs Dickinson/K. Berry and carried 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 12 - SOUTHLAND: The remit read

"That this Conference strongly object to the Base Price being kept at 81 cents by the Minister of Agriculture for the 1978/79 season. In view of across the board increase each year honey prices must be reviewed upwards each year to keep beekeeping viable. "

Moved Messrs Booth/Bartrum and carried 10 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 13 - STH CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That the H. M. A. provide more information to the industry regarding present and future policies and especially regarding its present financial position.

Moved Messrs M. Cloake/Bushby

This remit was discussed in some detail and members expressed concern that the information given Hive Levy members was not adequate. In reply the Authority Chairman, Mr P. Berry outlined the policy followed and emphasised that he felt the information supplied was adequate.

However other members including Mr I. J. Dickinson expressed contra views and on the remit being put it was carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 14 - STH CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That all-weather storage facilities be provided for all honey containers at Pleasant Point and Hornby."

Moved Messrs Bartrum/M. Cloake and lost 7 votes to 4.

REMIT NO. 15 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. be approached and requested to send out an acknowledgement of the receipt of consignments of honey from suppliers and at the same time give some indication as to when the grading certificate and first payment can be expected."

Moved Messrs Bennett/Mitchell and on being put the voting recorded was 6 votes in favour and 6 votes against.

REMIT NO. 16 - STH CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. investigate the use of bulk tanks for the transport and storage of honey."

Moved Messrs M. Cloake/Bartrum and carried 7 votes to 6.

REMIT NO. 17 - HAWKES BAY: The remit as amended read

"That Conference reaffirms its 1978 remit which urged the H.M.A. to use its best endeavours to maximise exports of New Zealand honey and that the General Manager be sent overseas to examine marketing opportunities more frequently."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Marshall.

The Conference considered amendments to the original remit; the amendment advanced by Mr Jeffrey was accepted and when the amended remit was put to the Conference it was carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 18 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. price-fixing formula for its retail packaging be submitted to the industry for evaluation."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Robinson and lost 9 votes to 5.

REMIT NO. 19 - HAWKES BAY: The remit read

"That Conference requests the Honey Marketing Authority to use their maximum effort to increase the percentage of packed honey sold on the export market in relation to bulk honey sold on that market."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Marshall and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 20 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. be charged with the responsibility of gradually building its reserves to a level which enables the Authority to make prompt advance payments to producers once the honey is received into store."

By leave of Conference this Remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 21 - STH WESTERN DISTRICTS: The remit read

"That the H.M.A. pay all reasonable freight costs of honey supplied to them by their suppliers."

Moved Messrs Rowe/Bromell and lost 10 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 22 - HAWKES BAY:

The remit read

"That Conference believes it would be in the best interests of our export marketing if the Government Representative on the H.M.A. was an officer from the Department of Trade and Industry and one who has overseas experience with New Zealand Embassies, particularly those in countries which appear to be our best potential honey markets."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Marshall and lost 8 votes to 5.

REMIT NO. 23 - WAIKATO:

The remit read

"That the details of exported honey by private packers or suppliers which are provided for processing by the H.M.A. do not include such information as would disclose the name of the buyer or their representative nor information which could lead to their identification."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Robinson and carried 8 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 24 - WAIKATO:

The remit read

"That Conference express its support of the principle of the private exporting of retail packed lines."

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Morris and carried 11 votes to one.

By consent of Conference it was agreed to take Remit No. 28 ahead of Remits 25 to 27.

REMIT NO. 28 - SOUTHLAND:

The remit read

"That voting be changed to one vote per each hundred hives or part thereof with a maximum of twelve votes for twelve hundred hives or over."

The remit was moved Messrs Booth/Cilssold.

In the ensuing discussion on the remit Mr P. Berry pointed out that a change in H.M.A. voting would also vary the voting entitlement for Association elections.

A Poll vote was called and resulted in the remit being carried by 2745 votes to 2073 votes.

REMIT NO. 25 - CANTERBURY:

The remit read

"That there be no change in the present constitution and voting system of the Honey Marketing Authority."

Canterbury sought leave to withdraw the remit but this course was not agreed to.

The remit was moved Messrs Ian Berry/Bushby and on a Poll vote was lost 3140 votes to 1720 votes.

REMIT NO. 26 - HAWKES BAY:

The remit read

"That Conference is opposed to the proposed change in the present system of allocating votes for the H.M.A. elections and requests the present system of allocation be retained."

This remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 27 - WAIKATO:

The remit read

"That this Conference is opposed to any suggested Rule changes in voting at the N.B.A. and H.M.A. elections."

This remit was moved Messrs Jansen/Bushby and on a Poll vote was lost by 2917 votes to 1941 votes.

REMIT NO. 29 - SOUTHLAND: The remit read

"That the membership of the H. M. A. Board be increased by one from four to five members and that the fifth member be a major supplier to the H. M. A. "

Moved Messrs Booth/Bartrum and on a Poll vote was lost 3278 votes to 1477 votes.

REMIT NO. 30 - NORTH OTAGO: The remit read

"That the N. B. A. request the M. A. F. to provide the industry with detailed information on honey extraction plants, suitable for handling honey which will meet with the entry requirements of importing countries. "

Moved Messrs Winslade/O'Neill and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 31 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read

"That in view of the apparent increase in the incidence of Bacillus Larvae more stringent rules be laid down to restrict the movement of bees from disease prone areas into other areas. "

Moved Messrs Bennett/R. Berry and lost 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 32 - CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be requested to appoint Apiary Instructors for the purpose of disease control. "

Note to Remit: Typical of many facets of Government service, much of the present Apiary instructor's time is involved with the dealings of other branches of the public service such as Rural Banking etc. leaving very little time for the original purpose of the Apiary instructor which was disease control and instruction to the beekeeper. With higher hive concentrations as well as greater hive movement, disease control is becoming more important not only for hobbyist apiarists but also commercial apiarists. It is essential that substantial numbers of hives are inspected systematically to ensure that beekeepers are in fact carrying out their obligations in respect of disease. The part-time system although filling a need does not in fact do enough especially in the commercial field where disease can be spread quickly and over a wide area. It has now become very urgent where extremely high hive concentrations are found on honeydew with serious robbing problems at certain times of the year.

Moved Messrs Jeffrey/Bartrum and carried 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 33 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit as amended read

"That Conference urges that the penalties for the unauthorised importation of queen bees be \$1000 per queen bee cell and also that substantial publicity be given to the need for this safeguard. "

(Remit Note: This Branch feels that a \$200 fine for the importation of queens is totally inadequate as a penalty. "

Moved Messrs Bennett/Robinson and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 34 - WAIKATO: The remit as amended read

"That Conference request M. A. F. to collect information on world mechanisation in the beekeeping industry and make it available to the N. Z. Beekeeper for publication. "

Moved Messrs Mitchell/Russell and lost 6 votes to 4.

REMIT NO. 35 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit as amended read

"That the importation of pollen and all other known bee disease carrying apiculture products in the broadest sense be prohibited. "

The amended remit was moved by Messrs Mitchell/Ellis.

"It was pointed out and noted that the objective was to try and achieve a blanket prohibition. It was noted that under existing regulations only the Minister had a discretion."

The remit was carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 36 - WAIKATO: The remit read

"That the question of honey house effluent be made a subject of a seminar by M. A. F. to be held prior to a Conference."

The remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 37 - MR E. S. ADAMSON: The remit read

"The N. B. A. recommend and assist the N. Z. Nurserymen's Association to produce two bulletins of Trees and Shrubs for Bees in the Spring. Also N. Z. N. A. tell N. B. A. Branches what is available where."

Moved Messrs Adamson/Dickinson and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 38 - CANTERBURY: The remit read

"That Conference re-affirm its policy that the Association retain its membership on the Agricultural Chemicals Board."

Moved Messrs Penrose/Clissold and carried 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 39 - OTAGO: The remit read

"That in view of the general concern at the continued use of 245T the Government place a total ban on its use without waiting for any further reports."

Moved Messrs Scrivener/Heineman.

At the request of the Chair Mr P. Marshall outlined the attitude of the Agricultural Chemicals Board on the matter and the action taken by the Board to check the matter out.

The general debate on the remit was taken in Committee.

On resuming open meeting the remit was put and lost 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 40 - NELSON: The remit read

"That N. B. A. approach territorial Local Body Councils with by-laws restricting beekeeping pointing out the benefits of bees in their area and requesting that administration fees be abolished."

Moved Messrs Ellis/Boskett and carried by 7 votes to 6.

REMIT NO. 41 - MR C. W. FOOTE: The remit read

"That an invitation be made to other beekeeping organisations to form a committee with N. B. A. members to submit proposals to the Minister of Health with a view to having amendments made to the new Health Department Regulations."

Moved Messrs Scrivener/Heineman and lost by 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 42 - HAWKES BAY: The remit as amended read

"That Conference endorse the action of the Forest Service in selective logging in some areas as against clear felling."

Moved Messrs Ian Berry/Leadley and carried 11 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 43 - BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read

"That the expenses incurred in the upgrading of honey houses be 100% tax deductible in the year in which the upgrading takes place."

The remit was moved Messrs Bennett/Robinson and by mutual consent was referred to the Executive Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION - EX BAY OF PLENTY: 1980 Conference

Mr Bennett moved and Mr Robinson seconded

"That the offer of the Bay of Plenty Branch to host the 1980 Conference in Tauranga be accepted."

Carried 14 votes to nil.

REPORTS: Special Report Papers were tabled by

a) Mr G. Walton - M.A.F. Advisory Officer Apiculture.

b) Mr P. Clinch - Research Officer, Wallaceville.

In both cases the papers were available the day before.

Mr Walton spoke to his report and referred in particular to seminars and staff organisation.

Mr Walton then answered questions from Conference.

Mr P. Clinch outlined in greater detail the research work programme presently being followed and replied to a number of questions put by members.

Both officers received a vote of thanks.

REPORT BY MR P. MARSHALL: Association's representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

Mr Marshall reviewed the work of the Board over the past year and then dealt in detail with the new body that would replace the Agricultural Chemicals Board early in 1980. It was pleasing that the Association had retained its membership on the new Pesticides Board.

Mr Marshall answered questions from members.

CLOSURE OF DELEGATES CONFERENCE

The President advised that the business of the Delegates Conference had been concluded and the Annual Meeting of the Association would resume.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF ASSOCIATION FOR 1978:

The report was tabled and it was moved

"That the 1978 Annual Report of the Association as tabled be received."

Clissold/Robinson

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Moved

"That Mr N. Ryder-Lewis be re-appointed Auditor to the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand (Inc.)"

Robinson/Bushby

Carried

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR  
ENSUING YEAR:

As the result of a Poll Mr P. Marshall was duly declared President for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

As the result of a Poll Mr M. G. Stuckey was duly elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1) VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST BRANCH - CANTERBURY:

Mr Mervyn Cloake on behalf of Conference extended to the President, Secretary and members of the Canterbury Branch the deep appreciation and thanks of members for the excellent Conference arrangements made for them. The fact that there had been no hitches in arrangements indicated the good planning that had gone into the organisation of all the affairs associated with Conference.

Members joined with Mr Cloake in carrying a motion of thanks by acclamation.

2) VOTE OF THANKS TO MR STUCKEY:

A vote of thanks to Mr Stuckey was moved and reference was made to Mr Stuckey's competence as Chairman in handling a difficult programme of Conference business so ably. The Conference carried the motion by acclamation.

3) BALLOT PAPERS: Resolved

"That the Executive Secretary be authorised to destroy all ballot papers.

CONFERENCE CONCLUSION:

There being no further business the President declared Conference closed at 6.10 p.m.

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Signed

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## NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) HELD AT THE RUSSLEY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY THE 26TH JULY 1979 COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

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PRESENT: The President Mr M.G. Stuckey in chair and approximately 90 members and delegates representing all fourteen branches

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The President referred to the circulated papers in support of the Special Meeting which were designed to put forward two changes of the Rules of the Association namely

- 1) To allow members who attended Branch remit meetings to carry forward to Conference their own votes, and allocate them to the Branch delegate at Conference - Reference Rules 17(f) and 24(f)
- 2) To provide for an alteration to members voting entitlement in respect of the election of members to the Executive Committee - Reference Rule 14(e).

Mr P. Marshall then moved, seconded by Mr M. Cloake

- 1) (a) "THAT RULE 17(f) BE AMENDED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING

- 1) In the event of a Poll, each Delegate shall be entitled to cast:
  - i) the number of votes cast on the question when it was voted on by that Delegate's Branch; plus
  - ii) those votes which members make available to him in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iii); plus
  - iii) those votes withheld by members in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iv), provided that no such votes may be cast in respect of a member who is not personally present at the Conference.
- 2) In exercising his voting rights on a poll, a Delegate:
  - i) shall record for and against the remit the number of affirmative and negative votes cast when his Branch voted upon it; and
  - ii) may exercise as he thinks fit any additional votes made available to him in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iii); and
  - iii) shall exercise votes withheld by members in accordance with Rule 24(f)(iv) in accordance with directions given to him at the time of the poll by the members concerned personally.

- 3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Delegate may in his discretion and after giving consideration to all matters put forward at the Conference, cast all the votes to which he is entitled (other than those exercisable under paragraph (2)(iii) of this Rule) in such manner as he thinks fit.
- 4) The votes cast by each Delegate shall be displayed to the Conference."

- 1) (b) "THAT RULE 24(f) BE AMENDED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING

On every poll taken on a remit to the Conference of Branch Delegates a member may:

- i) Vote "for" or "against" the remit.
- ii) Abstain from voting.
- iii) Abstain from voting and make his votes available to the Branch Delegate to cast as he thinks fit.
- iv) Withhold his votes for exercise at the Conference in accordance with Rule 17(f)(1)(iii) provided that notwithstanding paragraph (e) of this Rule this may be done only if the member is personally present at the meeting at which the poll is taken.

The Branch Secretary shall record the number of votes in each category, and his certificate shall be conclusive."

On being put to a Poll Vote the motion was declared carried by 4974 votes to 80 votes.

- 2) RULE 14(e) Moved Messrs Marshall/M. Cloake

"THAT RULE 14(e) BE REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING

For the purposes of the election an ordinary member shall have one vote and a commercial member one vote for each 100 hives or part thereof on which hive levy for the current year has been paid, with a maximum of 12 votes. Hive levy shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of this Rule if payment thereof has been deferred by the Association in accordance with the Regulations."

On being put to a Poll Vote the motion was declared carried by 2995 votes to 1943 votes.

(Minute Note: It was noted that this alteration (i.e. to Rule 14(e) will only be requested if the change to H.M.A. voting is proceeded with.)

There being no further business the Special Meeting was declared closed at 2.20 p.m.

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Date