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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 PACIFIC PARK HOTEL, 21-24 WALLACE STREET, DUNEDIN ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY 26 AND 27 JULY 1989 COMMENCING AT 9.09 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 1989

PRESENT:

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

28 Delegates representing Branches, and
approximately 50 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, Ms H.
Murray DSIR
Dr M. Goodwin, MAF Ruakura Unit
Mr R. Van Toor and Dr S. Ogden, 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.

WELCOME:

The delegates were welcomed to Dunedin
by Mrs Jean McLean the Deputy Mayor of
Dunedin.

PRESENTATION:

In presenting a nectar bearing tree to
Mrs McLean the President advised that it
was the custom to make similar
presentations at other centres where
conference had been held, in the hope
that the community would appreciate the
importance of nectar and pollen bearing
trees to the beekeeping industry.

PRAYER:

The President then invited delegates to
stand while Mr Heineman read the
conference prayer.

PRESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS:

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

REPORTS:

1. Advisory

Details of Mr Reid's report are contained in Appendix II.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9.58 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 10.32 a.m.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Mr Mike Moore Minister of External Relations and Trade then addressed the meeting and officially declared the meeting open.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr Gavin White on behalf of the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the Minister.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs J. Hartnell, H. Cloake, Mr & Mrs T. Rowe and R. Ward.

OBITUARIES:

The following death was advised to the meeting and members stood in silence as a mark of respect:

W. Ogilvey - Otago

ELECTION RESULTS:

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

North Island:	Dudley Ward	843 votes
	Nick Wallingford	710 votes
	Stan Young	554 votes

Messrs Ward and Wallingford being duly declared elected.

South Island: Allen McCaw being the only nominee had accordingly been declared elected.

LIFE MEMBERS:

National Beekeepers' Association

The President advised the meeting that recommendations for Life Membership would be considered later in the meeting.

Branch Life Members:

Nil

REPORTS:

2. Library - Mr John Heineman addressed the meeting on the activities of the NBA Library. Copies of his address being made available to delegates.

3. Pesticides Board - Mr Ian Berry spoke to the meeting on publicity, bee poisoning, kiwicare no wasps and changes to the Pesticide Board. Copies of his address being made available to delegates.

4. Invermay Apicultural Research and Advisory Unit - Dr Stephen Ogden spoke on the work at Invermay being undertaken by MAF Tech - South Region aimed at increased profitability through better management and also work on pollination.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Timekeeper: IT WAS RESOLVED that Mr Neil Walker of the Otago Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs John Heineman and Gavin McKenzie 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 Executive Secretary advised the meeting that he had not received an additional remits, at this stage of the meeting. (Note: The provisions of Rule 19c).

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>D/DELEGATE</u>
1. Northland	Malcolm Haines	Terry Gavin
2. Auckland	Graham Cammell	Mike Stuckey
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Brian Clements
4. Bay of Plenty	Dave Warr	Nick Wallingford
5. Poverty Bay	Brian Smith	-
6. Hawke's Bay	John Dobson	Ian Berry
7. S.W. Districts	Chris Bromell	Frank Lindsay
8. Nelson	Michael Wraight	Gavin White
9. Marlborough	Reg Clarke	James Jenkins
10. West Coast	John Glasson	Gavin White
11. Canterbury	Peter Bray	D. Newton
12. S. Canterbury	Fred Bartrum	Mervyn Cloake
13. N. Otago	R. Rawson	G. McCallum
14. Otago	Bill Ross	Lyn McKenzie
15. Southland	Findlay Abernathy	S. Lawlor

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.13 p.m. and reconvened at 1.49 p.m.

APPRECIATION:

The President recorded the Associations appreciation to Mr S. Young for his non contestation of the Executive election result.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Tuesday and Wednesday 12 and 13 July 1988, 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 1.51 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 1.52 p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note: The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 3.33 p.m. on Wednesday 26 July 1989 for the presentation of Life Membership and again at 4.16 p.m. on Thursday 27 July 1989 following the conclusion of the Conference of Branch delegates.

REMITTS:

1. **NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

THAT THE ASSOCIATION ADVOCATES THE APPOINTMENT OF A MANAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICER TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE N.B.A.

With a substantial increase over the past few years in the demands placed upon the NBA Executive, there is a need for more management assistance to effectively handle the greater workload. Executive consider this needs is best served by the appointment of a management support officer to the NBA.

Greater demands upon the NBA have arisen from the prevailing economic conditions and Government policies which insist that industries takes responsibility for the majority of their own affairs. For the Association to continue to rely upon largely

voluntary input from Executive members is a dangerous assumption in view of changes in personnel, and the critical need to tackle the problems we are facing.

The duties would mainly consist of assisting the NBA Executive in the management of the affairs of the Association, in the best interests of the NBA members and the beekeeping industry.

Specific responsibilities may include:

- To assist the Executive, including the preparation of background papers on issues, and initiating follow-up actions:

- To liaise with and disseminate material to NBA members:

- To obtain feedback as to member requirements and initiate action to address concerns and/or aspirations:

- To implement all approved plans, policies and programmes:

- To make written and oral submissions to politicians, government agencies, trade organisations, employer and/or union groups as appropriate to pursue member interests:

- To undertake public relations work, and prepare press releases on behalf of the Association:

- To supervise the monitoring and analysis of market trends in order to develop strategies to maintain and improve the industry position in the market place:

- To develop research programmes in accordance with

the Association's overall objectives and to maintain close liaison with external research and development facilities:

- To keep abreast of new developments, techniques and regulations that may affect the industry:

- To assess the likely effects of economic business and political trends or events on the industry and advise Executive on appropriate strategies:

The appointee would require sound knowledge of the beekeeping industry, and the necessary communication and management skills to address the above requirements.

The position would initially be part-time, of say two or three days per week. It would be desirable for the appointee to be in a current employment situation where secretarial and communication facilities are available for hire.

The cost of this position is estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per annum, depending upon final structure. With careful financial management, this should initially be met from current income without further increase in levies.

Existing administration, secretarial and account services, as provided through the Pork Industry Board, will continue to be required for the Association, and the manager would be expected to work closely with the NBA Secretariat.

The Executive would remain as at present, although the possibility of reducing numbers from six to four may

be investigated. Executive members would continue to be responsible for determining the duties of the manager, and for appointing the manager annually.

Summary: It is the recommendation of the Executive that this proposal be supported by the Association. It is essential to ensure ongoing action in many of the issues we are facing, such as threats of disease importation, pest control programmes, land use changes, legislative changes, market access and economic conditions. We must also continue to improve the beekeeper education, research, public relations and marketing policies of the NBA.

The appointment of a manager will do much to maintain an ongoing and increased presence for our Association representing the beekeeping industry, regardless of membership changes on the Executive. It is also unrealistic to expect that the level of involvement now required from Executive in the administration of the industry can continue on an unpaid, voluntary basis without very adverse effects upon future achievements.

Amendment that the words "his or her duties should include those of the Executive Secretary"

The amendment was LOST 0 - 14

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 1

2. CANTERBURY

THAT CONFERENCE GIVES SUPPORT TO THE IDEA OF A MANAGERS POSITION FOR THE NBA

The voluntary time given to

this industry is no longer enough to keep pace with the rapid changes taking place in today's world. A case in point is the current attempt to obtain some form of disease inspection service for the industry. This has taken all of the current executives resources just to keep pace with the changes in personnel in Government and even now we appear to be as far away as ever from a final solution to this problem.

This remit was WITHDRAWN

REPORTS:

5. Education Telford Farm Training Institute

Mr Ian Lyttle addressed the meeting on the facilities provided by the Institute, the history of the bee unit and the contribution of the Institute to the Industry.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.03p.m. and reconvened at 3.33 p.m.

The Conference of Branch Delegates was adjourned at 3.33 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the Association re-convened.

LIFE MEMBERS:

National Beekeepers Association

Ivan James Dickinson
Percival Ian Berry

ADJOURNMENT:

The Annual General meeting of the National Beekeepers Association of N.Z. Inc., was adjourned at 4.02 p.m. and the Conference of Branch delegates re-convened.

REMITTS:

3. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE MAXIMUM N.B.A. HIVE LEVY SHOULD BE 1.1% AVERAGE LAST TWO YEARS VALUE OF NEW ZEALAND'S HONEY x PRODUCTION PER HIVE, TAKEN AT 27KG PER HIVE.

THE AVERAGE LEVY OF LAST TWO SEASONS HONEY TO BE DECIDED BY THE AVERAGE BULK IN-TANK BUYING PRICE AT THE BEEKEEPER'S

HONEY HOUSE, FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH, OF THE TWO LARGEST SOUTH ISLAND HONEY BUYERS AND THE TWO LARGEST NORTH ISLAND HONEY BUYERS.

EXAMPLE 1: MAXIMUM HIVE LEVY 1.1% X
\$1.50 X 27KG = 44.5¢

EXAMPLE 2: MAXIMUM HIVE LEVY 1.1% X
\$1.80 X 27KG = 53.5¢

EXAMPLE 3: MAXIMUM HIVE LEVY 1.1% X
\$2.00 X 27KG = 59.46¢

THIS REMIT IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT ANY NEW LEVY FOR DISEASE INSPECTION AND HIVE REGISTRATION.

Although beekeeping is becoming more diversified, the two things that affect beekeepers profits the most, are honey production and the price received for the honey.

The National Beekeepers Association has had little success in controlling weather in the past and little prospect of controlling it in the future. So there is very little even a super-optimistic N.B.A. can do about honey production. This leaves the honey price.

When the N.B.A. income is determined by honey prices, a higher percentage of their efforts will be directed in this area and you, as the beekeeper, will be better able to survive financially, with a low hive levy with low honey prices and a high levy with high honey prices.

The Waikato Branch would suggest we do not get bogged down with detail of implementation of this very important remit, which had the full support of a well attended branch meeting.

We are sure that a higher average price for intank bulk honey can be achieved, with the appropriate motivation of the N.B.A. and the beekeepers of New Zealand.

The meeting agreed to the amendment

that the word "levy" appearing as the 3rd word in the second paragraph be changed to "value" i.e. The Average value.....

Amendment: that all the words after "should be" in the first paragraph be deleted and replaced with "linked as a proportion of the N.Z. honey price per k.g." and the second paragraph be deleted.

The amendment was LOST 3 - 11
The motion was LOST 1 - 14

4. CANTERBURY

THAT THE CANTERBURY BRANCH RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT ITS CHIEF PRIORITY BE THE ORDERLY MARKETING OF HONEY

The meeting agreed to the amendment that the words "This conference recommends" be added to the remit and the words "the Canterbury Branch" be deleted.

Amendment: that the words "its chief" be deleted and replaced with "a high" and the words "given to" be added after "priority be".

The amendment was carried 15 - 0.

During debate on the remit, Mr Stuckey addressed the meeting on marketing with particular reference to price, stock and distribution. A copy of his address being made available to delegates.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4.57 p.m. and reconvened at 9.04 a.m. on Thursday 27 July 1989.

REMIT:

4. CANTERBURY (contd)

The amended motion was CARRIED 13 - 2

5. SOUTH CANTERBURY

THAT THIS BRANCH IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO A CHARGE BEING PUT ON ALL APIARY SITES, IN ADDITION TO THE RISE IN THE HIVE LEVY.

The amount of money executive is spending on secretarial fees at the present time, is excessive. Executive should look to ways of cutting administration costs, to

prevent any further rise in the
hive levy.

AMENDMENT: that the words "that
this branch is totally opposed to"
be deleted and replaced with "that
this conference recommends that it
oppose"

The amendment was CARRIED 13 - 2
The amended motion was LOST 1 -
14

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.17 a.m. for
morning tea and reconvened at 10.49 a.m.

REMITTS:

6. CANTERBURY

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT
THE USE OF DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF AFB AND
EFB IN BEE HIVES IN NEW ZEALAND BE TOTALLY
OPPOSED

The position of New Zealand as a country
relatively free of disease and our
current legal stance regarding drug
feeding gives us an enormous advantage
in the current and prospective World
market. With the increase in drug
feeding around the world particularly
for Varroa there is an increasing
concern for drug and chemical residues
in honey. It is common knowledge that
most drugs fed in bee hives end up in
honey at some stage or another. New
Zealand's position of being free of
drugs is our greatest future marketing
advantage. Let us ensure that it is not
wasted.

A motion "that the remit do lie upon the
table until next conference" to enable a
well informed debate, was LOST 1 - 14.

The motion was CARRIED 15 - 0

7. OTAGO

THAT EXECUTIVE REQUEST THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE TO REVIEW THE USE OF 1080 JAM
BAITS IN POSSUM ERADICATION PROGRAMMES, WITH
A VIEW OF FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE CONTROL
SYSTEM WHICH IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFER FOR
BEES.

The widespread use of jam baits in
possum control programmes is an
increasing and serious threat to

beekeeping, especially with recent emphasis upon spring poisoning activities. We believe that other control options exist which will not pose the same problems of possible loss of beehives, nor necessitate the removal of many thousands of hives, from areas where bait are laid. Bees play a vital role in the environment in which we live - anything which endangers their continued existence must be seen as a threat to the whole environment.

This remit was "WITHDRAWN"

REPORTS: 6. Ruakura Apicultural Research and Advisory Unit

Dr Mark Goodwin reported on research carried out by the unit over the past 12 months including:

Kiwifruit Pollination - Sugar Syrup Feeding
Timing of Colony Introductions
Pollen depletion in Kiwifruit Orchards
Adverse weather conditions
Kiwifruit pollen preference
Cost benefit analysis of using fumagillin to treat Nosema
Effectiveness of Sphecophaga Vesparum in controlling the German and common wasp
Supersedure of Queen Honeybees in N.Z.
Nashi pollination
Sea Freighting packages of Honey Bees

8. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THAT THE COMMON AND GERMAN WASP WILL BE DISASTROUS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO BEEKEEPING AND OTHER INDUSTRIES OF NEW ZEALAND AND THAT GOVERNMENT WILL BE STUNG INTO ACTION IF NO EFFECTIVE CONTROL IS FOUND.

The meeting agreed (12-0) to defer this Remit until after the consideration of Remit 9.

9. NELSON

THAT THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSN REPRESENTING THE INDUSTRY, TAKE UP WITH GOVERNMENT - AS A MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY THE QUESTION OF THE CONTROL OF INTRODUCED WASPS

This on the basis that there is little of any evidence that the Government

recognises the severity of the wasp problem as is evidenced in the withdrawal of funding for the current wasp parasite programme.

Whilst there is little evidence of the success of this programme to date it is the only research programme aimed at the wasp that is current. Until it is proven to be either a success or a failure it deserves the highest priority and an adequate level of funding.

To date there appears to be a withdrawal of Government financial input to the parasite programme with the bulk of funds being by way of - user pays - through the purchase of parasites by mainly the private sector.

This contrasts with the level of Government appropriated funding currently being invested in the Gorse-mite programme.

The branch members contend that the wasp problem now effect the wider community and has become a serious domestic pest.

It is also having an effect on the community in the economic sphere through its deprivations on beehives, on honey dew production, on the tourist industry and so on.

By comparison gorse - which is a plant of the open spaces effects a much narrower sector of the community.

The Nelson branch therefore urges the Conference to recognise the seriousness of the wasp problem and to take the issue to the most appropriate level for urgent consideration and action.

Amendment that the word "introduced" be replaced with "Common and German".

The amendment was carried 14 - 0

Amendment that the following words be added at the end of this remit "and the funding for the distribution of the biological control agents"

The amendment was LOST 2 - 13
The amended motion was CARRIED 15 - 0

REPORTS: 7. DSIR Entomology Division

Dr Barry Donovan reported on developments in respect of the wasp parasatoid, with particular reference to progress since last conference.

REMITTS: 8. WAIKATO

This motion was "WITHDRAWN"

10. OTAGO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE URGES THE EXECUTIVE TO PLACE PRIORITY UNDER THE N.B.A. RESEARCH PROGRAMME, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WASP CONTROL BAIT.

The rapid spread of wasps throughout the country is a major threat to many beekeeping operations, as well as a public nuisance in tourism and forestry activities. Competition for food sources for bees, particularly in honeydew areas, and attacks upon beehives by wasps, are creating major problems for beekeepers. Many of the worst infested areas have terrain too difficult for manual eradication methods to be used effectively.

The introduction of a wasp parasite by the D.S.I.R. is expected to bring slow results over a long period, at best. The requirement is for a wasp bait to be developed for immediate effect upon wasp numbers. It is suggested that a joint development programme between the N.B.A., Department of Conservation, Timberlands and Tourism Department, might provide the funding necessary to carry out the required research and development of a safe, effective wasp bait, which can be made commercially available.

The motion was CARRIED 15 - 0

REPORTS: 8. DSIR Entomology Division

Ms Helen Murray report on the DSIR continuing research programme in:

- bee pathology - what controls hatching of Nosema spores, what effect colony infection of Nosema has on the subsequent development of queens.

Dr Dennis Anderson commented on the 2 major projects undertaken during his 4 years in New Zealand i.e. N.Z. Disease Status and half moon disorder. He also advised the meeting of his programme for the next 3 years i.e. disorders and diseases affecting Queen Bees.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.40 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.05 p.m.

REPORTS: 7. (ctd) DSIR Entomology Division

Dr Barry Donovan report on progress relating to the biological control of gorse and broom and the use of "other" bees to pollinate kiwifruit.

REMITTS: 11. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATES THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE M.A.F. FINANCIAL MONITORING PROGRAMME

The Financial Monitoring Programme provided essential information for the Beekeeping Industry and the M.A.F. Other divisions of the M.A.F. are still running monitoring programmes and there is no reason why the Apicultural division shouldn't do so as well. The Government should be lobbied to provide full funding, but if this is unsuccessful, consideration should be given to the N.B.A. contributing through trust funds. The monitoring programme was in part instrumental, in assisting the Beekeeping industry in gaining an exemption under the price freeze regulations and allowing beekeepers to be assisted through government agencies, for drought relief and loss of crop. The programme was also responsible for the Rural Bank accepting hives as collateral. As such, this successful programme should be supported by the industry and not allowed to disappear.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 3

12. CANTERBURY

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE FORMALIZE AND RATIFY A COUNTRY WIDE CODE OF ETHICS ALONG THE LINES OF THAT PRODUCED BY THE BAY OF PLENTY

The New Zealand beekeeping industry has since the very beginning been divided by

beekeepers inability to control their nectar source and protect this from other beekeepers expansion, overstocking etc. A formal document that can be traced back to agreement from the whole industry laying out workable rules by which to abide would have a beneficial effect of reducing some of the grass roots suspicion and distrust of neighbouring beekeepers.

Amendment delete the words "formalise and ratify" and replace with "promote"

The amendment was CARRIED 10 - 2

The amended motion was CARRIED 13 - 2

13. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, ADOPT AN INDUSTRY CODE OF ETHICS; THAT THE CODE BE ACTIVELY PROMOTED AND PURSUED BY THE N.B.A. THROUGH BRANCH AND INDUSTRY'S PUBLICATIONS. THAT THE INDUSTRY ACTIVELY PURSUE AND ENTRENCH A PROFESSIONAL EDICT EMBODYING EXCELLENCE AND THE C.C.Q. RULE - CONSISTENCY CONTINUITY AND QUALITY

The invidious position the industry now find itself in, is in part due to a lack of professionalism, selfishness and a complete lack of concern by individuals, for the welfare of the beekeeping industry in its entirety. A direct result is all commercial beekeepers have incurred a loss of equity in their business', exceeding 40%. Individualism has therefore to be sacrificed for unity, if beekeepers are to gain financial advantage from increasing opportunities and higher prices for the products it produces, e.g. widening scope internationally available to NZ bee stocks, providing quality can be improved and maintained. Only through the pursuit of excellence in all facets of the industry, can we hope to achieve a high degree of professionalism, recognition as an industry proud of its products and achieve a degree of confidence from those who service us and our client base. The industry motto: 'Better Beekeeping Better Marketing', is an exercise in nebulous navel gazing if its membership continue to behave in an unprofessional manner.

The meeting agreed to the incorporation of the words "this conference recommends" at the beginning of the remit.

Amendment that all words after "publications" be deleted. The amendment was CARRIED 12 - 0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 11 - 3

14. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT

THAT THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THE N.B.A. EXECUTIVE SEEK FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE INDUSTRY TRUST FUNDS, AN ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET ALONG WITH A MORE DETAILED USEAGE OF FUNDS, FOR PUBLISHING WITH THEIR ANNUAL REPORT

Members believe they have a right to know what is happening to Industry trust funds.

The motion was CARRIED 9 - 3

15. CANTERBURY

THAT CONFERENCE REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE TO INDICATE THE CURRENT POSITION OF THE INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE OUTCOME OF THE CANTERBURY REMIT, RELATING TO THE INDUSTRY TRUST FUND REPAYMENTS PASSED AT THE 1987 CONFERENCE IN CHRISTCHURCH

Perhaps the Executive and the Trustees would be available for questions on the current state, past performance and the future directions of the trust fund in this respect.

The motion was CARRIED 13 - 2

16. AUCKLAND

THAT WITH STATE OF THE INDUSTRY, THE EXECUTIVE DO A COST SAVING EXERCISE TO COMBINE THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPER AND THE BUZZWORDS

In support of this remit, this branch feels that some sections of the bee industry are in great financial difficulties and this branch believes that we must look at every opportunity of cutting costs. To this end, we feel that the costs of the two papers subsidised up to the amount of \$20,000.00, are not justified.

Furthermore, we believe the input of both styles of editorship brought together into one edition, would complement one another.

The motion was LOST 2 - 13

17. MARLBOROUGH

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT AN ANNUAL QUEEN BEE QUALITY COMPETITION BE INTRODUCED. ENTRY SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL N.B.A. MEMBERS. QUEENS TO BE JUDGED ON THE BASIS OF PHYSIOLOGICAL TESTS, CONDUCTED BY THE M.A.F. LYNFIELD LABORATORY. PRODUCERS WHOSE QUEENS MEET DEFINED STANDARDS, TO RECEIVE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AWARD CERTIFICATES, PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE.

Goal 'A' of the current industry plan seeks an increase in industry profitability. One of the most effective ways to increase honey production (objective 1), is to use better queens.

The physiological quality of NZ queens varies widely, and the average standard is not high. There are no agreed industry quality standards and the MAF quality assessment service is not being used, and therefore is likely to be lost. Queen reproductive capacity can be accurately measured, using the standard tests of weight, ovariole number, spermatheca volume and sperm count. High values are closely linked to high colony performance.

The strong competitive urge of Kiwis should be used to encourage the needed improvement. Queen producers who achieve high standards will have a powerful marketing tool; other will have an incentive to improve, and a measure of progress. The overall standard should improve, as skills are sharpened and quality awareness increases and this will result in an increase of production per hive and improved profitability for all beekeepers.

Amendment that the word "Executive" be deleted and replaced with "Queen Breeders Association"

The amendment was LOST 6 - 8
The motion was CARRIED 10 - 4

18. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THE EXECUTIVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND TO THE MINISTER, THAT NO PERSON SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO KEEP BEES WITHOUT A LICENCE. A LICENCE TO KEEP BEES WOULD BE ISSUED TO ANY PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE BEE DISEASES PRESENT IN NEW ZEALAND, AND ALSO BE AWARE OF THE SYMPTOMS OF E.F.B. AND VARROA AND HAVE A KNOWLEDGE OF THE APIARIES ACT.

Beekeeping is more at risk than most other farming pursuits, in that ignorance of disease symptoms can have a direct and immediate affect on another persons business. Most of us have come across a number of other beekeepers who have no idea what A.F.B. looks like, let along exotic diseases. By introducing a licence, all beekeepers will be compelled to be familiar with disease symptoms and outbreaks will be spotted and dealt with before spreading.

The meeting agreed to the incorporation of the words "that this conference recommends" at the beginning of the remit.

The motion was LOST 1 - 13

19. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE INDICATES TO EXECUTIVE, THE LIKELY NUMBERS WHO WOULD ATTEND THE 1990 CONFERENCE IF HELD IN RAROTONGA, WHERE THE PRICE WOULD BE ABOUT \$900 PER PERSON, WHICH INCLUDES TRAVEL AND HOTEL COSTS FOR EIGHT DAYS (EXCLUDING MEALS)

NOTE: DELEGATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO INDICATE THE NUMBERS IN THEIR AREA:

1. CONSIDERING ATTENDING
2. CERTAIN TO ATTEND

The motion was CARRIED 12 - 2

20. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO RAROTONGA BE POSTPONED.

The branch believes that under present economic circumstances, few members could afford to attend a conference in Rarotonga.

The motion was carried 9 - 6

CLOSURE: The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 4.39 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 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).

GENERAL

- BUSINESS:**
1. Mr J. Dobson advised the meeting that the Hawkes Bay Branch would be happy to host the 1990 Conference.
 2. Mr R. Berry advised the meeting that the minutes of the National Pollination Assoc meeting of 24 July 1989 were available.
 3. Mr B. Rawnsley advised the meeting of a student exchange programme.
 4. The meeting extending warm best wishes to Mr Harry Cloake for a speedy return to good health.
 5. Mr M. Cloake suggested that Brahekes pay more attention to the drafting of remits and that Executive should have authority to re-word remits submitted by Branches if they did not comply with the provision of the Rules.
 6. Mr S. Lyttle expressed concern at the early assembly of Executive and if this was to enable them to attend the seminar they should do so at their own cost.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The meeting recorded by acclamation a vote of thanks to the President and members of the Executive for their work on behalf of the Industry.

GENERAL

- BUSINESS:**
7. The President reported that the Executive were to consider a proposal to video seminar proceedings.

VOTE OF
THANKS:

The meeting record a vote of thanks to the host branch Otago.

The meeting further recorded a vote of thanks to the President for the manner in which he had chaired the meeting.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 4.39 p.m.

PRESIDENT

DATE