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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 Brian Boru Conference Suite, Kings Motor Hotel, Mawhera Quay, Greymouth, on Wednesday and Thursday, 24th and 25th July, 1985, commencing at 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 24th July, 1985.

PRESENT:

Mr I Berry, President, in the Chair
Mr A McCaw - Vice President
Messrs K Herron, A D Lorimer, D Ward,
G White - members of the Executive
Committee

26 Delegates representing Branches,
and approximately 50 members

In Attendance :

S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary
M. Burgess, Editor of the "Beekeeper"
M. Reid, and members of the MAF Advisory
Service
P Clinch, Wallaceville Animal Research
Centre
D Anderson, B Donovan, R Hill and N.T.
Moar, D.S.I.R.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all delegates to the Conference and said that he hoped it would be a forward thinking and constructive gathering.

PRAYER:

The President then invited delegates to stand while Mr Keith Baty read the Conference prayer.

WELCOME:

The delegates were welcomed to Greymouth by the Mayor, Dr Barry Dallas.

PRESENTATION:

In presenting a nectar bearing tree to the Mayor, the President pointed out that similar presentations had been made at 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.

INTRODUCTION:

The President then introduced to the meeting members of the West Coast Branch, who had contributed to the Conference arrangements.

REPORTS:

1. Education - Bay of Plenty Community College.

Mr N Wallingford addressed the meeting on beekeeping education at the Bay of Plenty Community College. Copies of Mr Wallingford's address were made available to those in attendance.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

Details of the President's address are contained in Appendix I.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Mr David Butcher, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, then addressed the meeting (details of his speech being contained in Appendix II), and officially declared the meeting open.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr McCaw, on behalf of the meeting, recorded a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mr David Butcher.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 11.03 a.m.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were recorded from Richard Dodds, N.Z. Sugar Refining Co; Brian Beamish, Jack Fraser, Arthur Gossett, Stan Tweedie, Mr and Mrs Young, Mr and Mrs Rowe, Dudley Lorimer, James Ward, Rod Walker, Charlie Foot, Jasper Bray, C.Thompson, Barry Young, Allan Ward

OBITUARIES:

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

Thomas Winter; Donald McPherson; Alister McKenzie; Stuart Spence; Arthur Tucker; Russell Box; Enid Tiffin, Isaac Lancaster.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The President advised the meeting of the Executive Committee election result :

North Island Messrs I Berry and D Ward
being the only nominees had
accordingly been declared
elected.

South Island Mr A McCaw being the only
nominee had accordingly been
declared elected.

LIFE MEMBERS:

National Beekeepers' Association - nil

Branches : Bill Rodie S.W.Districts
 John Varley Nelson

REPORTS:

2. Advisory

Details of Mr Reid's report Appendix III.

3. Apiculture Section, Wallaceville

Mr Pat Clinch addressed the meeting on the activities of the apiculture section, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre, and copies of Mr Clinch's report were made available to those present.

4. N.Z. "Beekeeper"

Mr A McCaw reported on the response to the recently issued questionnaire, a full analysis of which had yet to be undertaken.

Mr Mike Burgess then gave a report on the content of the "Beekeeper" and his responsibilities as Editor.

5. Library

Mr J Heineman then read his report on the activities of the Library, and copies of his report were made available to those present.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

- Timekeeper: IT WAS RESOLVED that Alan Braid of the West Coast Branch be appointed timekeeper.
- Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that D and L Feary of the West Coast Branch be appointed scrutineers.
- Speaking times: IT WAS RESOLVED that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak; the seconder 3 minutes, and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.
- Tape Recorders: IT WAS RESOLVED that tape recorders be allowed. It was noted that one delegate and two others had tape recorders.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The President advised the meeting of the provisions of Rule 17(c) and requested members to have these made available to the Executive Secretary now to allow for photocopying.

The President advised the meeting that six additional Remits had already been handed to the Executive Secretary.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.03 p.m.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>D/DELEGATE</u>
1. Northland	Malcolm Haines	Terry Gavin
2. Auckland	Mike Stuckey	-
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Lindsey Hansen
4. Bay of Plenty	Jim Courtney	-
5. Poverty Bay	Paul Ashcroft	-
6. Hawke's Bay	Paul Ashcroft	Dudley Ward
7. S.W.Districts	Vernon Gledstone-Brown	Frank Lindsay
8. Nelson	Mike Wraight	Gavin White
9. Marlborough	Reg Clarke	James Jenkins
10. West Coast	Ralph Glasson	James Bushby
11. Canterbury	David Penrose	John Hartnell
12. S.Canterbury	Steve Lyttle	-

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE contd

	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>D/DELEGATE</u>
13.	N.Otago	Max Lory	-
14.	Otago	Paul Marshall	Allen McCaw
15.	Southland	Tony Clissold	Jack Glynn

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 25/26 July 1984, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

Adjournment:

The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc) was adjourned at 2.06 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates, which commenced at 2.07 p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note - the Annual General Meeting re-convened at 10.46 a.m. on Thursday 25 July 1985).

REMIT 1.

WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE URGE THE N.B.A. TO DO ALL IN ITS POWERS TO RAISE THE INTEREST RATES CLOSER TO MARKET RATES ON LOANS TO THE N.Z. HONEY CO-OP FROM THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY FUNDS

Footnote: The Waikato Branch members are disturbed that the funds on loan to the N.Z. Honey Co-op are losing value to the Industry at an alarming rate because of inflation. The Honey Co-op is now well established and should be able to pay a reasonable rate of interest. Future generations of beekeepers could be greatly helped by the use of these funds for education or promotion purposes and we must do our best to see the Industry funds keep top value.

LOST 4 - 10

REMIT 3a

CANTERBURY

THAT THE N.Z. HONEY PRODUCERS CO-OP BE REMINDED OF ITS OBLIGATION TO THE HONEY INDUSTRY WHEN UTILISING CHEAP INDUSTRY FUNDS BY ASSISTING IN THE ORDERLY MARKETING OF HONEY.

There was no objection from delegates to this "late" Remit being discussed.

CARRIED 11 - 3

REMIT 19.

AUCKLAND

THAT THE EXECUTIVE MEETS WITH THE TRUSTEES, THE CO-OP AND THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL PARTIES ARE AWARE OF THE ADVANTAGES THAT THE CO-OP HAS AS A RESULT OF THE LOW INTEREST RATES AND THAT THE THREE PARTIES ENDEAVOUR TO FORMULATE A COMMON MARKETING POLICY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CO-OP'S USE OF THE INDUSTRY'S FUNDS AND THE ADVANTAGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE INHERENT IN THE SITUATION.

There was no objection from delegates to this "late" Remit being discussed.

AMENDMENT

THAT THE EXECUTIVE MEETS WITH THE TRUSTEES,
THE CO-OP AND THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION AND
THAT THE THREE PARTIES ENDEAVOUR TO FORMULATE
A COMMON MARKETING POLICY.

The Mover of this Remit agreed that the
Motion as amended now stand as the Motion

AMENDMENT

Delete the words "THE TRUSTEES"

The Mover of the Remit agreed that the Motion
as further amended now stand as the Motion

CARRIED 14 - 0

REMIT 2

BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THE N.B.A CONSIDER INCREASING THE INTEREST
PAYABLE ON TRUST MONEY TO A TRUE COMMERCIAL
RATE TO ENDEAVOUR TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING
POWER OF THE CAPITAL.

Footnote: There are many justifications
for the support of this remit. The purchasing
power of this trust is being eroded away
by inflation. This money rightly belongs
to all beekeepers (the Industry as a whole)
and should be maintained for the benefit
of all. This Branch has many members who
use hives for pollination and produce very
little honey for sale. Therefore membership
of the Honey Co-op is of no benefit to them.
Unless honey is exported by the Co-op in
large quantities, honey prices on the local
market are depressed by over supply. The
low interest paid by the Co-op could be
seen as a subsidy to Co-op members. We
need local honey packers to create fair
competition for long term industry stability.

AGREED 15 - 0 THAT THIS REMIT BE WITHDRAWN

REMIT 3

AUCKLAND

THAT THE EXECUTIVE REQUEST THE TRUSTEES
OF THE INDUSTRY FUNDS TO RENEGOTIATE ANY
LOW INTEREST RATE LOANS OF THESE FUNDS UP
TO THE RURAL BANK GUIDELINES OF 10-14%
AS A MINIMUM ADJUSTMENT.

AGREED 15 - 0 THAT THIS REMIT BE WITHDRAWN

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3.05 p.m. for afternoon
tea and reconvened at 3.40 p.m.

REMIT 4

WEST COAST

THAT THE N.B.A. EXECUTIVE COMMISSION A MARKETING
CONSULTANT TO PREPARE A REPORT ON HOW TO
BETTER MARKET NEW ZEALAND HONEY. THE EXECUTIVE
TO APPROACH TRUSTEES FOR THIS STUDY TO BE
FUNDED FROM TRUST FUNDS.

Footnote: This remit seeks professional
recommendations on honey marketing. IF
the study's findings are adopted, they would
be included in future Industry planning.

AMENDMENT

Delete the word "COMMISSION" and insert the words "INVESTIGATE THE COMMISSIONING OF" and insert the words "AND PROMOTE" after the word "MARKET"

The Mover of the Remit agreed that the Motion as amended now stand as the Motion.

CARRIED 14 - 1

REMIT 5.

SOUTHLAND

THAT CONFERENCE REQUEST THE N.B.A. TO CONSIDER INVESTING IN A PROMOTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM BY THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY

Footnote:

OBJECTIVE: To promote the use of honey
MEANS: A mobile display unit, e.g. caravan, showing observation hives, hive components and beekeeping equipment and including referer to trees for bees, export value of bee product value of pollination, books and hand-out pamphlets.

ENVISAGED: Such a unit could be easily moved from area to area by beekeepers and manned by beekeepers in the area, at A & P Shows, Trade Fairs and Horticultural Shows, etc. It could also be made available (by appointment) to schools in any particular area as an adjunct to "Social Studies".

GENERAL: Such a unit could well be seen as an investment in the future of the Industry

FUNDING: Beekeepers and Commercial Suppliers (debentures?) and Trust Fund.

CARRIED 15 - 0

REMIT 6.

NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE CO-ORDINATE THE INCLUSION OF NEW ZEALAND HONEY IN OVERSEAS PROMOTIONS OF NEW ZEALAND FOODS

CARRIED 14 - 0

REMIT 7.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN DISCOUNT ON ALL PLASTIC HONEY CONTAINERS USED BY MEMBERS OF THE N.B.A.

AMENDMENT

Delete the word "PLASTIC"

The Mover of the Remit agreed that the Motion as amended now stand as the Motion

CARRIED 12 - 1

REMIT 8

SOUTHLAND

Gorse

THAT THIS BRANCH REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF GORSE TO BEEKEEPERS IS FULLY REALISED.

AMENDMENT

Add the words "AND OTHER COST BENEFIT EFFECTS" after the word "BEEKEEPER"

The Mover of this Remit agreed that the Motion as amended now stand as the Motion.

CARRIED 15 - 0

REPORTS

6. D.S.I.R. (a)

Prior to consideration of Remit 8, Dr Richard Hill addressed the meeting on the present stage of investigation and research with regard to the parasite for gorse.

REMIT 8a

CANTERBURY

THAT THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF GORSE, AND THAT THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICIALLY NOTIFY THE D.S.I.R. OF THIS OPPOSIT

Footnote: The Branch is very concerned about biological control of gorse, and asks that the Executive of the NBA request from the DSIR details of any organisms for the proposed biological control of gorse and their quaranti period also their release date.

There was no objection from delegates to this "late" Remit being discussed.

LOST 4 - 11

REMIT 9

HAWKES BAY

Possum

THAT THE EXECUTIVE CONTACTS THE N.Z. FOREST SERVICE, PEST DESTRUCTION BOARD AND LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENTS ENDORSING THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE 'POSSUM' PROVIDING THEIR ACTIONS DO NOT RESULT IN THE POISONING OF HONEY BEES

Footnote: Possums continue to have a serious effect on the beekeeping industry because of the damage they cause to the pollen and nectar sources, and it is felt the possum control is an essential part of our "Trees for Bees" programme.

CARRIED 15 - 0

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5.21 p.m. and reconvened as 9.03 a.m. on Thursday 25 July 1985.

REMIT 10.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Beekeeper

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT 50% OF ARTICLES TO THE N.Z. BEEKEEPER MAGAZINE BE SUPPLIED BY APICULTURAL ADVISORY OFFICERS AS PART OF THEIR JOB.

Footnote: At present, some officers are publishing excellent newsletters that are circulated in their districts. It would be of great benefit to the industry if they were published nationally.

This Remit was held over until attendance of a South Canterbury delegate (Executive Secretary's note and was considered after Remit 11).

AMENDMENT

Delete "50%" and insert in its place "A LARGE PROPORTION" and delete "AS A PART OF THEIR JOB"

WITHDRAWN 15 - 0 MOTION AND AMENDMENT

REMIT 11.

OTAGO

Honey House Design

WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRY PLANNING GOAL A. "INCREASE INDUSTRY PROFITABILITY" THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE TO INITIATE A SURVEY OF HONEY-HOUSE DESIGN AND HONEY AND BEESWAX EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT, WITH A VIEW TO THE PRODUCTION OF A TECHNICAL PUBLICATION ON THE SUBJECT.

Footnote: If information on systems currently operating in this country, such as handling capacities, limitations, technical data, specifications, and costings, was made readily available, this would surely provide developing beekeepers with opportunities for considerable cost-savings. Such a survey could be carried out by one or more beekeepers with some technical expertise, in conjunction with MAF and other advisory services. Funding for a survey could come through application to the Industry Trust Funds.

CARRIED 13 - 2

REMIT 12.

WAIKATO

1986 Conference Venue

THAT THE 1986 CONFERENCE BE HELD IN ROTORUA

CARRIED 15 - 0

REMIT 13

HAWKES BAY

1986 Conference Venue

THAT THE 1986 CONFERENCE BE HELD IN HAWKES BAY

WITHDRAWN 15 - 0

REMIT 14

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS
THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HIVES THAT THE HIVE LEVY BE PAID ON BE REDUCED FROM FIFTY TO TEN. AND THAT THE MINIMUM LEVY PAYABLE BE THIRTY DOLLARS.

Footnote: The Branch is concerned that beekeepers owning ten to fortynine hives produce more honey than their domestic requirements. And so they should contribute to, and come under the "umbrella" of the N.B.A.

There was no objection from delegates to this Remit being considered.

A Motion that "THIS REMIT LIE UPON THE TABLE UNTIL NEXT CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES"

was CARRIED 15 - 0

The Executive being requested to research the proposal in the meantime.

REMIT 15.

BAY OF PLENTY
THAT CONFERENCE URGE BRANCHES TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE PROVISIONS IN THE CREATION OF "HERITAGE NZ" AS IT DIRECTLY AFFECTS BEEKEEPERS. SUBMISSIONS CAN BE MADE COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY ON THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT.

Footnote: This Remit is to bring to the notice of all beekeepers the position with regard to possible new conditions allowing beekeeping in the various types of "National Parks" or other areas of what could be loosely termed "public land" in N.Z. Beekeepers are urged to read and have an input into any new controlling body that may be set up to control these land areas. The name is Heritage New Zealand. A discussion document can be obtained from the Government Printing Office.

There was no objection to this Remit being considered.

AMENDMENT

Delete the words "URGE BRANCHES" and replace with "REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE"

The Mover of this Remit agreed that the Motion as amended now stand as the Motion.

CARRIED 15 - 0

REMIT 16

CANTERBURY
THAT THE PRESENT METHOD OF DELEGATES ONLY VOTING AT CONFERENCE BE ABOLISHED.

Footnote: At present decisions are made at Branch level before discussion at National level takes place. Delegates are required to vote on an issue without full knowledge of the subject. This tends to discourage members to attend conference.

The President advised the meeting of the Rule requirements for a change of Rules, following which this "late" Remit was WITHDRAWN

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9.58 a.m. for morning tea and reconvened at 10.30 a.m.

REMIT 17

LATE REMIT MARLBOROUGH BRANCH DELEGATE
THAT CONFERENCE REQUEST THE N.B.A. EXECUTIVE
TO ADD A FURTHER ACTION TO THE INDUSTRY
PLAN, GOAL C, OBJECTIVE 2, AS FOLLOWS :

"ESTABLISH A MEANS OF PROVIDING AND PUBLISHING
FULL AND UP-TO-DATE MARKET INFORMATION ON
ALL THE INDUSTRY'S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES"

Footnote: One of our Industry's weaknesses is the almost complete lack of access to regular and up-to-date information and analysis on prices, production levels and stock holdings, etc. for both the export and domestic markets. At present we have neither the means to collect this information, nor suitable means of publishing it on a sufficiently frequent and timely basis.

The Ministry of Agriculture provides this service to other sectors, which also have the benefit of public auctions, published export schedules, and regular market report and comment via radio, newspapers and magazines.

A free and unregulated market such as ours can only work effectively if we all have the means to make informed, wise decisions, as to the marketing of our products and services.

There was only one objection from delegates to this Remit being discussed by delegates.

CARRIED 14 - 1

REMIT 18

NORTHLAND
THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST EXECUTIVE TO
INVESTIGATE A RULE CHANGE TO ALLOW SPECIALITY
INDUSTRY GROUPS, I.E. COMB HONEY PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATION, N.Z. HONEY PACKERS ASSCN.,
N.Z. QUEEN BEE PRODUCERS ASSN., ETC. DELEGATE
REPRESENTATION AND SPEAKING RIGHTS, BUT
NOT VOTING RIGHTS AT CONFERENCE WITH EACH
GROUP REQUIRED TO PRESENT A REPORT ON ACTIVITIES.

WITHDRAWN

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 10.46 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand Inc. then re-convened.

REPORTS

7. Telford Farm Training Institute

Mr John Third gave a report on the activities and developments of the beekeeping activities of the Institute.

8. Mr Gavin reported on the establishment of a Queen Bee Breeders Association.

BRANCH REPORTS:

1. Waikato

Mr Hansen reported that a Fieldday had been held. There had been demand for queen and packaged bees, the kiwifruit and orchard pollination had greatly assisted in cash flow, the benefits received by the Branch in having the Senior AAO located in Hamilton, the Branch will be financing its own Newsletter.

2. Bay of Plenty

Mr Courtney reported that the Kiwifruit Pollination Association was up and running. MAF were undertaking a heavy monitoring programme, results of which had still to be made available, the toxic honey areas had been well designated.

INDUSTRY PLANNING:

At this stage the meeting broke up into workshops to consider the Industry Plan, the workshops being :

1. Honey Promotion/Market Research
2. Public Relations
3. Materials Promotion Research Package
4. Content of the New Zealand "Beekeeper"
5. Crop and Market Information Systems

Following these workshops reports were presented to Conference and it was noted that the material would be summarised by Mr McCaw and included in the Industry Plan

GENERAL:

1. Mr Herron commented on the prices relating to contract extracting.

BRANCH REPORTS:

3. Auckland

Mr Stuckey reported that Auckland would be holding a Fieldday on August 10 and sought South Island photographs with a beekeeping scene.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.46 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.04 p.m.

REPORTS:

9. D.S.I.R.

b) Dr Barry Donovan reported on the current work being undertaken by the Entomology Division including reference to :

- a. The possible shortage of funding for the wasp parasite work
- b. Developments in leaf cutter bees
- c. High country pollination
- d. The mass production of bumble bees
- e. Mechanical Pollination of kiwifruit
- f. Problems of disease relevant to pollination
- g. The honeydew production in Europe
- h. Heritage N.Z. related to the Australian experience

c) Mr Neville Moar reported on pollination analysis and the DSIR's desire to contract to industry this aspect of their work as a quality control.

BRANCH REPORTS:

4. Nelson

Mr Wraight reported that most of the Branch activities had been based around pollination and he advised that the Nelson Branch was undertaking a hive audit.

5. Canterbury

Mr Penrose reported on the Branch presentation to Messrs Elliott and Gossett for their contribution to the industry over the last 50 years.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3.01 p.m. for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.30 p.m.

REPORTS:

10. Pesticides Board

The President read to the meeting his report for the year.

BRANCH REPORTS:

6. Otago

Mr Marshall reported on developments with respect to the "Trees for Bees" programme, the Branches Fieldday at Lawrence, a talk by the local Agricultural Quarantine Officer, and a seminar on high country clover.

7. Hawke's Bay

Mr Ashcroft reported that the Branch was now holding a regular monthly meeting.

8. North Otago

Mr Lory reported that there had been almost a total failure of the crop in his area and that there had also been a failure of nodding thistle.

9. Northland

Mr Haines reported that the Branch had been fairly active and had participated in the export of bees to Canada; following the appointment of an Advisory Officer the Branch was now becoming more active, the crop in the Northland area was average.

10. Canterbury

The Branch had adopted a yearly project and this year it was that apiary sites have a number and name identification.

11. South Western Districts

Mr Gledstone-Brown reported that the Branch had been concerned at the non-appointment of an AAO; the workload of the 1984 conference had had its effect on Branch involvement, a combined meeting had been held to farewell Mr Bill Rodie.

12. Marlborough

Mr Clarke reported that the Branch continued to be active. Hive numbers were on the increase, the Branch undertaking promotional activities and the crop had varied from below average to exceptional. Pollination is a small but increasing aspect of Branch activity, the Branch appreciated the receipt of AAO Newsletters and other Branch newsletters. He suggested that consideration be given to the preparation of printed Branch reports for circulation at conference.

13. Southland

Mr Herron reported that activity within the Branch was much the same as usual.

14. West Coast

Mr Glasson reported that the Branch had held a fieldday but conference preparation had been a major exercise.

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.

CHAIRMAN:

For the election of the President, the Executive Secretary took the Chair.

ELECTIONS:

The President Mr I Berry was re-elected unopposed and then took the Chair.

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

Auditors:

Messrs. Cooper & Lybrands were re-appointed.

GENERAL:

1. The President referred to the letter from the Canterbury Branch concerning exports and crop tonnage, and it was noted that this matter was to be discussed by the Executive with Mr Holborow of the Department of Trade and Industry.

2. Mr Penrose suggested that the layout of the conference room be reviewed for the 1986 conference in an endeavour to ensure greater participation by Association members in the conference of Branch Delegates. Mr McCaw suggested that Branches organising conference could give greater consideration to sponsorship. Mr Stuckey commented on the late presentation of some material for conference.

3. Mr Gledstone-Brown recorded the appreciation of his Branch to the Executive for their work in arranging the bulk sugar supply.

It was also suggested to the meeting that consideration by Branches be given to the purchase of other products in bulk, such as boots.

CONCLUSION:

The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the President for the way in which he had chaired the Conference and also the way he and the Executive had guided the affairs of the Association over the last 12 months.

The President, on behalf of the Conference, expressed appreciation to the West Coast Branch and the management of the hotel for the way the conference had been organised and conducted.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.18 p.m.