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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 BELMARINO LOUNGE, AIRWAYS MOTOR INN, BADER DRIVE, MANGERE, AUCKLAND, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 12 AND 13 JULY 1988, COMMENCING AT 9.05 A.M. ON TUESDAY 12 JULY 1988

PRESENT: Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair
Mr G White, Vice-President
Messrs K Herron, A D Lorimer, D Ward, S H Young
- members of the Executive Committee and
Mr G Martin, Executive member elect

35 Delegates representing Branches, and approximately
46 members

In attendance: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr M Burgess, Editor "N.Z.Beekeeper"
Mr G M Reid, and members of the MAF Advisory
Service
Messrs D Anderson, B Donovan, O Sutherland, DSIR
Mr N Emery, Ag. Quarantine Service
Dr M Goodwin, MAF Ruakura Unit
Mr R Van Toor, MAF Invermay Unit

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

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

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

WELCOME: The students from the Mangere College Maori group greeted the conference delegates.

The delegates were welcomed to Auckland by Mr Barry Curtis Mayor of Manakau City.

PRESENTATION: In presenting a nectar bearing tree to Mr Curtis, the President advised that it was the custom to make similar presentations 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.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Mr Ralph Maxwell, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries then addressed the meeting, and officially declared the meeting open. (APPENDIX I)

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr G White, on behalf of the meeting, recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Maxwell.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10.23 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 11.07 a.m.

REPORTS:

1. ADVISORY

Details of Mr Reid's report are contained in Appendix III

NO SMOKING:

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

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from J Heineman, P Marshall, K Ecroyd, H Belin, P Townsend.

OBITUARIES:

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

LIFE MEMBERS:

Arthur Greig, Canterbury
John McFadzien, Hawke's Bay

MEMBERS:

Vince Cook, Steve Bozi, Arthur Gossett,
Harold Busch, Canterbury
Harry Nibbs, S Canterbury
Doug Hamilton, N. Otago
Des McNight, Otago
Frank White, Northland
Les Handley, Auckland
Laurie Beale, Stan Hooper, S.W Districts

ELECTION RESULTS:

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

North Island:	Tony Lorimer	442 votes
	Gerard Martin	526 votes
	Nick Wallingford	452 votes

Gerard Martin being duly declared elected.

South Island: Messrs Keith Herron and Gavin White being the only nominees had accordingly been declared elected.

LIFE MEMBERS: National Beekeepers' Association :

Douglas Allenby BRISCOE
Colin Graham ROPE

Branch Life Members :

Stewart TWEEDDALE, S.W.Districts
Colin ROPE, Auckland

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

Timekeeper: IT WAS RESOLVED that Jim Thompson of the Auckland Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs Colin Rope and Nick Wallingford 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	David Yonke
2. Auckland	Mike Stuckey	
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Ray Robinson
4. Bay of Plenty	Jim Courtney	David Warr
5. Poverty Bay	Ian Stewart	
6. Hawke's Bay	Ian Berry	John Dobson
7. S.W.Districts	Chris Bromell	Stan Young
8. Nelson	Gavin White	
9. Marlborough	Reg Clarke	Rod McKenzie
10. West Coast	Gavin White	
11. Canterbury	Peter Bray	John Hartnell
12. S.Canterbury	MervCloake	Noel Trezise
13. N.Otago	Peter Cox	
14. Otago	Lyn McKenzie	Ivan Dickinson
15. Southland	Tony Clissold	Keith Herron

REPORTS:

2. RUAKURA APICULTURAL RESEARCH AND ADVISORY UNIT

Dr Mark Goodwin advised the meeting of the work being undertaken by the Unit, and details of the report presented to the Executive are contained in Appendix IV.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.40 pm and re-convened at 2.05 pm.

REPORTS:

3. EDUCATION - TELFORD FARM TRAINING INSTITUTE

Mr Ivan Dickinson addressed the meeting on the facilities provided by the Institute and its contribution to the Industry. Copies of the address were available to delegates if required.

4. 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.

5. INVERMAY APICULTURAL RESEARCH AND ADVISORY UNIT

Mr Ron Van Toor spoke on the work at Invermay in relation to the determination of the possible status of Mellitiphis Alvearius

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 15 and 16 July 1987, 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 2.29 pm to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates, which commenced at 2.30pm.

(Executive Secretary's note: The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 13 July 1988).

REMITTS:

1. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS
THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE SEEK WAYS AND MEANS TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM IN TANK PRICE FOR HONEY FROM YEAR TO YEAR

Note: This would serve to remove some of the current uncertainty over the value of honey, reduce rumours and counter the current "price war" being waged by some packers and super-markets of this country.

Amendment that the word "recommended" be added between "a" and "minimum".

The amendment was CARRIED 8 - 0

The amended Motion was then LOST 1-12

2. BAY OF PLENTY
THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TO EXPLORE THE IDEA OF SELLING THE NEW ZEALAND HONEY CROP BY A SINGLE SELLER ORGANISATION

The Motion was LOST 3-12

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.07 pm and re-convened at 3.36 pm

REPORTS:

6. PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr Ian Berry spoke to the meeting on publicity, bee poisoning, direct imports of pesticides and charges to the Board. Copies of his address were made available to conference delegates.

7. LIBRARIAN

Mr Keith Herron reported on behalf of the Librarian, Mr John Heineman - steady use of the library, some purchases and donations, concern at non-return of books. Copies of the address were available to delegates if required.

8. MARKETING

Mr Peter Bray addressed the meeting on marketing - details contained in Appendix V.

REMITTS:

3. CANTERBURY

WE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY PURSUE THEIR CURRENT MARKETING RESEARCH AND PLANNING WITH ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE FACING THE INDUSTRY'S LONG TERM VIABILITY IS THE PRICE THEY RECEIVE FOR THEIR HONEY.

Note: From the current market it appears that beekeepers return for domestically consumed honey could be in excess of \$3.00/kg given a lack of surplus honey. By consuming all honey in New Zealand to eliminate the surplus, there is the potential to achieve this result. This must be explored completely.

Amendment that the words "with all available resources" be deleted.

The amendment was CARRIED 10-2

The amended motion was CARRIED 12-3

4. AUCKLAND

THAT THE EXECUTIVE EXAMINE WHETHER IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO THE PRESENT METHOD BY WHICH INDUSTRY TRUST FUND MONEYS ARE ALLOCATED TO RESEARCH, MARKETING, PROMOTION ETC. AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE INDUSTRY.

Note: At the present time the Industry Trust Funds are allocated after the Trustees examine proposals from interested parties, mainly the Executive. The Trustees do not have overall priorities etc.

Amendment that the words "government and" be added between "which" and "industry"

The amendment was CARRIED 13-0

The amended Motion was LOST 2-10

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 pm and re-convened on Wednesday 13 July 1988 at 9.08 a.m.

REPORTS:

9. Dr Ben Oldroyd

Mr G White summarised for the meeting the Terms of Reference for Dr Oldroyd's research and his report to the Association.

REMITTS:

5. NORTHLAND (Remit 15 (1987 Conference) which was left upon the table - and now uplifted).

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.

The motion was LOST 2-13.

6. NORTHLAND

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** This remit, which was tabled at the 1987 Conference, is now uplifted with the addition of this last sentence.

Amendment that the word "Carniolan" be deleted and replaced with "Italian" lapsed for the want of a seconder.

The Motion was LOST 2-13

REPORTS:

10. N.Z.QUEEN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Mr Derek Bettsworth reported on the decision to

(a) Set up a structure to ascertain what bee stocks were available within New Zealand, and where.

(b) The best ways to improve existing bee stocks within New Zealand.

The Association would be drafting a proposal to place before those interested.

REMITTS:

7. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT IT MAKE AVAILABLE TO TVNZ A LIST OF SHORT VIDEOS THAT SUITABLY PORTRAY THE IMPORTANCE OF HONEY BEES TO ALL NEW ZEALANDERS, FOR USE AS REQUIRED FOR "FILL IN" SLOTS BETWEEN PROGRAMMES.

Notes: The Branch believes that many New Zealanders are unaware of the importance of the honey bee, not only for the products of beekeeping, but also for the pollination benefits which accrue to horticulture and agriculture. Publicity of this type could only be of benefit to our industry.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

REPORTS:

11. DSIR ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION

Dr Barry Donovan reported on the management of other kinds of bees, including leaf cutter, Alkali, Bumble and Osmia. He also further reported on the developments with regard to the wasp parasite.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10.18 a.m. and reconvened at 10.50 a.m

REPORTS:

12. AGRICULTURE QUARANTINE SERVICE

Mr Nick Emery reported on the changes and restructuring to MAFQual, passenger processing, staff training, yacht arrivals and cargoes. Copies of the address were available to delegates if required.

REMITTS:

Before proceeding to Remit 8(etc) the President addressed the meeting on where the Executive had reached in respect of the funding of the apiary register and disease inspection :

1. MAFQual will fund the costs of the register in 1989/90 \$105,000
2. Disease Inspection Cost \$120,000
3. A \$40 fee over 7500 beekeepers would produce \$300,000

With a sliding scale for the hive levy of, say,

0 - 50
51 - 250
251 - 500
501 - 1000 +

4. Administration costs could be \$80,000/\$100,000
5. The need to amend/rewrite the Hive Levy Act

8. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IN ITS DELIBERATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT IT STRESS:

- a) THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY IS IN AT THE MOMENT.
- b) THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY TO AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE
- c) THE IMPORTANCE FOR GOVERNMENT TO HELP KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPING VIABLE

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

9. AUCKLAND

THAT THE AUCKLAND PROPOSAL PRESENTED TO EXECUTIVE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OF DISEASE INSPECTION AND THE APIARY REGISTER SHOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR ANY PROPOSED CHANGES.

Amendment that the words "part of" should be added after the word "should" in the last line.

The Auckland delegate agreed to the incorporation of these words to the Remit.

The Motion was CARRIED 13-1.

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"

REMIT:

10. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THERE BE A REGISTRATION CHARGE OF \$40.00 FOR ALL HIVE OWNERS, PLUS A HIVE LEVY (under 50c) FOR CONTINUATION OF THE N.B.A. AND EXISTING MAF SERVICES

Amendment that the word "MAF" be deleted and replaced with "disease control".

The Amendment was LOST 0-14

Amendment that the words "that there be" should be deleted and replaced with "that consideration be given to"

The Amendment was LOST 2-13

Amendment that the word "MAF" be deleted and replaced with "other"

The amendment was LOST 1-13

The Motion was LOST 5-9 and upon a poll vote being called was LOST 469-631

11. SOUTH CANTERBURY
THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT BEEKEEPERS, INCLUDING ALL HOBBYISTS, PAY ON A SET SCALE WITH 1, 2 OR 3 INCREMENTS TO PAY FOR A REGISTRATION FEE PER YEAR TO MAINTAIN THE APIARY REGISTER AND COVER INSPECTION COSTS.

Notes: A set scale, e.g. \$40 to \$200 -
so as not to disadvantage small
or larger scale beekeepers but would
be a fair way of recovering inspection
costs and maintain the Apiary Register.

The Motion was CARRIED 11-2.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.49 pm for lunch and reconvened at 2.05 pm

APPRECIATION:

Mr Ian Stewart (Poverty Bay) recorded his branch's appreciation for the support received following Cyclone Bola.

REMITTS:

12. WAIKATO
THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND COMMERCIAL BEEKEEPERS CANNOT AFFORD A TOTAL HIVE LEVY OF OVER 50 CENTS PER HIVE.

The Motion was CARRIED 8-6

HIVE LEVY

The President advised the meeting that the Hive Levy for 1989 would be 48cents plus G.S.T.

REPORTS:

13. DR DENIS ANDERSON, DSIR ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION

Dr Anderson addressed the conference on the research undertaken over the period 1985/88 (Appendix VI)

14. ANDREW MATHESON, M.A.F.
Mr Matheson advised the meeting of the availability of the "Bibliography of New Zealand Apiculture".

Adjournment: The conference adjourned at 3.17 pm and re-convened at 3.34 pm.

REMITTS: 13. NORTHLAND
THAT THE EXECUTIVE SEEK LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY IN THE FUTURE OF A CIVIL SUIT AGAINST MAF SEEKING DAMAGES FOR HIVE LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF INACTION OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDING FOR AN ADEQUATE HIVE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION PROGRAMME.

This Remit was WITHDRAWN

14. BAY OF PLENTY
THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT IF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION IS AUTHORISED TO COLLECT THE HIVE LEVY FOR APIARY REGISTRATION AND DISEASE INSPECTION SERVICES, THEN THE COMMITTEE OF EACH NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BRANCH SHOULD ADVISE THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THEIR DISEASE INSPECTION PROGRAMME AND REPORT ANNUALLY.

Note: As each member will now be paying for this service they should have some say as to how and where the money will be spent in their district. The National Beekeepers' Association branch committee would have knowledge of the problems in their area and could advise the National executive accordingly.

This Motion was CARRIED 7-5

15. WAIKATO
THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT A 3 MAN COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO INVESTIGATE FULLY, INCLUDING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS, THE PERSONAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS ON BEEKEEPERS AND BEEKEEPING OF SUB-CLAUSE 25 OF THE APIARIES ACT 1969 (PROHIBITION ON USE OF DRUGS) AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY BY THE END OF OCTOBER 1988

This Motion was LOST 6-8

16. BAY OF PLENTY
THAT THIS CONFERENCE ASKS THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE IS CONSULTED BEFORE ANY AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS ARE MADE TO THE APIARIES ACT.

Note: The beekeeping industry has been consulted in the past about proposed new legislation to the Apiaries Act, but the present Government may not feel obliged to do the same.

Amendment that the word "significant" be added before the word "amendments".

The amendment was CARRIED 11-2

The amended Motion was CARRIED 15-0

17. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT IT NEGOTIATE WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES THAT, IN ANY REVISION OF THE APIARIES ACT 1969, PROVISION BE MADE FOR INSPECTORS UNDER THE ACT TO BE GIVEN ADEQUATE POWERS TO DEAL WITH BACILLUS LARVAE INFECTIONS - INCLUDING POWER TO RECOVER THE COSTS INVOLVED IN DESTROYING HIVES WHERE BEEKEEPERS FAIL TO RESPOND TO INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE INSPECTOR.

The Motion was CARRIED 14-1

18. AUCKLAND

THAT EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE CEASING PUBLICATION OF THE MAGAZINE AND PUBLISH A MONTHLY BROADSHEET OR SMALL NEWSPAPER SUCH AS "STRAIGHT FURROW" IN ITS PLACE.

Note: This could include all the items that are at present in the A.A.O.Branch notes as well as marketing information, and Executive notes, etc.

The meeting was advised of the Executive's intention to issue a monthly newsletter.

The Motion was LOST 5-10

19. OTAGO

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE CIRCULATION OF THE NEW ZEALAND "BEEKEEPER"

Note: A suggestion would be to make copies available through bookshops thus increasing circulation and reaching a greater number of non-N.B.A. members. Maybe amalgamation with another magazine.

This Remit was WITHDRAWN

20. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT AN APPROACH BE MADE TO N.Z.POST FOR THE ISSUE OF A STAMP (OR SET OF STAMPS) DURING 1989 TO COMMEMORATE THE INTRODUCTION OF HONEY BEES TO NEW ZEALAND IN 1839.

Note: It is believed that the first introduction of honey bees to New Zealand occurred when Miss Mary Bumby (sister of Missionary William H. Bumby) arrived in the Bay of Islands with her bees in 1839.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0.

21. OTAGO

THAT CONFERENCE 1989 BE HOSTED BY THE OTAGO BRANCH.

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0

REPORTS:

15. DR OLIVER SUTHERLAND, Entomology Division, DSIR

Dr Sutherland advised the conference on developments in respect of the introduction, or contemplated introduction, of mites to control gorse, nodding thistle, broom, californian thistle and heather.

REMITTS:

22. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE STRONGLY URGES EXECUTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE CANTERBURY BRANCH APPLICATION FOR TRUST FUNDS TO AID THE DSIR IN THEIR WORK WITH THE PARASITIC CONTROL OF WASPS

- Note:
1. The parasites have been shown to invade wild wasp nests in New Zealand.
 2. 30,000 hives use the honey dew resource each year in the South Island. Without control of the massive population explosion of the common wasp many beekeepers face extremely serious financial hardship.
 3. The DSIR together with a Ph.D. student are enthusiastic to expand this release programme throughout New Zealand.
 4. A research area has been selected for intensive study, but additional funds would speed up this work.
 5. The investment of trust fund money in this project would show immediate returns to beekeepers.
 6. Parasitic control offers the only long term, cost effective means of controlling wasps which are a major threat to beekeeping throughout New Zealand.

This being a late Remit and 3 delegates objecting, the President advised that it could not be considered.

23. NELSON

WE PROPOSE THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNE MOMENT IN A CLIMATE OF CHANGE, TO ASSUME TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY OF NEW ZEALAND. WE REQUEST THAT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION BE PLACED IN MOTION THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY TRANSFER DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE MAF TO THE NBA BY THE MINISTER.

THAT IN FUTURE THE NBA WILL HAVE THE POWER TO:

- a) MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF ALL BEEKEEPERS
- b) HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY DISEASE INSPECTORS, WITH THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES
- c) SET AND COLLECT ANNUAL HIVE LEVIES
- d) ALLOCATE THESE FUNDS TO AREAS OF THE INDUSTRY AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE

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

24. WELLINGTON BEEKEEPERS CLUB
THAT THE EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY THE WELLINGTON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION TO ALLOW HOBBIEISTS WITH 1 TO 5 HIVES TO REGISTER WITH A RECOGNISED BEE CLUB AND PAY ONE COMBINED SUBSCRIPTION. THESE CLUBS WILL FORWARD MEMBERS PARTICULARS FOR THE HIVE REGISTER AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSPECTION SERVICES.

Wellington Beekeepers support the principle of Hive Registration and disease inspection. However, they are afraid that hobbieists will no longer register their hives and should a Schedule 1 disease hit NZ, MAF's response will be nullified.

A Motion that the Remit do lie upon the table was LOST 3-12

The Motion was CARRIED 15-0

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 5.15 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.

ELECTION:

PRESIDENT

Mr A McCaw was re-elected unopposed

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr G White was re-elected unopposed

AUDITORS:

Messrs Coopers and Lybrand were re-appointed unopposed (subject to their acceptance).

CHANGE OF RULES:

EXECUTIVE

- A) First, that the present Rule 2(b) be amended to read as follows :

Notwithstanding any provision expressed in these Rules to the contrary, the terms "member" and "ordinary member" where used in Rules 16, 18(c), 21, 26(b), 26(c), 26(e), 25(f) and 27(a) of these Rules shall be deemed to not include "honorary members" as defined in Rule 9, or "associate members" as defined in Rule 10"

Note: The rules referred to above are the re-numbered rules.

- B) That Rule 5(a) be amended to read as follows:

"Categories

- (a) There shall be five categories of membership, namely:

- (i) Ordinary members
- (ii) Commercial members
- (iii) Life members
- (iv) Honorary members
- (v) Associate members

- C) That a new Rule 10 be introduced, and the remaining Rules be re-numbered:

"10. Associate Membership

- (a) The Executive of its own accord may elect any specialist beekeeping organisation as an associate member.

- (b) Subject to Rule 2(b) of these Rules an associate member shall enjoy the rights and privileges of an ordinary member. "

- D) That a new clause (D) be added to Rule 12 (Old Rule 11)

"An associate member shall cease to be a member if he dies, resigns or if the Executive resolves to remove him from membership because his subscription is unpaid, or for any other reason."

- E) That Rule 13a (Old Rule 12a) be amended to read:

- (a) The annual subscriptions to be paid by ordinary members and associate members shall be such sums as the Executive shall from time to time decide. The Executive shall report its decisions in this regard as soon as practicable to the Branches of the Association and to the next Annual Meeting of the Association.

The Motion was CARRIED on the voices without dissent.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Mr Donovan advised the meeting that DSIR needed wasp nests to provide food for the parasite.
2. Mr Rawnsley commented on the high cost of borrowing money.
3. The meeting carried, by acclamation, a vote of thanks to the President for his leadership of the industry in general and his chairmanship of the meeting in particular.
4. The President advised the meeting of the contributions being made by New Zealand residents to the proceedings at the Second Australian and International Bee Congress.
5. The President introduced new Executive member, Gerard Martin, to the meeting and recorded the Industry's appreciation to Tony Lorimer for his contribution to the Executive and the industry during his six years as an Executive member.

CLOSURE:

The President extended a vote of thanks to the Timekeeper and scrutineers.

Mr Keith Herron proposed, and the meeting endorsed, a vote of thanks to the host branch, Auckland, for the Conference arrangements.

The meeting concluded at 5.28 pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE