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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 Rotorua Travelodge, 6 Eruera Street, Rotorua, on Wednesday and Thursday 23rd and 24th July, 1986, commencing at 9.19 a.m. on Wednesday 23rd July 1986.

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

25 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, DSIR  
N. Emery, Ag. Quarantine Service

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all delegates,  
including visitors from the Cook Islands,  
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 Brian Clements read  
the Conference prayer.

WELCOME:

The delegates were welcomed to Rotorua  
by Mr Howard Morrison, following which  
the meeting was entertained by the Morrison  
Group.

PRESENTATION:

In presenting a nectar bearing tree to  
Mr Morrison, 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. He also made a donation to  
the Group to assist them in defending  
their title at the forthcoming championships.

Mr Morrison responded by presenting to  
the President a Taniwha.

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 I), and officially declared  
the meeting open.

VOTE OF THANKS:

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

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: Details of the President's address are contained in Appendix II.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 11.05 a.m.

REPORTS: 1. Advisory  
Details of Mr Reid's report Appendix III.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Paul Marshall, Garry Jeffery, Percy Berry, Ben Rawnsley, Trevor Rowe, Gay Rowe, Ralph Glasson Snr., John Hartnell, Tony Clissold, Norman Deane.

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

Tom Eason (Canterbury)  
Chas Foote and Jas Marshall (Otago)  
Jack Glynn and Allan Ward (Southland)  
Bob Davidson (South Canterbury)  
Ray Hansen (Waikato)

ELECTION RESULTS: The Executive Secretary advised the meeting of the Executive Committee election result:

North Island Mr A D Lorimer , being the only nominee had accordingly been declared elected

South Island Messrs K Herron and G White, being the only nominees had accordingly been declared elected.

LIFE MEMBERS: National Beekeepers' Association -

Patrick Geoffrey Clinch  
Hendriks Belin

Branch Life Members -

Dick Adamson, Poverty Bay  
Ken Harrison, Bay of Plenty

REPORTS: 2. Education - Bay of Plenty Community College.

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

3. Telford Farm Training Institute

Mr Ivan Dickinson reported on the apiary unit at Telford and also the financial problems being experienced by the Institute, the lack of educational funds within the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

and the fact that Government were being asked to address the educational function of Telford and, in particular, the application of the Tertiary Bursary to Telford.

4. Library

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

5. N.Z. "Beekeeper"

Mr Mike Burgess recorded his appreciation for the help and guidance given over his early years as editor. He commented on the value to him of attending Conference, and the continuing need for members' contributions.

BRANCH REPORTS:

1. Bay of Plenty - Mr Jim Courtney

Activities curtailed because of the lack of an active President, however, the branch had arranged a young beekeeper of the year award, activities involving the AAO, Community College and the Kiwifruit Pollination Association. A field day involving overseas visitors was to be held this Christmas period.

2. Poverty Bay - Mr Brian Smith

Because of its isolation Poverty Bay always appreciated visits by the AAO. A visit had been arranged to the Bay of Plenty Branch and a display at the local A & P Show. Lack of membership was of continuing concern.

3. Auckland - Mr Graham Cammell

A field day had been held at the Airport and the Branch had met with the NBA Executive. A field day was planned on diagnosis at Carrington Technical Institute.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

Timekeeper: IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs Lindsay Hansen (and Gerald Barton) of the Waikato Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Norm Findlay and Ross Blackman of the Waikato 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 the top table had a tape recorder.

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 additional Remits had already been circulated by the Executive Secretary.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>D/DELEGATE</u>
1. Northland	Malcolm Haines	Derek Bettesworth
2. Auckland	Graham Cammell	Bob Blair
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Rex Tod
4. Bay of Plenty	Jim Courtney	Neil Mossop
5. Poverty Bay	Brian Smith	Ian Stewart
6. Hawke's Bay	Paul Ashcroft	Chris Robinson
7. S.W. Districts	Vernon Gledstone-Brown	Frank Lindsay
8. Nelson	Gavin White	Arthur Day
9. Marlborough	Reg Clarke	
10. West Coast	John Glasson	
11. Canterbury	Peter Bray	Richard Bensemann
12. S. Canterbury	Steve Lyttle	
13. N. Otago	Steve Lyttle	
14. Otago	Lyn McKenzie	Allen McCaw
15. Southland	Alister Lee	

BRANCH REPORTS:

4. Otago

Mr L McKenzie reported on branch activities, including a field day and a convention at Invermay.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.29 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.05 p.m.

GENERAL:

The President commented on the unfortunate error concerning the non-circulation to all members of the proposed Rule Change from South Canterbury and the meeting confirmed that it had no objection to the proposal being considered by the Annual Meeting at the appropriate time.

The President also advised that, in future, correct details of the Conference and Annual General Meeting would be contained in the "Beekeeper" and, in addition, the Agenda paper would be sent to all hive levy payers.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 24/25 July 1985, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman 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 2.10 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates, which commenced at 2.11 p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note: the Annual General Meeting re-convened at 2.08p.m. on Thursday 24 July 1986)

REMITTS:

Before considering the Remits, Mr M Reid, Senior Apicultural Advisory Officer, addressed the meeting, outlining the details of Government funding of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and in particular its effect on the Apiculture Section of the Advisory Service Division.

Matters raised by Mr Reid included :

- a) Reductions in the net Ministry appropriation over the next 5 years.
- b) 80% of Ministry expenditure was on salaries.
- c) It was a matter of cost reductions or increased earnings.
- d) Relationship between income and number of beekeepers.
- e) Reduction in number of Ministry Divisions
- f) Salary reduction being the soft option
- g) If the regulatory aspect of AAO work could be funded he saw no problem in providing the advisory service.
- h) He referred to details contained in his report (see Appendix III) and in particular those related to disease (page 3) and regulatory costs (pages 4/5)
- i) He outlined some of the alternative funding possibilities relating to a registration fee.
- j) The legal problems were also referred to as were the consequent delays if legislation needed to be introduced.

REMITTS:

The meeting agreed that Remit 3 be considered before Remit 1.

3. BAY OF PLENTY  
THAT THE EXECUTIVE PRESS GOVERNMENT FOR SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT TEAM TO ADMINISTER THE APIARIES ACT.

NOTES: The harvest to beekeepers, of work done by honey bees, in the pollination of crops, is a minor reward compared to the value of crops pollinated. The cost of collecting a contribution from each hive owner would be expensive, and would contribute to great difficulty in the Department of Agriculture obtaining the co-operation of beekeepers to register hives.

In turn helping to defeat the object of, the act, in the detection and eradication of diseases in bees.

The reason of having the Apiaries act is to maintain clean, healthy hives of bees of high quality.

In having a good inspection service NZ bee products are accepted to most of the world markets.

As any person may keep bees it is a part of the Apiary Inspectors job to educate

people, who keep one hive, as well as commercial beekeepers, so that healthy bees and more productive results are obtained. We feel that our bees are making a very valuable contribution to the benefit and wealth of our Nation . Our good beekeeping practices are recognised worldwide as are our Apicultural field advisers. We ask Government, to fully fund this operation so that our nation does not lose any of this benefit.

Amendment: that the following words be added to the remit after the Word 'Act' "and hive inspection".

The Amendment was CARRIED 11-0 and, on becoming the Motion was CARRIED 10-2

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3.10 p.m. for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.47 p.m.

REMIT:

1. EXECUTIVE

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO GOVERNMENT FOR LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL BEEKEEPERS.

NOTES: (a) The registration fee would be collected by the NBA and used to contract the MAF to maintain and improve the apiary register and disease inspection services.

(b) The fee would be completely separate from the Hive Levy and would be kept in a separate account to be used only for keeping the apiary register and maintaining an adequate disease inspection service.

(c) The fee would be a set amount per beekeeper, irrespective of the number of hives owned.

(d) There would be need to be some appropriate form of penalty for non-payment.

(e) A figure of about \$25 per beekeeper plus G.S.T. has been suggested.

(f) With the user pay system being brought in by Government it is felt that both the apiary register and disease inspection service as provided at present by the MAF will disappear unless beekeepers can show they are prepared to contribute towards the cost.

(g) Executive feels that it is in the interests of all beekeepers both commercial and hobbyist that the present apiary register and disease inspection service be maintained and improved and the passing of the remit will be a positive step towards this goal.

Amendment: THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE NEGOTIATE THE BEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (ADVISORY SERVICES DIVISION) TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF AN IMPROVED PROGRAMME OF APIARY REGISTRATION, DISEASE CONTROL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE INDUSTRY.

The amendment was CARRIED 13-0 and the amended Motion was then CARRIED 13-0

## 2. AUCKLAND

THAT MAF CONTINUE DISEASE INSPECTIONS USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS, PLUS A REGISTRATION FEE NOT EXCEEDING \$10 PER ANNUM, PER BEEKEEPER FUNDS TO BE USED IN THE AREA COLLECTED.

NOTES: MAF budgets for hive inspection are very limited and cannot cover the expense of adequate hive inspections. The registration fee to be collected from every beekeeper regardless of the number of hives kept.

Amendment: THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES CONTINUE DISEASE INSPECTION USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS PLUS A REGISTRATION FEE ON A PER SITE BASIS.

The amendment was LOST 2-11

Amendment: THAT THE MAF CONTINUE DISEASE INSPECTIONS USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS PLUS AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE PER BEEKEEPER.

The amendment was CARRIED 10:3

Amendment: THE REGISTRATION FEE TO BE COLLECTED BY THE N.B.A.

The amendment was LOST 1-12

The amended remit, i.e.

THAT THE MAF CONTINUE DISEASE INSPECTION USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS PLUS AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE PER BEEKEEPER

was CARRIED 7-6 and was also CARRIED on a poll vote 603 to 405

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5.31 p.m. and reconvened at 9.06 a.m. on Thursday 24 July 1986.

### REMITTS:

## 4. EXECUTIVE

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE HIVE LEVY ACT CHANGED IN SUCH A WAY THAT ALL BEEKEEPERS WITH 50 HIVES OR MORE WILL BE DUE TO PAY HIVE LEVY IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE HIVES ARE KEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING HONEY FOR SALE OR NOT. PROVISION TO BE MADE SO THAT THE DEFINITION OF A HIVE DOES NOT INCLUDE UNITS OF LESS THAN A SINGLE STOREY HIVE SUCH AS A QUEEN REARING NUCLEUS.

NOTES: There are a small but expanding number of beekeepers keeping bees for such things as pollination and queen production and not producing honey for sale. Executive feels these beekeepers should pay as they are at present receiving benefits from the efforts of the NBA, without cost.

Amendment: that the words "ALL BEEKEEPERS WITH 50 HIVES OR MORE WILL BE DUE TO PAY HIVE LEVY" be deleted and replaced with "THAT THE HIVE LEVY WILL BE PAYABLE

The amendment was CARRIED 12-0 and on becoming the Motion was CARRIED 13-0

#### 5. AUCKLAND

THAT EVERY REGISTERED HIVE EXCEPT NUC'S BE LIABLE TO PAY THE HIVE LEVY.

NOTES: It is felt that many people benefit from the activities of the NBA yet don't make a contribution to the running costs, e.g. Pollination units and Queen rearing units.

This Remit was WITHDRAWN

#### 6. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS (FROM LAST YEAR

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HIVES THAT THE HIVE LEVY BE PAID ON BE REDUCED FROM 50 TO 10 AND THAT THE MINIMUM LEVY PAYABLE BE \$30.

NOTES: The branch is concerned that beekeepers owning 10-49 hives produce more honey than their domestic requirements and so they should contribute to and come under the "umbrella" of the NBA.

Amendment:

Delete the number "10" referring to hive numbers and replace with the number "5".

Footnote: It is felt that five hives should produce a hobbist beekeeper sufficient honey for his personal needs and that the NBA should broaden the base from which it gathers its income. If the industry is to progress more funds will be needed to allow financial input into areas such as promotion scientific and market research, etc. All beekeepers benefit and so should contribute.

The Amendment was LOST 1-12 and the ORIGINAL MOTION was LOST 3-10

#### GENERAL:

At this stage of the meeting, Mr Don Bairstow of the N.Z. Sugar Co. addressed the meeting.



#### 7. MARLBOROUGH

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO HAVE THE APIARIES ACT AMENDED, TO THE EFFECT THAT FRAMELESS HONEY SUPERS MAY BE USED, SO LONG AS THE QUEEN IS CONFINED BY A SOUND QUEEN EXCLUDER TO BROOD BOXES CONTAINING REMOVABLE FRAMES.

Notes: As currently worded, the Act makes no distinction between brood frames and honey frames whereas the purpose of Section 11 of the Act is to ensure that all brood frames can be inspected for disease. It is possible to maintain that important objective, without requiring all frames to be removable. A sound queen excluder, and no other entrance to the supers above, will achieve the purpose of the Act, yet leave freedom to experiment with other systems for honey supers. Beekeeping like other farming, is under threat from rising costs and falling profit margins. To counter that we need to encourage experiment and innovation. So far as the hive is concerned, development virtually ceased in 1878.

Clearly, the Act will not be amended without the support of the MAF Apiary Advisory Officers. If it is felt that not all beekeepers could operate a frameless system, then individual beekeepers could be licensed to do so. The licence would prescribe the equipment permitted, such as approved types of queen excluder, etc. and failure to comply with licence conditions would lead to cancellation.

This Remit was WITHDRAWN

#### 8. EXECUTIVE

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS SEEKING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF FIFTY PERCENT OF THE APPROPRIATE SALARY AND COSTS FOR DENIS ANDERSON FOR A SECOND THREE YEAR PERIOD FROM MAY 1988.

Notes: (a) During the first 3 year period trust funds are being used to pay DSIR the equivalent of \$12,500 per year being half the salary and costs with DSIR funding the other half.

(b) At the Executive meeting held at Flock House it was realised that the payment to DSIR would need to be increased somewhat for a second three year term.

(c) In a discussion with John Longworth of DSIR after our Executive meeting we were advised that the NBA may be expected to pay \$60,000 per year which is half the DSIR annual charge out rate for a scientist.

(d) Executive needs guidance as to whether the Association members would support a payment of \$60,000 per year for three years and if not how much per year it would support.

Amendment:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS SEEKING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TOWARDS THE APPROPRIATE SALARY AND COSTS FOR A BEE PATHOLOGIST FOR A SECOND THREE YEAR PERIOD FROM MAY 1988.

The Amendment was CARRIED 12-0 and the amended Motion was CARRIED 12-0.

9. CANTERBURY

THAT CONFERENCE CHARGE THE EXECUTIVE TO STRONGLY ADVISE THE TRUSTEES OF THE INDUSTRY FUNDS TO OBTAIN SPEEDY REPAYMENT BY THE HONEY PRODUCERS CO-OPERATIVE OF THE \$600,000 DOLLARS FROM THE BEGINNING DATE IN 1987 BUT ALLOW THE CO-OP TO RE-BORROW THESE MONIES AT CURRENT INTEREST RATES.

Notes: Under the terms of the loan of \$600,000 to the Co-op (\$300,000 at 9% and \$300,000 at 3%) for 5 years it is due for review in 1987 when the terms of repayment over the next 5 years (until 1992) will be set. To protect the assets of the industry it is imperative that more realistic repayments and interest rates be obtained. With current inflation the asset is depreciating so rapidly that in real terms it will be worth only \$318,864 in 5 years and \$188,286 in 1992 (based on 10% inflation rate). In that time it will have earned only \$360,000 in interest.

Amendment:

That the following words be deleted "BUT ALLOW THE CO-OP TO RE-BORROW THESE MONIES AT CURRENT INTEREST RATES"

The Amendment was CARRIED 9-4. The amended Motion was then CARRIED 12-1

10. CANTERBURY

THAT THE CONFERENCE CHARGE THE EXECUTIVE TO TRY TO QUANTIFY THE ENORMOUS VALUE OF THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRIES WITH A VIEW TO USING THE INFORMATION TO HELP ENSURE THAT HONEY IS NOT IMPORTED INTO NZ AND REDUCE THE PROFITABILITY OF BEEKEEPERS IN NZ.

11.

Note: "This industry could not survive"  
At present price levels most beekeepers are struggling. The end result would be a decline in hive numbers. Farmers would have to pay for their pollination adding yet another burden to their shoulders. Failure to maintain a viable pollination service could result in dramatic loss of income for this country from apple, nectarine, cherry, kiwifruit, berry and clover seed etc exports. And not to mention the risk of introducing new diseases, to hinder or curtail a growing queen and package bee export business. Remember, big business can outwit reason. Look what happened with tomatoes and fruitfly from Queensland. The risk of importing honey is too great and every effort must be made to inform the authorities of this.  
Lets Beeware!

The meeting accepted the change of the word "Profitability" to "Viability"

The Motion was CARRIED 13-0

#### 11. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY POSSIBLE LEGAL IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO NZ.

Notes: The risk of disease coming into NZ in honey which is supposedly disease free and is brought into NZ legally, is still very high. Importation of honey in NZ would probably be devastating to the NZ Beekeeping industry.

Amendment That the following words be deleted "Possible legal".

The Amendment was CARRIED 11-0 and the amended Motion was CARRIED 13-0.

#### 12. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT IT ACTIVELY SUPPORTS AND PROMOTES HONEY BEES FOR POLLINATION

This Motion was CARRIED 13-0

#### 13. CANTERBURY

THAT THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSN VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF GORSE AND THAT THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICIALLY NOTIFY THE DSIR OF THIS OPPOSITION.

Notes: The Catchment Boards are providing funds for the DSIR to continue their work on biological control of gorse and rural beekeepers are indirectly supporting their work through Catchment Board rates

This Motion was CARRIED 11-0

14. POVERTY BAY

THAT THE NBA MAKE A CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO THE SOLE MANUFACTURER OF MIREX TO MAKE HIS PRODUCT MORE AVAILABLE - AS THE EFFORTS OF LOCAL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TO NO AVAIL.

Notes: The wasp problem has been very bad in our area again this year - Mirex has been unavailable and on contacting the manufacturer a how sad too bad attitude was received.

This Motion was CARRIED 7-2

15. WAIKATO

THAT CONFERENCE REQUESTS EXECUTIVE TO APPROACH THE PESTICIDES BOARD TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF MIREX INSECTICIDE FOR WASP CONTROL

Notes: Wasp cause more economic damage to hives than AFB and Mirex is the most efficient insecticide to use in baits.

Amendment:

That the following words be added after the word "control" - "UNTIL AN ALTERNATIVE SUBSTANCE IS AVAILABLE"

The mover of the Motion agreed that the Motion as amended now stand as the Motion.

The Motion was CARRIED 12-1

16. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE DOES EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO DECREASE THE PAPER WAR THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY IS NOW FACING

Notes: Motor Vehicle registration; GST; Package bee exports (62 pages of paper for 1 shipment); Registration for this, that and the other. We want time to Beekeep.

The Motion was LOST 1-9

17. CANTERBURY

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

Note: 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 Motion was LOST 1-12

18. OTAGO

THAT CONFERENCE 1987 BE RUN BY THE OTAGO BRANCH

This Remit was WITHDRAWN

19. CANTERBURY

THAT THE 1987 CONFERENCE VENUE BE HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH

The meeting accepted the change of the word "Christchurch" to "CANTERBURY".

The Motion was CARRIED 12-0

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.28 p.m. and reconvened at 2.02 p.m.

REMITTS:

20. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE TO CONVEY TO GOVERNMENT THAT THE NBA IS APPALLED AT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE "TOTAL RURAL COMMUNITY". FURTHER THAT THE EXECUTIVE BE REQUESTED TO INDICATE THE NBA'S MORAL SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF FEDERATED FARMERS OF NZ

Footnote: We consider that generally apiarists generate most of their income from rural districts and are being affected also especially by Rural Bank interest rates etc. Offering our moral support is the least we can do and a good public relations exercise.

This being a Late Remit and 7 delegates objecting - the President advised that it could not be considered.

21. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That the decapitation to branches be increased by 50%.

Footnote: When the hive levy first replaced the seals levy, branches used to have enough funds to run their activities. Now we find it difficult funding branch activities without raising monies elsewhere. The decapitation has not kept up with inflation.

This was a Late Remit - but was WITHDRAWN

22. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THE NBA SUPPORT SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF BRANCHES UP TO THE RATE OF 100 PERCENT OF THAT BRANCH'S DECAPITATION.

Footnote: This would be to assist in setting up a project such as a stand at a commercial field day where national interests in beekeeping are concerned.

This being a Late Remit and 7 delegates objecting, the President advised that it could not be considered.

23. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT TEN PERCENT OF MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NBA BE ALLOCATED TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PUBLICITY.

This being a Late Remit and 8 delegates objecting, the President advised that it could not be considered.

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 2.08 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand Inc. then re-convened.

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.

AUDITORS:

Messrs Coopers & Lybrand were re-appointed unopposed.

REPORTS:

6. D.S.I.R.

Dr Barry Donovan addressed the meeting on matters of mutual interest, including

The biological control of gorse;  
Wasp parasites;  
Leaf cutter bees;  
Dry pollination machine;  
Commercial Bumble bee nests;  
Exotic sources of honeydew

7. APICULTURE SECTION, WALLACEVILLE

Mr Pat Clinch addressed the meeting on the Wallaceville Animal Research Centre, Apiculture Section, and copies of his report were made available to those present.

8. AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE SERVICE

Mr Nick Emery commented on the close liaison with the industry to achieve public awareness of the consequence of illegal imports. Other matters to which he referred included the Association handout to incoming passengers, the community video, the number of interceptions, a video display at Auckland airport, technical training and the proposed changes to the processing requirements at international airports.

9. RESEARCH

Dr Denis Anderson addressed the meeting on his activities at the DSIR and copies of his address were made available to those present.

10. QUEEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Mr Terry Gavin addressed the meeting advising on the adequate supply of Queens both locally and for export. He also advised the meeting of the objectives of the Association.

11. PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr Ian Berry addressed the meeting.

BRANCH REPORTS:

5. HAWKE'S BAY

Mr Paul Ashcroft advised the meeting that the Branch had been holding regular monthly meetings, and had established a pollination group within the Branch. The Branch was also very pleased at the appointment of an Advisory Officer to serve the area.

6. MARLBOROUGH

Mr Reg Clarke reported that the Branch was in good heart and was fairly active. There had been an increase in the number of hives, but the number of beekeepers was static. Production had been disappointing. The Branch had been active in publicity.

7. CANTERBURY

Mr Richard Bensemman advised the meeting that the Branch had been active and had used surplus funds from the sugar promotion to publicise the industry at Shows. The Branch had co-operated with neighbouring branches. Pollination was becoming more

important. A field day had been held to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Airborne Honey.

8. WEST COAST

Mr John Glasson commented on the inter-branch activity with Canterbury. The crop had been about average. Activity within the Branch had fallen away following the large input into last year's Conference.

9. SOUTHLAND

Mr Keith Herron reported that it had been an active year, with a summer field day and later a promotional field day. Crop was about 4.25 per 100.

10. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Mr Vernon Geldstone-Brown advised that the Branch had had a successful and positive year with two field days. Crop had varied, but the estimate was about 2.25. This branch welcomed the appointment of Mr Roberts.

11. NELSON

Mr Gavin White stated that it had been another successful year with regular monthly meetings, and two field days. Inter branch activity had also been organised.

CHANGE OF RULES:

The President referred to his earlier comments (see Minutes page 4) but following this the Notice of Change of Rules from South Canterbury lapsed for the want of a proposer.

REMIT FROM SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS RULE 14A BE AMENDED SO THAT EXECUTIVE BE REDUCED FROM 6 TO 4 MEMBERS, TWO FROM EACH ISLAND IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE OPERATING COSTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION:

PRESIDENT:

Mr Allen McCaw was elected unopposed.

CHAIRMAN:

Mr McCaw then took the Chair, thanked the meeting for the honour and conveyed to the retiring President, Mr Ian Berry, the industry's appreciation for his work and dedication over the past three years.

ELECTION:

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr Gavin White was elected unopposed.



GENERAL:

1. Mr McCaw reported that the Executive had considered the Waikato Branch recommendation that the Executive ask the Trustees to give a report to conference, but was against such a proposal on the basis that it was desirable to retain the impartiality of the Trustees.

It was suggested that grants awarded be recorded in the Association's Annual Report.

2. Dr. Mokotupu (Cook Islands) thanked those attending the conference for the invitation extended and for the welcome received. He suggested that the 1990 Conference might be held in the Cook Islands.

MARKET REPORT:

Mr Keith Herron gave an outline on what was the purpose of the Market Information Report, being made available to Branches. Mr Ian Berry indicated that a direct mailing to members on a user pay basis was being considered.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.23 p.m. with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr Gavin White and carried by acclamation to the host Branch