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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) and the Conference of Delegates held in the Conference Room of the THQ Waitangi, Waitangi, on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 July 1982, commencing at 9.15 am on Wednesday 28 July.

PRESENT: The President, Mr W.A. Clissold (in the chair), Executive Committee Members Messrs M.G. Stuckey, P.W. Marshall, M. Cloake, S.J. Lyttle and I. Berry, and approximately 50 Delegates from the Association, including Delegates from 10 Branches.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs I. Dickinson, Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority, M. Gould, G.M. Walton, P. Clinch and M. Reid, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, T. Walton, Editor of the "Beekeeper", D.J. Dobson, Secretary of the Association.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all Delegates to the Conference and said that he hoped to have a constructive Conference.

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

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY OF ISLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Mr J.F. McPherson, Chairman of the Bay of Islands County Council, and Mrs M. Plowright, wife of the Bay of Islands County Council Manager, attended the Conference to welcome Delegates to Waitangi. Mr McPherson briefly outlined the progress that was being made in the Bay of Islands County area in many facets of farming and industry. The Bay of Islands also had a considerable tourist trade and he trusted that beekeepers would have the opportunity to see some of the sights of the Bay of Islands before they left for their home locations. He welcomed all Delegates to the Conference and opened the Conference for 1982 wishing the Delegates well in their deliberations.

PRESENTATION OF TREE:

The President, Mr Clissold, then presented a nectar bearing tree, a weeping bottlebrush, to Mrs Plowright. Mr Clissold said that beekeepers had presented trees at all centres where Conferences had been held in the hope that the community would appreciate the importance of nectar and pollen bearing trees to the beekeeping industry.

(Minute Note: Because of flight delays, Mr Gould was unable to be present to give his speech following the opening of the Conference, so that Mr Clissold proceeded with the Presidential address.)

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

In opening his address, Mr Clissold said that the past twelve months had seen significant changes in the beekeeping industry. The lifting of the Court

injunction had allowed the winding-up of the Honey Marketing Authority to proceed and whilst this had not been finalised it now appeared that this would not be far away. The new Co-operative had commenced operations with considerable support and he considered that the industry could now look forward into the 80s with confidence. He also said that the export control on honey had been lifted and beekeepers could now export their own honey if they so wished. However, he did indicate some caution in that only honey which was not needed for the New Zealand market should be exported to prevent any need for importation which could be disastrous for the industry.

Preparation of the Trust Deeds for the HMA assets was also proceeding, although at this stage some legal matters still had to be resolved. Trustees had been appointed by the NBA, namely Mr David Kay, an independant Chairman, the North Island Trustee being Mr Russell Berry and the South Island Trustee being Mr Ivan Dickinson. He said that two Trusts would be established, one a general trust and the second a charitable trust. The charitable trust would not attract taxation if the income was used for educational and charitable purposes.

Mr Clissold then spoke of the importance of beekeeping to the kiwifruit industry and the need for co-operation and co-ordination between beekeepers and kiwifruit growers. He said that because of this, beekeeping could become more migratory and the need for disease control was more important than ever.

Mr Clissold thanked Mr Marshall for his work during the four years on the Executive Committee of the NBA, particularly for the two years during which he was President when much of the work leading towards the dissolution of the HMA was undertaken. Mr Clissold said that Mr Marshall had been the Association's member on the Agricultural Chemicals Board and that Mr Ian Berry had now been appointed to represent the Association on the new Pesticides Board.

Mr Clissold also felt that it was a pity that no-one had stood for election for the vacancy created by Mr Marshall's retirement and that both he and Mr Cloake had been returned unopposed. Because there was no election for Mr Marshall's vacancy the Executive Committee had appointed under Rule 14 C, Mr A.D. Lorimer to be the North Island Executive Committee member.

Mr Clissold then thanked all the Executive Committee members and beekeepers generally for all the help and assistance they had give him during his year as President of the Association.

THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mr M. Cloake moved a vote of thanks to Mr McPherson and Mrs Plowright and this was carried by acclamation of the Conference.

REPORT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD:

Mr Marshall gave a brief report on the work of the Agricultural Chemicals Board and he also thanked Mr Clinch and Mr Walton for their assistance during his time on the Board.

ADDRESS FROM MR I. DICKINSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NZ HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Dickinson gave a brief synopsis of the run down of the Honey Marketing Authority over the last twelve months and indicated some of the difficulties which had arisen during this wind-down period. He said that 560 tonnes of honey had been sold to the new Co-operative at 125 cents per kilogramme. This allowed them to start their operation. The Honey Marketing Authority ceased trading on 30 September and in the South Island this was two weeks later. Up to this time much of the work of the HMA members had been involved in settling redundancy agreements with Unions and even though the South Island staff were being taken over completely by the Co-operative, redundancy settlements still had to be worked out with them.

The Authority building in Auckland was put up for sale but this lapsed some time later and a new purchaser has now been signed up and the settlement date is to be 24 October. Stock and plant valuations have been settled with the Co-operative and whilst some minor details still have to be resolved with the Co-operative there is now not very much left relating to the winding-up of the HMA.

Mr Dickinson said that he had hoped that the trust deeds would have been prepared before the Annual Conference, however some legal problems had arisen which had slowed down this process. He also indicated that because of the need to put the winding-up legislation in place the members of the HMA had had their terms extended for a further two years by the Minister.

REPORT FROM MR TREVOR WALTON, EDITOR OF THE "BEEKEEPER":

Mr Walton reported briefly on the operation of the "Beekeeper" over the last twelve months. He said that the economic viability of the "Beekeeper" journal relied very much on hobbyists as the 380-odd hive levy payers would not be able to finance such a journal. He pointed out that the \$12.50 subscription was purely a break-even for the Association and there were 1,300 subscriptions to the magazine. Much of the editorial content of the magazine depended on outside writers and support from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries as to employ the Editor to do this would be far too expensive for the magazine.

APOLOGIES:

The following apologies were sustained:

Mr G. Winslade
Mr H. Cloake
Mr J. Bray
Mr F. Bartrum
Mr P. Berry
Mr A.D. Lorimer

OBITUARIES:

The following obituaries were made known to the Conference:

Mr Stanley Cross, Temuka
Mr Wilfred Trezise, Timaru
Mr Paul Korfage, Northland
Mr Theo Broadley, Waikato

ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

There were no nominations for Association Life Membership for 1982.

Mr Stuckey announced that Mr Belin had been made a Life Member of the Comb Honey Association.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Mr J. Heineman presented the Librarian's report for 1982. Mr Heineman said that slowly but surely the number of items in the beekeepers' library was growing. The allocation for the library given two years ago had been spent on a number of books and some money had gone to the purchase of a number of IBRA reprints so ensuring the best value for what money was available. He said that some money was still left over from a donation received from Mr New of Invercargill. Book donations received during the year from Professor Jaycox from the U.S.A., Mr W. Houston from Dunedin, the Otago Branch, the Development Finance Corporation, Mr Peter Jackson, Nelson, and Telford course notes from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were appreciated.

He said that a number of borrowers were from outside the beekeeping industry and that it was interesting to note that the Hawkes Bay Community College and the Broadcasting Corporation had been amongst the borrowers.

Mr Heineman said that he hoped to find time during the next twelve months to compile a more comprehensive catalogue of what the library had to offer.

Mr Heineman's report was received.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

Timekeeper:

It was resolved that Mr Don Hoole be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers:

It was resolved that Mr Maurice McNab and Mrs Noreen Morris be appointed Scrutineers.

Speaking Times:

It was moved Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Haines that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak, the seconder 3 minutes, and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.

CARRIED

Tape recorders:

It was moved Robinson, seconded Jansen that tape recorders be allowed.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The Meeting was advised that Notices of Motion had to be in the hands of the Secretary by 10.30 am on Thursday 29 July.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

The names of Delegates and Deputy-Delegates were duly recorded.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN QUEENSTOWN IN 1981:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of NZ (Inc.) held in Queenstown on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 July 1981 had previously been circulated and were taken as read.

It was moved Cloake, seconded Haines that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1981 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET:

It was moved Cloake, seconded Berry that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be received.

CARRIED

AUDITORS FOR 1982:

It was moved Cloake, seconded Robinson that the firm of Barr, Burgess & Stewart be appointed Auditors for 1982.

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.45 pm.

The Meeting convened again at 2 pm.

ADDRESS FROM MR M. GOULD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES:

Mr Gould addressed the meeting briefly covering some of the historical facts and identities in the beekeeping industry related to Northland. He outlined the industry's situation today particularly the increase in the number of beekeepers over the last 10 years. He also put forward some thoughts for the future particularly on the importance of the role of bees as pollinators. He indicated that horticulture was expanding at a rapid rate requiring bees as pollinators for its very existence and yet some of the crops such as kiwifruit gave no return in the form of honey. He said that the latest forecast suggested that the kiwifruit production is to increase tenfold over the next 10 years, pipfruit is expected to increase in volume by 25% and no-one yet knows what the expansion of berryfruit would be.

The pollination contribution made by honey bees was not new or limited only to pipfruit and kiwifruit. He also suggested that with the increase required in the number of pollinators that this could place pressure on other nectar sources leading to over competition developing in local areas. He said that the future role of the National Beekeepers' Association needed some further consideration. With the demise of the Honey Marketing Authority a big gap had been left in the national scheme of things.

He suggested that the question of prices would need to be considered and that the public relations effort would have to be a part of the NBA's role. He suggested that this could mean strengthening the resources of the Association in terms of money and professional assistance.

After Mr Gould's address the Chairman opened the Conference of Delegates

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

REMIT No. 1: NELSON

That this Conference recommends that the Executive makes the submission to the Landscape Enhancement Commission that a significant proportion of the trees planted under the Beautiful New Zealand Scheme be nectar and pollen sources for bees.

WHYTE/STANLEY

The following amendment was then moved:

That this Conference recommends that the Executive endeavour to have a representative on the Landscape Enhancement Commission with a view to having a significant proportion of the trees planted under the Highway Beautification Scheme as nectar and pollen sources for bees.

HUNT/STANLEY

The amendment was put and CARRIED 8:0

The amended motion was CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO. 2: WAIKATO

That NBA representation be made to the Ministry of Works to ask them to include substantial quantities of nectar and pollen source trees in the coming Highway Beautification Scheme.

CLEMENT/STUCKEY

CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO. 3: S.W. DISTRICTS

That Conference endorse the Government's roadside shrub and tree planting scheme and encourage the Department involved to plant nectar and pollen producing varieties.

YOUNG/BROMMELL

CARRIED 10:0

SPRAYING OF WEEDS

REMIT NO. 4: CANTERBURY

That the Executive urgently pursue a policy of education of farmers, nurseries, Catchment Boards, orchardists, local bodies and the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries into the necessity to encourage the preservation and planting of nectar and pollen bearing trees and shrubs.

HUNT/ECROYD

CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO. 5: WAIKATO

That NBA make representation to Federated Farmers and the Noxious Weeds Council to adopt policies that will

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encourage farmers to avoid blanket-spraying of thistles where possible.

CLEMENTS/STUCKEY

CARRIED 10:0

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

REMIT NO. 6: SOUTHLAND

That the Southland Branch of the NBA view with concern the lack of an apiary instructor for long periods of time. Southland beekeepers ask for Conference support for the Executive to urge the Apiary Section of MAF to appoint an apiary instructor to the Southland/Otago area as soon as possible before the forthcoming beekeeping season.

HERRON/GLYNN

The following amendment was moved Stuckey/R. Berry:

That all the words after "periods of time" be deleted and that the words "Southland Branch" be replaced by the word "Conference".

The amendment was CARRIED 9:1

The amended remit then read:

That this Conference of the National Beekeepers' Association view with concern the lack of apiary instructors for long periods of time.

CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO. 7: SOUTH CANTERBURY

That this Conference recommends that in future appointments to the Apiary Staff of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries preference be given to people with beekeeping experience rather than inexperienced people holding degrees. Any inexperienced degree holder should not be on a higher pay scale than experienced Apiary Staff not having a degree.

By leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 8: WAIKATO

That NBA representation be made to DSIR, MAF and NZFS to encourage the specific study of nectar and pollen yields likely to be gained from eucalyptus and other timber species currently being planted on a large scale for forestry purposes.

CLEMENTS/STUCKEY

CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO. 9: SOUTHLAND

That MAF carry out a research programme on the advantages and/or disadvantages of bees in the High Country in relation to the developer and beekeeper.

HERRON/GLYNN

CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO.10: BAY OF PLENTY

That E.F.B. be placed in Schedule 1 of the Apiaries Act until it is considered so well established that it cannot be eradicated.

STANLEY/WHITE

CARRIED 9:1

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REMIT NO. 11: WAIKATO

That this industry set policy for the utilisation of Industry Trust Funds at its Annual Conference.

CLEMENTS/R. BERRY

CARRIED 9:1

IMPORTATION OF BEES AND BEE PRODUCTS

REMIT NO. 12: BAY OF PLENTY

That in the light of the adoption of C.E.R., the NBA be alert for any attempts to relax present stringent controls on importation of bees, honey and pollen.

WARR/McNAB

CARRIED 10:0

REMIT NO. 13: BAY OF PLENTY

That bees, honey, pollen and beekeeping equipment be included on the Declaration Form that is signed by all persons entering the country.

STANLEY/WHITE

CARRIED 10:0

TAX INCENTIVES

REMIT NO. 14: HAWKES BAY

That Conference recommend to the NBA Executive that it examines the various categories of bees and bee products in relation to Export Tax Incentives and seeks any appropriate changes.

WARD/I. BERRY

CARRIED 9:0

PACKING WEIGHTS

REMIT NO. 15: WAIKATO

That this Conference requests the Department of Weights and Measures to discontinue its regulations requiring honey to be packed in specific weights.

CLEMENTS/JANSEN

CARRIED 8:2

MISCELLANEOUS

REMIT NO. 16: OTAGO

That Executive investigate the economic feasibility of sterilizing beekeeping equipment by radiation.

HEINEMAN/DICKINSON

The following amendment was moved Hunt/Lyttle:

That the words "or any other means" be added after the word "radiation".

The amendment was CARRIED 7:1

The amended motion then read:

That the Executive investigate the economic feasibility of sterilising beekeeping equipment by radiation or any other means.

CARRIED 8:2

REMIT NO. 17: OTAGO

That Conference request Executive to seek ways and means to import and make available to beekeepers an adequate supply of cyano gas in granulated form and packed in the familiar sized (5 lbs?) tin.

HEINEMAN/DICKINSON

CARRIED 7:2

REMIT NO. 18: S.W. DISTRICTS

That an advisory board be set up with the NBA Executive to recommend current (internal) packed honey prices to members as previously undertaken by the HMA.

YOUNG/BROMMELL

The following amendment moved Heineman/Stanley:

That the NBA publish current internal packed honey prices for members as previously undertaken by the HMA.

LOST 1:9

A second amendment was moved I. Berry/Ward:

That the NBA Executive Committee be asked to continue and improve their present policy of publishing market information to beekeepers.

Amendment CARRIED 9:1

Amendment Motion CARRIED 9:1

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION & VENUE

REMIT NO. 19: CANTERBURY

That in order to improve the attractiveness of Conference and to stimulate interest at Branch level, the following procedure be adopted:

1. Remits to Conference as at present
2. Remits referred back to Branches, but no delegates appointed
3. Conference would be held in a similar manner to present arrangements where all remits would be discussed and/or debated, but no vote would need to be taken
4. Within a predetermined period of time, all Branches would have their Post-Conference meetings where members attending Conference would have the opportunity of reporting on the debates and at this point the Branch would vote in the present manner.

ECROYD/HUNT

LOST 3:7

REMIT NO. 20: SOUTH CANTERBURY

That this Conference recommend to the NBA that future Conferences and Annual Meetings be held at venues between Hamilton in the North Island and Dunedin in the South Island.

CLOAKE/LYTTLE

LOST 0:9

NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1:

That the Conference request the NBA to find ways of involving the Honey Industry in the Government's proposed national tree planting programme.

JANSEN/HERRON

CARRIED 10:0

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2:

That the 1983 Conference be held in Nelson.

WHYTE/LYTTLE

CARRIED 10:0

COMMENTS FROM BUZZ GROUP HELD DURING CONFERENCE

1. USE OF INDUSTRY FUND

IVAN DICKINSON, CHAIRMAN

- (a) Education was top priority use for trust funds at both employer and employee level.
- (b) Research
- (c) Lending to Co-operative for all aspects of marketing
- (d) Use for benefit of the whole industry rather than individual projects

2. FUTURE CONFERENCES

STEVE LYTTLE, CHAIRMAN

- (a) Keep Conference venues between Hamilton and Dunedin
- (b) Reduce length
- (c) Have social evening first evening of Conference. Follow Conference with seminar
- (d) Executive should vet remits and should also put remits forward //
- (e) Firm numbers are required to allow orderly planning
- (f) Conference should cover business, education and social needs of beekeepers.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

IAN BERRY, CHAIRMAN

Public Relations for Industry needed in relation to:

- (a) Trees for bees
- (b) Sprays
- (c) Weeds
- (d) Beekeepers and kiwifruit
- (e) Wasps
- (f) Beestings
- (g) Purity of honey

Problems of other agricultural people have to be recognised. Planting trees for bees requires liaison.

- (a) Beekeeper to landowner
- (b) Local Branch to local groups, eg Catchment Boards, Counties, Federated Farmers, Forestry and Lands & Survey Department
- (c) Farmers group, nurserymen
- (d) Local varieties of trees required

Techniques to reach the public

- (a) Person to person
- (b) Talk back on radio
- (c) Agricultural report - TV
- (d) Schools
- (e) Magazines
- (f) Regional newspapers
- (g) Brochures for new beekeepers
- (h) Collect good articles and spread around branches for local production

4. ADVISORY SERVICES

MIKE STUCKEY, CHAIRMAN

- (a) Not always practical, sometimes outdated, wide sphere of ability
- (b) Must give technical and practical advice
- (c) MAF newsheets from instructors valuable
- (d) Liaison not always good
- (e) Disease service co-ordination not particularly good, particularly amongst new beekeepers
- (f) Require educational field days, discussion groups, Flock House courses.
- (g) Prepared to pay for good advice.

5. RESEARCH

MERVYN CLOAKE, CHAIRMAN

- (a) Management, eg 2 Queen versus extensive hive sizes
- (b) Breeding - more detail required on inherited characteristics of bees
- (c) Pollination - pollen traps, yes or no
- (d) Marketing
- (e) Bee health

REPORT FROM MR GRAHAME WALTON

A report was received from Mr Grahame Walton on the Advisory Services of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries. After this report the Chairman thanked Mr Walton for the work he had done for the industry and wished him well in his new position in the Advisory Services Division.

REPORT FROM MR P. CLINCH

Mr Clinch also provided a brief report on research work being carried out at Wallaceville.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr Clissold relinquished the chair and handed the meeting over to the Secretary for the election of the President.

The Secretary called for nominations for President for the 1982/83 year.

Mr Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Mr I. Berry/Mr R. Berry, and Mr Clissold was nominated on the motion of Mr M. Cloake/Mr J. Glynn.

As there was more than one nomination an election was necessary and this resulted in Mr W.A. Clissold being elected as President for the 1982/83 year.

Mr Clissold thanked all those who had voted for him for their confidence in him and said that he would be working for the progress of the industry over the next twelve months.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

The President then called for nominations for Vice-President and Mr Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Mr S. Lyttle/Mr R. Robinson. As there were no further nominations, Mr Stuckey was declared elected as Vice-President.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Brommell gave notice of motion for the next Conference that the Conference of 1984 be held in New Plymouth.

BRANCH LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The following Branch Life Memberships were advised:

Bay of Plenty - Mr Howard Low, Mr Ron Mossop

Nelson - Mr Ron Stratford

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST BRANCH

Mr Steve Lyttle thanked the Northland Branch for the very successful organisation of the Conference and also for the seminar which the Branch had organised this year.

Thanks were carried by acclamation of the Conference.

The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) was declared closed at 12.45 pm on Thursday 29 July 1982.

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