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of NEW ZEALAND (INC.)**

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OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Ian Berry - Havelock North

VICE PRESIDENT

Allen McCaw - Milton

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Representing the North Island:

Tony Lorimer - Hamilton
Dudley Ward - Dannevirke

Representing the South Island:

Tony Clissold - Gore
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Introduction

1983 proved to be an eventful year for the beekeeping industry. Unseasonal weather conditions over much of the country reduced the New Zealand honey crop. There has been a further significant increase in hives used for pollination in many areas and we have had a change of editor for the "New Zealand Beekeeper" to name just a few.

Nelson was the venue for the Annual Conference with the Nelson Branch acting as hosts. Some 25 delegates representing 13 branches and approximately 50 members attended what proved to be a good conference, where ideas were sought, brought forward and fully discussed. The Annual Conference is an excellent vehicle for beekeepers to air their views, discuss possible new methods and generally ensure that the industry is kept up to date on all matters.

The Executive Committee, made up of three members from both the major islands, endeavours to maintain contact through attendance at Branch meetings and field days. The co-operation of Branches is sought in advising, in good time, details of such meetings/field days, to ensure that invitations can be accommodated in busy calendars.

It must be remembered that our Executive members are themselves active beekeepers.

Membership

1983 membership of the Association totalled 1025, resulting from an increase in the number of commercial members (427 in 1983 against 405 in 1982) and a small decrease in ordinary membership (598 in 1983 against 601 in 1982).

Membership of the 15 branches throughout the country is as follows:-

| | <u>Commercial</u> | <u>U/50 Hives</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Northland | 29 | 36 | 65 |
| Auckland | 30 | 93 | 123 |
| Waikato | 57 | 86 | 143 |
| Bay of Plenty | 30 | 32 | 62 |
| Poverty Bay | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| Hawke's Bay | 13 | 46 | 59 |
| S.W. Districts | 48 | 114 | 162 |
| Nelson | 20 | 25 | 45 |
| Marlborough | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| West Coast | 17 | 12 | 29 |
| Canterbury | 66 | 43 | 109 |
| South Canterbury | 22 | 12 | 34 |
| North Otago | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| Otago | 38 | 50 | 88 |
| Southland | 28 | 19 | 47 |
| | <u>427</u> | <u>598</u> | <u>1025</u> |

As mentioned in the last annual report, the Far North Branch went into recess due to lack of nominations for the positions of President and Secretary. It would be hoped that members from the Far North could meet and endeavour to resolve this situation, and also encourage non-members to join.

Enquiries received would seem to indicate that the "hobbyist" beekeeper would appreciate membership of an active Branch - in all parts of the country. Encouragement should, therefore, be given to these new enthusiasts and, in this way, increase our numbers, and also assist in educating them in the art of beekeeping, including the recognition and control of bee diseases.

NUMBERS OF BEEKEEPERS IN NEW ZEALAND

As at May 31 1983 there were 6445 beekeepers in New Zealand maintaining 23644 registered apiaries and owning 269043 hives. This compares with 6042 beekeepers registered in 1981/82, a 6.7% increase.

In times of economic downturn hive numbers traditionally increase but, in areas like the Bay of Plenty, increases in numbers have been over 19% in the past year. This increase has been primarily due to the demands of kiwifruit pollination. Other high growth areas include Auckland, Waikato, Poverty Bay and Oamaru.

HONEY PRODUCTION

The honey crop for the 1982/83 season was 5,053 tonnes, compared with 6,495 tonnes for the 1981/82 season - a reduction of 1,442 tonnes for the whole country. This was largely because of the appalling weather conditions experienced in many parts of the country. Excessive rain, drought, high winds and summer frosts all helped to reduce production to the point where the production per colony for New Zealand was the lowest ever recorded.

"NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPER"

The "Beekeeper" has continued to be in keen demand, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Mr Trevor Walton and his staff at Agpress maintained the excellent standard established over the years and the Association would like to record thanks to Mr Walton, his staff and all contributors to the "Beekeeper" for their assistance in this regard.

At the end of 1983 Mr Walton decided to relinquish the editorship of this journal and this task has now been undertaken by Mr Mike Burgess of Burgess Media Services Ltd., Wellington, whom we feel sure will continue to produce an interesting and informative publication to the benefit of the beekeeping industry. Your continued support by way of articles and photographs will help to ensure that this is so.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

In the last annual report, mention was made of the preparation for the winding up of the Authority. This was gazetted mid-November, 1983.

EDUCATION

The brochure "Story of Bees and Honey" is in demand, not only in New Zealand, but also by overseas countries. Supplies are held at the Association's offices for all interested people.

Mr Heinemann, the Association's librarian, undertook the onerous task of updating the catalogue of the various books and other publications held in the library. The very comprehensive catalogue, running into some 29 pages, is available at a charge of \$2.00.

It is pleasing to announce that the Telford Farm Training Institute has now established a commercial beekeeping unit for the training of both apiculture and agriculture students.

The Bay of Plenty Community College earlier in the year appointed N.B.A. Member, Nick Wallingford, as beekeeping tutor. Other colleges throughout the country have also expressed interest in gaining more information and educational material on beekeeping.

Discussions have continued with the Education Department regarding the establishment of Educational Programmes.

Support was given for the "Trees for Bees" programme and 'bee tags' and posters have been obtained and are now available from the Association's office.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

The Association is very appreciative of the work undertaken by the officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on behalf of the beekeeping industry.

Mr John Scott, Deputy Director of Advisory Services, attended our conference at Nelson and both then, and later, has given us useful ideas on industry planning. These ideas were largely responsible for the industry planning forum to be held at Flock House early in May.

Mr Pat Clinch (Scientist and Section Leader from the Apicultural Section of the Animal Research Centre, Wallaceville) gave his Annual Report at conference from which we learned of the continuing work he and his team are doing to further the knowledge of the honeybee's role in pollinating kiwifruit. We were also told of their work with brood disease diagnosis and research into the effects of the new pesticides on honeybees and checking

samples of dead bees for pesticide poisoning. Mr Murray Reid, National Apicultural Advisory Officer, has maintained close liaison with the N.B.A. by both attending our meetings and also telephone. His report to Conference contained much valuable information and statistics.

The other Apicultural Advisory Officers have continued to give their usual help and assistance to beekeepers in their various districts and the many part time inspectors continued their essential part of disease control in New Zealand.

PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr Ian Berry continued as the Association's representative on the Pesticides Board.

The Toxic Substance Regulations came into effect on 1st August 1983, under which all pesticides will have to be updated by 1st August 1984 and the new "TOXIC TO BEES" warnings incorporated in the new labels as they are brought into use. A better system of reporting and recording spray damage to bees is now in place and beekeepers who think they have a spray damage problem are advised to contact their Apiary Advisory Officer promptly so samples can be collected.

Our grateful thanks are recorded to Mr Pat Clinch and the Secretariat, and to the Pesticides Board for their help in these important steps for improved bee protection.

HIVE LEVY

The hive levy remained the same for 1983 and no application was made to the Minister of Finance for an increase for the 1984 hive levy.

Whether we can hold the same rate for 1985 will depend on several factors, including the possibility of using money from the Trust funds to meet those parts of the N.B.A. expenses which the Trustees may agree as appropriate use for the Trust funds.

FINANCE

It is pleasing to report that with the benefits of the Price and Wage Freeze, the Association was able to maintain costs at an acceptable level and, with increased interest income, showed a surplus of \$8532.

With the removal of some of the Regulations it is inevitable that higher costs and expenses will be experienced. As indicated in the last Annual Report one cost which is expected to rise is the administration fee payable by the Association to the Pork Industry Board.

President indications for the current year are for a deficit of \$7,000 which can be funded from the surplus of the previous year.

EXECUTIVE

Three members came up for election. Allen McCaw, representing the South Island was elected unopposed, and from four nominations for the North Island vacancies, Messrs. Ian Berry and Dudley Ward were elected.

The Executive met in March, July, September and November.

Ian Berry was elected as President, unopposed, and Allen McCaw as Vice-President.

In his address to the 1983 Conference Mr D. Kidd, M.P. for Marlborough, 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.

The outgoing President, Tony Clissold, in his address to the Conference, highlighted some of the activities for the previous year, particularly noting that two educational beekeeping programmes had been started, one in the North Island and one in the South Island, 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, and the good advice and assistance received from the Advisory Service of M.A.F.

Mr Clissold also advised that this was the 100th year since the original Beekeepers' Association was formed - 1st July 1883 had been the first issue of "The New Zealand and Australian Bee Journal", a monthly publication at a cost of 6 shillings per annum!

GENERAL

As advised in the previous Annual Report, approaches had been made to QANTAS about individual glass jars of honey used for passengers on their aircraft. Unfortunately, these approaches were not successful as QANTAS were reluctant to change their present arrangements relevant to the provision of Canadian honey on their Trans Tasman services.

The pollination of kiwifruit and other crops continues to become a more important part of many beekeepers' incomes and it is expected that this trend will continue for some years yet.

Experiments have commenced by certain members using sulphur as an alternative to Cynogas and these experiments are currently continuing.

Members have been encouraged to brand all hives with their registration number, both as a means of preventing theft and for identifying hives when raising finance.

The industry was pleased that the D.S.I.R. was represented at the Conference, and their contribution was greatly appreciated. The Department has indicated a willingness to continue with this form of contribution at alternate conferences. The work they

are doing with biological control of such important nectar and pollen sources as nodding thistle and gorse, could have a significant effect on the financial viability of our industry and it is important that we are kept up to date on developments in this area.

An informal export advisory service, to meet the needs of beekeepers who wish to export, was set up during the year. This followed the conference support for the Executive to investigate the need for such a service and covers most bee-related products. A list of beekeepers who are involved in the export of honey and other bee products, who are prepared to offer their advice and experience to others who wish to enter the export field, has been published in the "Beekeeper".

As requested by the Conference, an industry planning forum is to be held during May 1984 at Flock House, to consider and outline the future direction and requirements of the industry.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1983

| <u>1982</u> | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>1983</u> |
|--------------|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> |
| 140 | Conference Fund | | | - |
| 299 | Dormant Branches (Note 4) | | | 334 |
| 236 | Library Fund | | | 244 |
| 590 | Seminar Fund | | | 364 |
| - | Education & Technical | | | 1275 |
| 250 | Travel Bursary Fund | | | - |
| 6851 | General Fund at 1.1.83 | | 12778 | |
| - | Conference Fund | | 140 | |
| - | Travel Bursary Fund | | 250 | |
| <u>3305</u> | Hive Levy Suspense A/c (Note 3) | | <u>-</u> | |
| 10156 | | | 13168 | |
| <u>2622</u> | Plus Excess of Income over Expenses 1983 | | <u>8532</u> | <u>21700</u> |
| <u>14293</u> | | | | <u>23917</u> |
| | | | | |
| | These are represented by : | | | |
| 15 | Cash in hand and Bank - overdrawn 1983 | | (465) | |
| 5375 | Short term investment - BNZ | | 5386 | |
| 232 | POSB Milton | | 204 | |
| - | POSB Timaru | | 225 | |
| 9608 | Countrywide Building Society | | 20062 | |
| | Sundry Debtors | 3007 | | |
| 2628 | Less provision for doubtful debts | <u>(223)</u> | 2784 | |
| <u>(123)</u> | Air New Zealand Bulk Air Account | | <u>348</u> | |
| 17735 | | | | 28544 |
| | | | | |
| | <u>Less:</u> | | | |
| 3691 | Sundry Creditors | | 4895 | |
| 126 | Prepayments | | - | |
| <u>177</u> | Subscriptions in Advance | | <u>212</u> | |
| <u>3994</u> | | | | <u>5107</u> |
| 13741 | Net Current Assets | | | 23437 |
| | | | | |
| | Other Assets are: | | | |
| 422 | Library (at cost less depreciation) | | 370 | |
| <u>130</u> | Publications (saleable) | | <u>110</u> | |
| | | | | <u>480</u> |
| <u>14293</u> | | | | <u>23917</u> |

The Notes on pages 3 to 4 form an integral part of these financial statements

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1983

| <u>1982</u> | | <u>1983</u> |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| \$ | <u>INCOME</u> | \$ |
| 7556 | Subscriptions | 7543 |
| 34150 | Hive Levy (Note 3) | 37093 |
| 2143 | Interest | 4180 |
| 8245 | Journal Income - Advertising | 7687 |
| 9977 | <u>1732</u> Journal Income - Subscriptions | <u>1576</u> 9263 |
| 72 | Library | 158 |
| 469 | Commission Received | 1050 |
| - | Miscellaneous | 1 |
| <u>379</u> | Publications | <u>691</u> |
| <u>54746</u> | | <u>59979</u> |
| | <u>LESS EXPENSES</u> | |
| 9000 | Administration Fee | 9234 |
| 750 | Audit Fee - 1982 | 750 |
| 210 | Short provided 1981 | - |
| 2758 | Capitation to Branches | 3061 |
| | Conference Expenses: | |
| 3168 | Accommodation | 2941 |
| 3233 | Travel | 2921 |
| 6592 | <u>191</u> Sundry | <u>-</u> 5862 |
| | Executive Meetings : | |
| 1225 | Accommodation | 1330 |
| 5503 | Travel | 4116 |
| 6963 | <u>235</u> Sundry | <u>(63)</u> 5383 |
| - | Grant, General | |
| | Journal: | |
| 12825 | Printing | 13385 |
| 20331 | <u>7506</u> Editorial Fee & Sundry | <u>6642</u> 20027 |
| 63 | Library | 150 |
| 1719 | Postages & Tolls | 1904 |
| 960 | President's Honorarium | 1100 |
| 1755 | Printing & Stationery | 1515 |
| 504 | Sundry (Note 2) | 1169 |
| 105 | Depreciation | 92 |
| <u>405</u> | Provision for Bad Debts | <u>143</u> |
| <u>52115</u> | | <u>50390</u> |
| 2631 | Net Surplus | 9589 |
| - | Transferred to Educational & Technical Fund | 1050 |
| 9 | Transferred to Library Fund | <u>7</u> 1057 |
| <u>2622</u> | Net Surplus (Deficiency) to Accumulated Fund | <u>8532</u> |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General accounting policy:

The general accounting policies recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been followed in the preparation of these financial statements.

Particular accounting policies:

The following particular accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of earnings and financial position have been applied.

Fixed assets and depreciation:

Office Furniture

Prior to the year ended 31 December 1981 fixed assets were valued at cost and depreciated according to the diminishing value method of depreciation. However, in the year ended 31 December 1982 these assets, because of their low residual value, were entirely written off.

Library

Prior to the year ended 31 December 1982, this asset was written down to a nominal value of \$500. The asset is now being depreciated on the straight line basis at a rate of 20% per annum which is estimated to write off the cost of the asset over its natural life.

Investments

All investments are valued at cost.

Saleable publications

Prior to the year ended 31 December 1982 the sole publication - Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand - was included at cost of publication less sales. The selling price is fixed to cover production costs. However in the current year stocks have been valued at 10 cents each.

Sundry Debtors

All doubtful items have been eliminated in stating accounts receivable.

Changes in Accounting policies

There have been no significant changes in accounting policies applied by the Association during the period covered by these financial statements.

2. SUNDRY EXPENSES

| | <u>1982</u> | <u>1983</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Legal expenses | \$ 85 | 337 |
| Apimondia | 390 | 434 |
| Bank charges | 9 | 19 |
| Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture | 20 | 33 |
| Presentations | - | 139 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 207 |
| | <u>\$504</u> | <u>\$1169</u> |

3. The Minister of Agriculture in a letter dated 26 November 1981 advised the Association that he had approved pursuant to Section 9(6) of the Hive Levy Act the payment to the Association of all monies collected by way of the hive levy up to and including the 1982 year.

4. The sum of \$334 is held on account of the Far North Branch which went into recess during 1982.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC).

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 4 in accordance with accepted auditing standards, and have carried out such procedures as we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the financial statements give, under the historical cost convention, a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association at 31 December 1983 and of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

Wellington, New Zealand

28 March 1984

Coopers & Lybrand

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS