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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.), and the Conference of Branch Delegates held in the Waimea/Wairau Rooms, the Rutherford Hotel Nelson on Wednesday and Thursday 27 and 28 July 1983, commencing at 9.27 a.m. Wednesday 27 July.

- PRESENT: The President, Mr W.A. Clissold in the Chair, Mr M.G. Stuckey, Vice-President, Messrs I. Berry, M. Cloake, A.D. Lorimer and S.J. Lyttle, members of the Executive Committee.
Messrs A. McCaw and D. Ward, Executive Committee-Designate.
25 Delegates representing 13 Branches and approximately 50 members.
- IN ATTENDANCE: S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary
T. Walton, Editor of "Beekeeper"
Murray Reid and members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Advisory Service,
P. Clinch, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre.
- WELCOME TO DELEGATES The President welcomed all delegates to the Conference and said he hoped to have a constructive Conference.
- PRAYER: The President then invited delegates to stand while he read the Conference prayer.
- WELCOME: The delegates were welcomed to Nelson - by Lord Nelson on behalf of the City Council - who handed to the President a copy of his proclamation.
- OPENING: The Mayor, Mr P. Malone then officially opened the Conference referring to the Association's public relations image, the national economy in general terms and other items of general interest.
- PRESENTATION: The President then presented a nectar-bearing tree to Mrs Pat Tindall, the Deputy Mayor. The President 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.
- ADDRESS: In his address the parliamentary member for Marlborough, Mr D.L. Kidd outlined some of the associated achievements of the industry, the relationship with the horticulture industry, availability of finance and the need for adequate and professional marketing.
- PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: In his opening remarks the President highlighted some of the activities for 1982.
1. That the industry had been sandwiched between the finishing of the Honey Marketing Authority and the setting up of the Trust Deeds.
 2. That two educational beekeeping programmes were started, one in each Island.

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- 3. That this is the one hundredth year since the original Beekeepers' Association was formed.
- 4. That on the 1st July 1883 the first issue of "The New Zealand and Australian Bee Journal" was printed - a monthly issue at a cost of 6 shillings per annum, paid in advance.

Other items referred to included the visit of Professor Cam Jay to research the pollination of kiwifruit by the honey bee, the problems of pesticide spraying when bees are in and around orchards, the formation of the Pesticides Board, the effect on beekeepers of the price freeze - particularly those not selling at top price, the good advice and assistance provided to the industry by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Advisory Service.

QUESTIONS:

In response to a question Mr Kidd said that the main problems in accepting hives as security were that of identification and their location on the property of a third party. The industry needed to discuss the problem with the legal profession - preferably a member with beekeeping experience.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr Stuckey on behalf of the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to those who had addressed the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 11.00 a.m.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were recorded from:
B. Belin, P. Berry, R. Berry, J. Berry, H. Cloake, L. Hansen, D. Lorimer, R. Robinson, G. Winslade, and R. Withers.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The President advised the meeting of the Executive Committee Election result

<u>North Island</u>	Ian Berry	1020 votes
	James Courtney	377 "
	Trevor Rowe	441 "
	Dudley Ward	645 "

Mr Berry and Mr Ward therefore declared elected.

South Island Mr A.J. McCaw was the only nominee and was therefore declared elected.

OBITUARIES:

The following deaths were advised to the meeting and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

T. Broadley	Waikato
A. Fisk	"
A. Pearson	"
N. Glass	Southland
J. Lloyd	Sth Western
H. Low	Bay of Plenty
P. Lucas	West Coast
R. Pomeroy	Canterbury

LIFE MEMBERSHIP N.B.A.

None from the Executive Committee.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BRANCHES

The meeting was advised that Branch Life membership had been granted by the following Branches:

D. Briscoe	Bay of Plenty
J. Hishon	Waikato

6. Agreed that a copy of the Annual Report be made available to all Advisory Officers - on an annual basis.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting had earlier been advised that Mr J. Heineman had agreed to act as Librarian for cassettes and tapes. Agreed that advice be contained in the Journal seeking availability of recorded material.
2. N.Z. Tree Crop Association referred to earlier in the meeting.
3. Bay of Plenty Community College Position paper to be discussed later in the meeting when Mr Wallingford would be present.
4. Tairāwhiti Community College - setting up a training unit - Executive Secretary's response noted.

MARKETING:

MARKETING INCLUDING TRADING, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, IMPORTS, EXPORTS ETC.

1. E.C. Publications of Canberra - Press and Information Service - noted.
2. Industries Assistance Commission (Australian) - assistance to the honey industry - market stabilisation scheme - noted.
3. Bay of Plenty Branch - application and subsequent approval for their kiwifruit pollination service to be exempted from the price freeze regulations - noted.
4. Mr Elwell-Sutton - honey promotion. Agreed that the subject of promotion be discussed with the Trustees of the Industry Fund.
5. N.Z. Tourism Council - co-operative overseas advertising - Executive officer's response noted.
6. Department of Labour - weight and measures. The Association had responded in favour of "Complete revocation of schedules 1 and 2 (except the provision for standard volumes of bottled milk and cream)".

but as a second choice

"replacement of specific standard weights and volumes for individual products prescribed in Schedule 1 with a list of permitted weights and volumes, to apply to the same products as are at present on the schedule".

The suggested list of package weights and volumes is:

25 g/ml; 50 g/ml; 100 g/ml; 200 g/ml; 250 g/ml; 300 g/ml; 400 g/ml; 500 g/ml; 600 g/ml; 750 g/ml; 800 g/ml; 800 g/ml; 900 g/ml; 1 kg/l and multiples of 500 g/ml thereafter.

Packaging of goods in any quantity under 25 g/ml would remain permissible, as at present.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.30p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.00 p.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 28/29 July 1982 having been circulated were taken as read, the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following correction:

Page 8 - Remit 11 - delete words "set policy" and substitute "discuss guidelines".

Page 9 - Remit 18 - delete words "to beekeeper" and substitute "in the New Zealand Beekeeper".

ADJOURNMENT:

The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) was adjourned at 2.15 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 2.15 p.m.

Executive Secretary's note - the Annual General Meeting re-convened at 3.16 p.m. on Thursday 28 July 1983.

REMIT NO. 1: WAIKATO

That following the indications and tentative conclusion resulting from Professor Cameron Jay's work in 1982-83, the Executive approach the D.S.I.R., the Kiwifruit Council, and other concerned bodies with a view to extending research being done on pollination by honey bees.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously)

REMIT NO. 2: WEST COAST

That the industry consider supporting research into a chemical analysis of New Zealand pollen to determine their nutritional value for beekeeping.

Amendment:

That the word "beekeeping" be deleted and be replaced with "honeybees".

The Amendment was carried by 11 - 0 and on becoming the motion by 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 3: CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. offer their support to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries in their efforts to get Dr Shimanuki to spend his study sabbatical in New Zealand.

NOTE: To assist beekeepers and bee research workers in New Zealand with his knowledge and expertise in the behaviour and breeding of bees. This may have much significance in the export of queens from New Zealand.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 4: SOUTHLAND

That this Conference request the N.B.A. Executive to investigate the feasibility of branding hives on a national basis to establish clear ownership and to discourage theft.

Carried 12 - 1

REMIT NO. 5: SOUTHLAND

That this Conference request that the Rural Bank continue to accept beehives as security as a matter of course, rather than exception.

Amendment

That this Conference request the Executive to take whatever steps may be necessary to ensure that the Rural Bank accepts beehives as chattels providing there is a sufficient level of security.

Carried 10 - 2 and on becoming the motion 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 6: AUCKLAND

That the National Beekeepers' Association supports the destruction by the Apiary Inspector, of hives owned by negligent beekeepers.

NOTE: It is feared that diseased hives owned by hobbyists in and around Auckland, could be shifted to honey-producing areas and Kiwifruit farms, with the possible consequence of a further spread of the disease.

Carried 12 - 0

REMIT NO. 7: WAIKATO

That all beekeepers be encouraged to adequately cover their hives when shifting them in the daylight, as well as ensuring they have adequate equipment (spare tyre, jacks etc.) to cover breakdowns and other such problems.

NOTE: This relates to a public relations exercise that beekeepers should initiate, and not the public, after an incident.

Carried 10 - 1

REMIT NO. 8: WAIKATO

That the beekeeping industry oppose the announced intention to include the privet varieties of flowering shrubs/trees in the national noxious weeds classification.

NOTE: In the Auckland district moves by the Councils (Auckland City) supporting/advocating this, plus their programme of eradication from parks and bush areas now in operation, will for many beekeepers remove one more early feed supply in hive build-up. European privets on farmlands will be affected. In the Onewhero district of the Franklin County this is coming with the removal of many privet hedge rows. This movement has the apparent support of a prominent Professor from Auckland University (introducer of of Sunday night "Our World" T.V. programmes) claims privet is running wild and if not removed will take control.

Noxious weed classification will eliminate. It is recognised that in urban areas privet could well be regarded as noxious, however in many rural areas it is beneficial especially to beekeepers. Bearing this in mind it is recommended that it be done in local areas.

Carried 12 - 0

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m. for afternoon tea and re-convened at 4.07 p.m.

REMIT NO. 9: OTAGO

That Executive consider membership of our Association with the International Bee Research Association (I.B.R.A.)

NOTE: A certain moral obligation exists as I.B.R.A. works for and makes available much valuable information to the beekeeping fraternity throughout the world in general. Certain advantages in the way of discounts and preferences are adherent to membership.

Carried 12 - 0.

REMIT NO. 10: CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. press Government for regulations requiring that any Pest Destruction Officer, when out in the field, discovering the location of a wasp nest, take necessary steps to destroy the nest or to report the site to a local beekeeper.

NOTE: It has been drawn to the notice of the Canterbury Branch that 12 gauge shotgun shells reloaded with a suitable insecticide is an effective and safe way of dealing with a nest from a distance.

Amendment

That the words "or report the site to a local beekeeper" be deleted.

Lost 7 - 3

Amendment

That the words "press the Government for regulations requiring" be deleted and replaced with "nearest".

Carried 11 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (unanimously).

At this stage of the meeting the President drew to the attention of members the request of Mr Kevin Bateman, Victoria University Zoology Department for queen european wasps for study.

REMIT NO. 11; STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That Conference request the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to investigate a wasp bait attractive all year round to wasps but completely unattractive to bees.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 12: CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. strenuously oppose any increase in the Hive Levy until such time as the Levy is collected on all hives owned by beekeepers with 50 or more colonies.

NOTE: It is apparent that many beekeepers are evading the Levy by under-declaring their hive numbers.

Amendment

That all words after "strenuously" be deleted and replaced with "attempt to collect Hive Levy from all beekeepers with 50 hives or more".

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously) and becoming the motion carried 12 - 1.

REMIT NO. 13: OTAGO

That Conference strongly disapprove of any price cutting which apparently still occurs, even during a year such as we have just experienced.

NOTE: Comb honey was offered to overseas buyers at a price less than could have been arranged by other suppliers of that same market. It is most important that highest possible returns are secured for the good of the whole industry. This should always be the first consideration, not one's personal short-term gain.

Agreed by 6 votes to 2 that the Note be deleted.

Carried 11 - 2.

REMIT NO. 14: WEST COAST

That a more accurate method of determining the floral source of honey by analysis be investigated.

NOTE: At present, floral source is determined by a percentage pollen analysis but because all honies do not contain the same percentage of pollen grains this method is inaccurate.

NOTE: Some honies are not receiving their true market price overseas because of this - e.g. Thyme and Kamahi. It is considered this project could be undertaken with industry assistance by a student completing a thesis.

REMIT NO. 15: SOUTHLAND Amendment

That the word "accurate" be replaced with "adequate".

Carried 11 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.14 p.m. and re-convened at 9.06 a.m. on Thursday 28 July 1983.

REMIT NO. 15: SOUTHLAND

That this Conference request the Executive to investigate the need for an export advisory service to assist in the orderly exporting of all honey, packed, bulk and comb, as well as other bee related products. We suggest that the latest market developments be published in the "N.Z. Beekeeper" to assist in stabilising markets and prices.

Amendment

That the last sentence be deleted.

Carried 13 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 16: NELSON

That this Conference recommends the Executive use a portion of the Industry Fund in the promotion of increased honey and pollen consumption within New Zealand.

NOTE: A position created to co-ordinate a national promotion programme - possibly a paid person or an Executive member. Promotion in the form of a N.Z. honey recipe book or slogans, car transfers etc.

Amendment

That the words "recommends the Executive use a portion of the Industry Fund" be deleted and replaced with "requests the Trustees to use a portion of the Industry Income".

Lost 10 - 3.

Amendment

That this Conference recommends the Executive sets up a contingency plan for the promotion of New Zealand honey and pollen.

Carried 12 - 1 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 17: OTAGO

That the N.B.A. Executive consider setting up a honey marketing board or council to promote the sale of honey and hive products within the New Zealand.

NOTE: That this board or council be allocated finance from N.B.A. funds.

That the N.B.A. motto is "Better Beekeeping - Better Marketing". As we see it at the moment, there seems to be price war-fare, even in this last season.

That it is time the N.B.A. played an active role in promoting its members' products and hopefully helping them realise a better price for their product. Some orderly marketing or produce promotion within our industry would go a long way towards realising better demand and prices during good and poor years.

With the agreement of the meeting this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 18: SOUTH
CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. Executive be reduced from six to four members, two to be from each Island.

Lost 11 - 0

REMIT NO. 19: WAIKATO

That where members of the Executive are required to attend meetings in the interests of the N.B.A. an attendance fee equal to that of the Apiary Advisory Committee be paid.

NOTE: It is not advocated that Executive members be paid for attending Conference. It is also suggested that if the remit is passed the President's honorarium could be adjusted accordingly.

Carried 11 - 1

REMIT NO. 20: OTAGO

That Conference request Executive to make another serious endeavour to arrange for the importation of cyanogas in granulated form for use by the beekeeping industry.

NOTE: There is a real need for it, as no satisfactory substitute has been produced for our needs. Perhaps arrangements could be made with Pest Destruction Boards for storage and distribution.

Carried 8 - 3.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.37 and re-convened at 11.17 a.m.

REMIT NO. 21: STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That Executive investigate cheaper and/or alternative avenues of sugar supplies.

Carried 12 - 0

REMIT NO. 22: STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That next year's Conference be held in New Plymouth.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously)

REMIT NO. 23: STH WESTERN DISTRICTS
HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN (RULE 17(c))

A. NORTHLAND:

That the Executive of N.B.A. exercise its responsibility in accepting Remits for publication on future Conference order papers

There was no objection by delegates to this remit being considered.

Amendment

That Branches of the N.B.A. exercise their responsibility in submitting remits for publication on future Conference order papers.

Carried 12 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

B. MR BRAY:

That this Association deplores the action of the D.S.I.R. in introducing a parasite to control Nodding Thistle without first liaising with the Association or instituting an economic survey, and further, urges the Minister to halt any release of parasites for gorse control until all relevant factors have been considered.

There was no objection by delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Amendment

Delete all the words after "Association".

Carried 10 - 3 and on becoming the motion carried 12 - 1.

C. SOUTHLAND

In view of the amount of Government funds being spent on research into bumblebees, leafcutter bees and wasps, this Conference requests that at least equal amounts be spent on honey research.

There was no objection from delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Amendment

Add the words "and artificial pollination" after the word "wasps".

Lost 10 - 1.

The original motion was carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.04 p.m.

D. WAIKATO:

That the N.B.A. Executive with Mr Trevor Walton's help design and have made bumper stickers, promoting honey and sell stickers to members at cost.

NOTE: That a full sized public relations and advertising campaign would cost too much for the industry but that a small start should be made.

There was no objection by delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Carried 10 - 0.

E. STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

It would be appreciated if all hive levy payers receive a copy of remits by mail in sufficient time before Conference.

There was no objection by delegates to the consideration of this remit.

However as the matter had been resolved by the Executive Committee the remit was withdrawn with the leave of the meeting.

F. OTAGO

That this Conference requests the national Executive to convene an industry planning forum such a forum to include a broad spectrum of industry membership to consider and outline the future direction and requirements of the industry in all its facets.

There was no objection from delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

G. . F. BARTRUM:

That this Conference endorses the Government policy on having voluntary unionism.

There was objection from more than 2 delegates to the consideration of this remit.

REPORTS: ADVISORY SERVICE

Mr Murray Reid presented his report on the Advisory Services Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and copies were made available to Conference delegates.

APICULTURE SECTION - WALLACEVILLE

Mr Pat Clinch presented his report on the Apiculture Section - Wallaceville Animal Research Centre and copies were made available to delegates.

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 3.16 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) re-convened at 3.16 p.,.

ANNUAL REPORT:

It was agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be taken as read and received.

It was further agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

ELECTIONS:

President - Mr I. Berry was elected unopposed.

As provided for in Rule 13 Mr I. Berry then took the Chair.

Vice-President - Mr A. McCaw was elected unopposed.

Auditor - Cooper & Lybrand were re-appointed.

GENERAL:

1. Mr Cloake suggested that the Association should in addition to considering its future also be arranging to record its history, heritage, past.
2. Mr Cloake commented that it had been a good Conference in allowing ideas to be brought forward and discussed.
3. Mr Cloake complimented the Conference organisers for the layout of the seating.
4. Mr B. Stanley advised that there would be a meeting of those interested in pollination at the conclusion of this meeting.

CONCLUSION:

1. A vote of appreciation to the retiring President Mr Clissold was carried by acclamation.

3. Mr Lyttle on behalf of those present recorded appreciation to the Nelson Branch for their organisation of the Conference - carried by acclamation.
4. The meeting concluded at 3.40 p.m.

Confirmed

Date