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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 Conference Room, Avon Hotel, 356 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch, on Wednesday and Thursday 15th and 16th July 1987, commencing at 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday 15th July 1987.

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

26 Delegates representing Branches and approximately 79 members.

In attendance : S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
M Burgess, Editor of the "Beekeeper"  
M Reid, and members of the MAF Advisory Service  
D Anderson, B Donovan, Ms P Syrett, DSIR  
K Kennett, Ag. Quarantine Service

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

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

NO SMOKING: The meeting agreed that there be no smoking in the Conference Room.

PRAYER: The President then invited delegates to stand while Mr Bruce McCusker read the conference prayer.

WELCOME: The delegates were welcomed to Christchurch by the Mayor, Sir Hamish Hay.

PRESENTATION: In presenting a nectar bearing tree to Sir Hamish Hay the President remarked that similar presentations had been made at other 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.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

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

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

OPENING ADDRESS: Mr David Butcher, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, then addressed the meeting (Appendix I contains details of his speech), and officially declared the meeting open.

VOTE OF THANKS: Mr G White, on behalf of the meeting, recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Butcher.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10.32 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 11.06 a.m.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Ted Roberts, Dudley Lorimer, Percy Berry, Trevor Rowe, Gay Rowe, Jasper Bray, Norman McDonald, Tony Clissold, Norman Keene.

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

J. Barber (Waikato) Life Member  
W T Herron (Southland) Life Member  
S Orchard (Marlborough)  
G Booth (Southland)  
W Bristow (Southland)  
G Collie (Southland)  
G Toogood (Southland)

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

North Island : Messrs D Ward and S H Young 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 -

Jasper Knox Bray  
Arthur Kevin Ecroyd

Branch Life Members -

- (a) J.H.Garraway (Otago)
- (b) The meeting, however, being advised later of the name of Robert Bell Mackie (N.Otago)

REPORTS:  
1. DSIR Ecology Div.  
Dr Henrik Moller spoke in respect of the survey (wasps) currently being undertaken, and the general thrust of the work of the division in this topic.

2. DSIR Entomology Div.  
Dr Barry Donovan addressed the Conference in respect of the division's efforts regarding the development and release of the wasp parasite.

3. DSIR Entomology Div.  
Ms Pauline Syrett spoke on the division's endeavours relative to the control of broom.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12.40 pm for lunch and re-convened at 2.10 pm.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

Timekeeper : IT WAS RESOLVED that Mr Warren Hantz of the Canterbury Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers : IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs Tom Penrose and Ross Ward of the Canterbury 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 Bettsworth
2. Auckland	Graham Cammell	
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Tony Lorimer
4. Bay of Plenty	Jim Courtney	David Warr
5. Poverty Bay	Ian Stewart	
6. Hawke's Bay	John Dobson	Ian Berry
7. S.W.Districts	Vernon Gledstone-Brown	Chris Bromell
8. Nelson	Philip Cropp	Arthur Day
9. Marlborough	Reg Clarke	Rod McKenzie
10. West Coast	John Glasson	Ralph Glasson
11. Canterbury	Peter Bray	Geoff Hantz
12. S.Canterbury	Jan van Hoof	
13. N.Otago	Graham McCallum	
14. Otago	Bill Ross	Paul Marshall
15. Southland	Findlay Abernethy	Ross Ward

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 23 and 24 July 1986, 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 2.15 pm to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates, which commenced at 2.16 p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note : The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 3.08 pm on Thursday 16 July 1987).

REMITTS:

The meeting agreed to consider Remit 15 (Northland) immediately following the afternoon tea adjournment.

1. NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ASSOCIATION N.B.A. MEMBERSHIP TO SPECIALIST BEEKEEPING ORGANISATIONS (.E.G. POLLINATION ASSOCIATION, PACKERS ASSOCIATION), GRANTING SUCH ORGANISATIONS DELEGATE STATUS AT CONFERENCE, BUT WITH LIMITED VOTING RIGHTS.

NOTES: In the past few years a number of specialist beekeeping organisations have been formed to serve the interests of specific areas of beekeeping. Beekeepers have felt that these organisations are necessary to improve and encourage such beekeeping pursuits as honey packing, comb honey production, queen rearing and pollination. At last count there were five such organisations for kiwifruit pollination beekeepers alone in this country.

The consequence on this development has been a perceived reduction in the effectiveness of the N.B.A. The Northland branch believes this is unfortunate and does not see any reason why such organisations cannot be accommodated within the existing N.B.A. structure. A small but important industry such as beekeeping requires unity and a full expression of all beekeeping views if it is to move ahead in the years to come.

Amendment - that the words "BUT WITH LIMITED VOTING RIGHTS" be deleted and replaced with "BUT WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS". This amendment was CARRIED 8-5.

Amendment that the words "GRANTING SUCH ORGANISATIONS DELEGATE STATUS AT CONFERENCE" be deleted.

This amendment was CARRIED 14-1.

The amended Motion i.e.

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ASSOCIATE N.B.A. MEMBERSHIP TO SPECIALIST BEEKEEPING ORGANISATIONS (E.G. POLLINATION ASSOCIATION, PACKERS ASSOCIATION)

was CARRIED 15.0

## 2. OTAGO

THAT EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE IMPLICATIONS TO SELF-EMPLOYED BEEKEEPERS OF THE NEW SCALE OF LEVIES TO BE PAID TO THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION WITH A VIEW TO MAKING STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT MINISTERS

NOTES: We are concerned that self-employed beekeepers are facing substantial increases in ACC levies.

We would suggest that Executive survey commercial beekeepers to:

- a) Establish the exact increase;
- b) Establish how many claims have been made, and of those, how many have been granted compensation, as we understand that it is extremely difficult to make a successful claim.

The Motion was CARRIED 14-0

## 3. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST EXECUTIVE TO ASK GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION COUNCIL LEVY PAYMENTS SPREAD OVER ALL WHO RECEIVE COVERAGE BY THIS INSURANCE.

NOTES: Sports Bodies and wage earners should also contribute.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0

### GENERAL:

The President reminded delegates (and Branches) of the provision of Rule 17(d)

"ALL REMITS PASSED BY CONFERENCE SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE"

### REMITTS:

## 4. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE SUPPORTS THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE COST OF REARING AND DISTRIBUTING THE PARASITE TO CONTROL COMMON AND GERMAN WASPS

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0

## 5. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE URGE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF MAF/GOVERNMENT TO THE SERIOUS THREAT OF WASPS TO THE HONEY, HORTICULTURE AND TOURIST INDUSTRIES, AND ASK THE GOVERNMENT URGENTLY PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE DSIR. FOR INCREASING ITS PRESENT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAMME FOR WASPS.

NOTES: With the appearance of *Vespula Vulgaris*, and the population explosion of this species in the last two years, the threat to the above industries is causing real concern. It is now a national problem. In Honeydew areas the number of wasps on the trees in autumn is so great that bees will not leave the hives. Grape growers in the Nelson Province report a loss of 2/3rd of their crop due to wasps. Picnic and holiday areas are so polluted that tourists will not visit them.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3.05 pm and re-convened at 3.40 pm

REMIT;

15. NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE APPROVES OF THE QUARANTINED INTRODUCTION OF CARNIOLAN BEES INTO NEW ZEALAND BY THE CONTROLLED METHOD SET OUT IN THE NEW ZEALAND QUEEN BEE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION PAPER AND RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE SUPPORT AN APPLICATION BY THE NZQPBA TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FOR THE NECESSARY IMPORT PERMIT.

The quarantined introduction of Carniolan bee stocks has been a topic of discussion for years amongst New Zealand beekeepers. This remit is an attempt to bring those discussions into clearer focus so that an informed decision can now be made.

The remit is being proposed on behalf of the New Zealand Queen Bee Producers Association. The NZQPBA believes that it is up to the beekeeping industry as a whole to make the final decision on new stock introduction. The association and the branch feels that no one segment of the industry can expect to receive approval from government for such an introduction unless it has first achieved full industry support. The NZQPBA has produced a discussion paper on Carniolan introduction which will be sent to all branches prior to their remit meetings. As well, the morning session of this year's pre-conference seminar will be devoted to the question of stock introduction.

The Northland branch asks that members give their branch delegates an open vote on this remit so that the insights gained from seminar discussions can be used to help make an informed, honest, and unemotional decision of this important issue.

A panel consisting of the President (in the Chair), Dr D Anderson and Messrs R Berry, H. Cloake, T. Gavin M Haines, M Stuckey and G White then discussed the

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5.35 pm and re-convened on Thursday 16 July 1987 at 9.10 am.

REMITTS:

15 NORTHLAND - continued

The meeting agreed by 14 votes to nil "that the remit lay upon the table until the 1988 Conference".

6. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT CONSIDERING THE NUISANCE AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF WASPS IN NEW ZEALAND, THE EXECUTIVE URGE GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE THEM A PEST OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE, AND THAT THEY BE CHARGED WITH THEIR DESTRUCTION OR CONTROL

NOTES: Not only are wasps a pest to the beekeeping industry, they are also a nuisance to our Recreational and Tourist attractions, and the New Zealanders in general.

Amendment: that all the words after "Government" be deleted and replaced with "to alter the Agricultural Pest Destruction Act to allow wasps to be declared pests of local importance".

The amendment was CARRIED 14-0

The amended Motion was then CARRIED 15-0.

7. WAIKATO

THAT CONFERENCE STRONGLY SUPPORTS ALL ACTION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE IN ITS ENDEAVOURS TO PREVENT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF BROOM, AND ASKS THAT EXECUTIVE CONTINUE TO USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS TO STOP THE RELEASE OF ANY FORM OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF BROOM IN N.Z.

NOTES: It is hoped that the executive keeps this threat to our industry under close surveillance.

(KEEP PUSHING THE GOOD BROOM).

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

REPORTS:

4. DR DENIS ANDERSON, DSIR, ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION.

Dr Denis Anderson advised to the meeting details of the major projects undertaken over the last 12 months being:

- a) Studies of bee viruses
- b) Nationwide survey of bee diseases
- c) Halfmoon disorder

Copies of his report were made available to those in attendance.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 am for morning tea and Conference Photograph and reconvened at 10.50 am

REMITTS:

8. NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE PRESS GOVERNMENT FOR A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCHING GRANT FOR INDUSTRY TRUST FUNDS USED FOR BEEKEEPING RESEARCH.

NOTES: In these days of user-pays, it may seem strange to make such a request of government. But as it turns out our Industry Trust funds have become a major private funding source for agricultural research in the last few years. Both government departments and universities have begun to stand up and take notice of this fact and many good applications are now being turned away for lack of funds.

The Northland branch believes the NBA should follow the Australian example and challenge Government to match our funding of such research. According to Dr Anderson, the Australian Federal government matches beekeeper-generated funds dollar-for-dollar with a beekeeping industry committee distributing the proceeds. Over \$200,000 is made available for research annually in this way.

Amendment that the following words be added after the word "research" "while maintaining its present contribution"

The amendment was CARRIED 13-0

The amended Motion was then CARRIED 15-0.

9. SOUTH WEST DISTRICTS

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE NBA ACTIVELY SUPPORT SMALL SCALE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH COULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

NOTES: Projects such as the recent honor project by Roseanne Yeoman into aspects of Ascoshlava Special (Chalk Brood) association with N.Z. beehives. By having suggested projects supplied to the industry for research.

Amendment that all the words after "that" be deleted and replaced with : "the Executive supply a list of suitable research topics to Universities".

The amendment was CARRIED 15-0.

The amended motion, i.e.

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE SUPPLY A LIST OF SUITABLE RESEARCH TOPICS TO UNIVERSITIES



10. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE VIEWS WITH GRAVE CONCERN THE REDUCED FUNDING OF APICULTURAL ADVISERS, AND SHOULD NOTIFY GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC EFFECT OF REDUCED BEEKEEPING ADVICE AND DISEASE CONTROL.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

11. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INCREASING DIVERSITY, AND EXPORT VALUE OF BEES AND BEE PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF BEEKEEPING TO HORTICULTURE, SEED PRODUCTION, AND PASTORAL AGRICULTURE, THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE BY GOVERNMENT TO AT LEAST MAINTAIN PRESENT MAF SERVICES TO OUR INDUSTRY.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

REPORTS:

5. 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.

6. Education - Telford Farm Training Institute

Mr P Marshall addressed the meeting on the facilities provided by the Institute and its contribution to the Industry. Copies of his address were made available to delegates.

REMITS:

12. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS EXECUTIVE TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH MAF AND THE PEST DESTRUCTION COUNCIL TO SEEK COMPENSATION FOR SHIFTING EXPENSES INCURRED BY BEEKEEPERS WHO CHOOSE OR ARE REQUESTED TO SHIFT HIVES AWAY FROM 1080 POISONING OPERATIONS. BEEKEEPERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

The meeting agreed that the word "Compensation" be amended to "Reimbursement".

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

13. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE TO PROTEST TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ABOUT PROVISIONS IN THE TRANSPORT LAW REFORM BILL.

NOTES: Some provisions in the Bill are unfair and will affect Beekeepers seriously.

Amendments to 70 AA(2)B which defines all times spent associated with the truck including waiting for loads and or even sleeping in the truck cab, as driving hours should be altered to distinguish between driving hours and work related hours.

The meeting agreed the amendment that the word "protest" be deleted and replaced with "discussed with"

The Motion was CARRIED 13-2

14. CANTERBURY

THAT CONFERENCE REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE TO GIVE A REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE INDUSTRY FUNDS LOANED TO THE CO-OP, WITH REGARD TO CANTERBURY'S REMIT NO. 9 IN 1986, AND THE RESOUNDING SUPPORT IT WAS GIVEN.

The Motion was CARRIED 14-0.

REPORTS:

7. AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL BEE CONGRESS 21/26 JULY 1988 - SURFERS PARADISE

Mr S Lyttle reported that the Apiarist was organising a tour to the Congress but the itinerary had yet to be finalised. The tour would commence following the NBA 1988 Conference.

8. LIBRARY

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

9. BAY OF PLENTY

Mr Warr advised the meeting of the Branch's Field Day, highlighting the AQS promotion, media article on the destruction of wasp nests, and other general branch activities.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.27 pm for lunch and re-convened at 2.12 pm.

REMITTS:

16. AUCKLAND

THAT THE CONFERENCE URGE THE EXECUTIVE TO ADVERTISE "THERE IS NO ADDITIVES OR COLORING IN HONEY"

This being a Late Remit and 4 delegates objecting - the President advised that it could not be considered.

17. AUCKLAND

THAT THIS BRANCH (AUCK) HOST THE 1988 NBA CONFERENCE

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0

18. WEST COAST

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF ERECTING SUITABLY WORDED NOTICES AT RUBBISH DUMPS, AS SOME DISEASE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN TRACED BACK TO THIS SOURCE

E.G. WARNING  
PEOPLE USING THIS DUMP SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR CARE TO ENSURE THAT ALL USED HONEY CONTAINERS AND ALL DISUSED HONEY PRODUCTS ARE DESTROYED BY BURNING. SOME PRODUCTS MAY BE HARMFUL TO SCAVENGING BEE COLONIES. PLEASE TAKE CARE TO ENSURE THE LIVELIHOOD OF OUR BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY IS PROTECTED

Explanation:

With the public awareness programme in mind it is envisaged that these notices could be erected at the entrances of public rubbish dumps, warning people of the possible consequences of dumping honey products.

This being a Late Remit and 4 delegates objecting, the President advised that it could not be considered.

REPORTS:

10. NORTH OTAGO

Mr McCallum reported on the activities of the Tarra Hills Research Station, tendering procedures for sites, branch field days involving the AQS promotion. He also advised that the Branch had elected Mr Robert Bell Mackie a Branch Life Member.

11. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Mr Gledstone Brown advised the Branch was working well, a Spring and Autumn Field Days, two pollination Associations had been established.

12. HAWKE'S BAY

Mr J Dobson reported that the Branch had had an active year with regular meetings, field days, and an inspection day. Honey season below average, signs of Chalk Brood, high rate of AFB.

REMITTS:

19. NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND THAT EXECUTIVE APPROVE A VERY LIMITED QUARANTINED IMPORTATION OF CARNIOLAN STOCK IN THE 87/88 SEASON TO A SMALL NUMBER OF APPROVED EXPORTERS. THE PROGENY OF THESE QUEENS TO BE USED FOR EXPORT ONLY, EXCEPT FOR A SMALL NUMBER TO BE USED FOR A TRIAL UNDER N.Z. CONDITIONS. THIS IMPORTATION TO BE MADE UNDER THE CONTROL OF A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE NBA WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MAF, NZQPBA AND NBA EXECUTIVE

This being a Late Remit and 11 delegates objecting, the President advised that it could not be considered.

20. MARLBOROUGH

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE IMPORTATION OF ITALIAN TYPE QUEEN BEE STOCK WITH THE AIM OF INCREASING THE GENETIC POOL AVAILABLE FOR BREEDING GENETICALLY SOUND N.Z. ITALIAN TYPE QUEENS.

Notes: There is already evidence of genetic defects (Half Moon Disorder) in our stock as the available gene pool is narrowed in a closed population. Further research will reinforce that view. The imported stock needs to be carefully chosen to plug the "genetic gaps" and avoid undesirable traits in crossbred progeny.

It was agreed that this Remit lay upon the table until consideration of the next Remit (No.21).

21. NELSON

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING A HONEYBEE GENETICIST IN N.Z. TO STUDY OUR BEE STOCKS.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

22. NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE ACCEPT THAT THE EXISTING DSIR QUARANTINE FACILITIES AT MT ALBERT ARE SAFE TO ENABLE NEW BEE STOCKS TO BE BROUGHT INTO N.Z. DISEASE FREE

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

20. MARLBOROUGH

The Motion having laid on the table was now CARRIED 9-0.

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 3.08 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers Association of N.Z. Inc. then re-convened.

REPORTS:

13. N.Z.QUEEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Mr Gavin reported that in addition to normal activities within N.Z., work had been directed towards the Canadian market with a publicity campaign, the desire for Carniolan bees for that market necessitated the proposal put forward earlier to the conference of delegates.

14. LYNFIELD DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE

Mr B Milnes spoke on the service being provided by the Ministry.

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.

REPORTS:

15. PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr I Berry spoke on pesticides damage to bees being acknowledged within the Board's report. The Board's endeavours to publicise the concerns of both the Board and the industry. He indicated the Executive's decision to also place an advertisement in the "Orchardist" relative to pesticide damage to bees.

ELECTION:

PRESIDENT

Mr A McCaw was re-elected unopposed

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr G White was re-elected unopposed

AUDITORS:

Messrs Coopers & Lybrand were re-appointed unopposed.

CHANGE OF RULES:

1. EXECUTIVE

Rule 28B to be amended to read:

"IN THE EVENT OF THE ASSOCIATION BEING WOUND UP ITS FUNDS AND OTHER PROPERTY SHALL BE DISPOSED OF TO SUCH CHARITABLE ORGANISATION OR ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY AS SUCH ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETING SHALL DETERMINE"

and that the following two clauses be added to Rule 27:

"f. NO ADDITION TO OR ALTERATION OR RESCISSION OF THE RULES SHALL BE APPROVED IF IT IN ANY WAY AFFECTS RULE 28B.

g. NO ADDITION TO OR ALTERATION OF RULE 28B SHALL BE APPROVED WITHOUT THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL."

NOTE: To enable the Association to obtain the exemption under Section 61(34) of the 1976 Tax Act, the IRD requires the Association's Rules to be so amended. Current exemption is up to \$1000.

This Motion was CARRIED on the voices, without dissent.

2. EXECUTIVE

2.1 That a new Rule 2(b) be inserted as follows:

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION EXPRESSED IN THESE RULES TO THE CONTRARY THE TERMS "MEMBER" AND "ORDINARY MEMBER" WHERE USED IN RULES 15, 17(c), 20, 25(b), 25(c), 25(e), 25(f), 26(a) OF THESE RULES SHALL BE DEEMED TO NOT INCLUDE HONORARY MEMBERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 9.

NOTE: The Rules referred to above will be the renumbered rules if change 2.3 is adopted.

2.2 Rule 5 to be amended to read:

(a) THERE SHALL BE FOUR CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP, NAMELY:

- (i) ORDINARY MEMBERS:
- (ii) COMMERCIAL MEMBERS
- (iii) LIFE MEMBERS
- (iv) HONORARY MEMBERS

(b) THE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN GENERAL MEETING ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE.

2.3 That a new Rule 9 be introduced and the remaining Rules be renumbered:

#### 9. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

(a) THE EXECUTIVE MAY, AS A MARK OF ESTEEM AND IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICES TO THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY, ELECT A PERSON WHETHER OR NOT A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION AS AN HONORARY MEMBER

(b) SUBJECT TO RULE 2(b) OF THESE RULES AN HONORARY MEMBER, IF NOT ALREADY A COMMERCIAL MEMBER, SHALL ENJOY THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF ORDINARY MEMBERS, BUT SHALL NOT PAY AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

(c) That a new subclause (d) be introduced to the present Rule 10 to read as follows:

- (d) AN HONORARY MEMBER SHALL CEASE TO BE A MEMBER IF HE DIES, CEASES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP OR IF THE EXECUTIVE DOES NOT RE-ELECT THAT PERSON AT THE FINAL EXECUTIVE MEETING IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

The Motion was CARRIED on the voices without dissent.

#### GENERAL:

1. Mr D Penrose commented on legislation introduced earlier in the year - the Conservation Bill - and the possible closing of areas to beekeepers. He expressed concern that the effects of this legislation could be as restrictive as that introduced by the State of Victoria.

2. Mr J Van Hoof expressed concern at the level of increased costs being faced by beekeepers. The President responded by acknowledging that a substantial increase in the levy would have to be made to meet the needs of the Association .

Mr Warr stated that, in his opinion, the members got extremely good value for the hive levy and it was well served by its Executive.

CLOSURE:

The President extended a vote of thanks to the Timekeeper.

Mr Gavin White proposed and the meeting endorsed a vote of thanks to the host branch, Canterbury, for the Conference arrangements.

The meeting concluded at 3.58 with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE