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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, EDGEWATER HOTEL, RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 9,10 AND 11 JULY 1990 COMMENCING AT 9.52 A.M. ON MONDAY 9 JULY 1990

PRESENT:

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

26 Delegates representing 14 Branches, approximately 150 members, and several members of the Cook Islands Beekeeping Fraternity.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary,
Mr E. Roberts, Executive Officer
Mr G.M. Reid, Manager NABU
Dr L. Malone, Mr B. Donovan, Ms H. Giacom D.S.I.R.
Dr M. Goodwin, MAF Ruakura Unit, Dr S. Ogden, MAF Invermay Unit

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all delegates to this the first NBA AGM and Conference to be held outside New Zealand. He hoped that the surroundings would be conducive to a constructive relaxed but productive and forward thinking meeting.

PRAYER:

Bishop Leamy of Rarotonga then spoke to the delegates and blessed the conference and the deliberations of the members.

Dr Koekoe Mokotupu then read the conference prayer in the language of the hosts and Mr John Heineman then read the prayer in English.

WELCOME:

The delegates were welcomed to the Cook Islands by the Minister of Agriculture the Hon. Vaine Tairea M.P.

PRESENTATION:

In presenting a nectar bearing tree to the Minister 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.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr Gavin White, Vice President on behalf of the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the Minister and Bishop Leamy.

REPORTS:

1. **Pesticides Board** Mr I. Berry spoke to the meeting on the continuance of the Board, Publicity, Remit 17 and Bee poisoning. Copies of his address being made available to delegates.

WELCOME:

Dr Koekoe Mokotupu on behalf of Cook Island Beekeepers then welcomed the delegates to the conference.

REPORTS:

2. **Telford Rural Polytechnic** Mr Gavin McKenzie reported to the meeting on the changed status of the Farm Training Institute, the extended student base, the development to a commercial unit of the beekeeping activities, the presence of three full time beekeeping students, the development of the 12 Theory modules and the dispensing of any age restriction.

3. **Library** Mr John Heineman addressed the meeting on the activities of the NBA Library. Copies of his address being made available to Delegates.

He also suggested that delegates might like to contribute to the purchase for the library of Dr Eva Crane's new book, Bees and Beekeeping (cost NZ\$270)

4. **D.S.I.R.** Plant Protection Division Dr Barry Donovan spoke on:

- the further developments in respect of the Wasp parasatoid

- weed control including gorse, broom, Ragwort, hawkweed, nodding thistle etc

- bumble bees for red clover, the osmia bee and leaf cutter bees

- his attendance at the Apimondia Conference in Brazil.

GENERAL:

Mr Murray Reid reminded all those attending conference of their responsibilities with respect to border control on their return to New Zealand.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.48 p.m. and reconvened at 8.44 a.m. on Tuesday 10 July.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from H.C. Belin, P. Berry, I. Brownley, I. Dickinson, T. Gavin, R. Glasson (snr), D. Lorimer, J. Ward, Mrs J. Young, S. Young.

OBITUARIES:

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

H. Cloake	(South Canterbury and Life Member)
C. Cunningham	(Southland)
K. Harrison	(Bay of Plenty)
E. Winslade	(Southland)
L. Spriggs	(Canterbury)
Mrs A. Ward	(Southland)
W. Ogilvey	(Otago)

**ELECTION
RESULTS:**

The Executive Secretary advised the meeting of the election results:

North Island: Gerald J. Martin, being the only nominee re-elected unopposed.

South Island: Ms Francis Marguerite Trewby being the only nominee was accordingly duly elected.

- In terms of Rule 16(c) the Executive Committee shall appoint a person holding the appropriate residential qualifications for the other vacancy.

A vote of thanks to retiring Executive Members Keith Herron and Gavin White was recorded by acclamation.

LIFE MEMBERS:

National Beekeepers Association

Nil

Branch Life Members

Nil

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

Timekeeper: IT WAS RESOLVED that Steven Lee and John Bassett of the Waikato Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs John Heineman, Steven Olds and Ms Barbara Bixley 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 - an amendment that the times be 3 and 2 minutes was defeated on the voices.

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 any 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	-
2. Auckland	Mike Stuckey	Dave Young
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Brian Clements
4. Bay of Plenty	John Brown	Norm Dean
5. Poverty Bay	-	-
6. Hawkes Bay	John Dobson	Ian Berry
7. S.W. Districts	Chris Bromell	Frank Lindsay
8. Nelson	Bob Lambie	Ian Paterson
9. Marlborough	Reg Clarke	James Jenkins

10. West Coast	John Glasson	Lindsay Feary
11. Canterbury	Gavin White	Ross McCusker
12. S. Canterbury	Russell Nelson	-
13. N. Otago	Max Lory	Norman Harris
14. Otago	Gavin McKenzie	Blair Dale
15. Southland	Don Stedman	Findlay Abernathy

PRESIDENTIAL

ADDRESS:

Details of the Presidents address are contained as Appendix I.

REPORTS:

5. Advisory (NABU)

Details of Mr Reids report are attached as Appendix II.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Delegates held on Tuesday and Wednesday 26 and 27 July 1989 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 9.53 a.m. for morning tea to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 10.37 a.m.

(Executive Secretary's note: The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 3.29 p.m. on Wednesday 11 July 1990 following the conclusion of the conference of Branch delegates.)

REMITTS:

1. WAIKATO

IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONFERENCE THAT EXECUTIVE SHOULD ACT MORE FULLY ON REMITS PASSED AT CONFERENCE AND THAT REPORTS BE GIVEN BACK TO THE BEEKEEPERS

FOOTNOTE: It is felt that Executive's activities are being guided less by the domestic expression of beekeepers' view through remits to Conference, than it should be. Regular

concise progress reports should be made throughout the year in Buzzwords, on the progress on remits passed at Conference.

Amendment: that the words "more fully" be deleted.

The amendment was LOST 3-9

Amendment: to delete the words "and" and add the words "to the effect" and "more" so that the remit would read "..... conference to the effect that more reports be given back to the Beekeepers".

The amendment was CARRIED 11-1

The amended motion was carried 12-0

2. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE NUMBER OF HIVES OWNED BY BEEKEEPERS FOR HIVE LEVY PURPOSES BE LOWERED FROM 50

FOOTNOTE: That this may increase paying membership

The meeting agreed by 10 votes to 4 that this motion should lie upon the table.

3. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT ANY CHANGES SOUGHT TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE DISEASE INSPECTION AND CONTROL PROGRAMMES RECOGNISE THAT ALL BEEKEEPERS BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICE AND SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ITS PROVISION

FOOTNOTE: We feel that the current Hive Levy lower point of 50 hives is not a good indicator of the beneficiaries of a disease inspection service. With any

changes to come with the
Commodities Levy Bill,
National Executive should continue
to attempt to broaden the funding
base in so far as possible.
This will accurately reflect
the fact that all beekeepers
require and benefit from the
services whether hobbyist or
commercial.

This motion was CARRIED 13-1

4. MR R. BERRY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE
NBA EXECUTIVE REASSESS THE NEED FOR
EXTRA LEVIES FOR FUNDING THE APIARY
REGISTER AND DISEASE INFORMATION
SERVICES

FOOTNOTE: Many remits with different
approaches to the
problem and different answers
have been passed over the past
4 years. It is now time
for our Executive to rethink
the problem in Light of the
current beekeeping industry
situation and not be over
influenced by the thinking of
4 years ago.

The motion was CARRIED 9-1

5. AUCKLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE
EXECUTIVE THAT:

THE PRIORITIES OF THE BEEKEEPING
INDUSTRY ARE:-

1. THAT BEEKEEPING REMAINS A
PROFITABLE INDUSTRY
2. THAT THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPING
ASSOCIATION REMAIN A DOMINANT FORCE
WITHIN THE INDUSTRY

3. THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IS RETAINED AS AN ADVISORY SERVICE ONLY

FOOTNOTE: This branch is concerned at the increasing influence MAF is having within the industry.

The meeting agreed by 13-1 that the mover of the Remit be allowed to make the following amendment to para 3 - so that it read:

"That the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries is retained as an advisory and regulatory service".

Amendment that the second, third, fourth and fifth lines be deleted and the word "only" be reinstated at the end.

The amendment was CARRIED 7-2.

A notice of further amendment was not proceeded with.

The amended motion was LOST 0-14.

6. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT MAF'S INFLUENCE ON THE NBA AFFAIRS BE REDUCED

FOOTNOTE: It has been felt for some years that a lot of the NBA Executive's time (money) has been spent on trying to arrange funding for MAF, when more of the NBA's time would have been better spent on trying to improve beekeeping profitability.

It is noted that MAF had an unnecessarily high input into the last Beekeeping Industry Planning meeting, at which all New Zealand's Apicultural Advisory Officers were present.

The motion was LOST 5-8 and upon a poll being called for was LOST 408-562.

7. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT IN THE LIGHT OF A VERY SERIOUS AND EXTRANEIOUS OUTBREAK OF AMERICAN BROOD DISEASE IN THE CANTERBURY AREA THAT AN APIARY ADVISORY OFFICER BE APPOINTED FORTHWITH

The meeting agreed by 13-0 that this remit could be withdrawn

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.12 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.32 p.m.

REPORTS:

6. D.S.I.R. Plant Protection

Dr Louise Malone reported on the work undertaken in bee pathology including:

- Attempts to prevent Germination of Nosema apis spores
- Effect of Sugar Syrup additives on Nosema in caged bees
- Nosema and Half moon disorder
- Diagnostic work
- Leafcutter Bees

Copies of the reports being made available to delegates.

7. C.S.I.R.O. Disease & Disorders of Queen Honey Bees

Ms Helen Giacon read to the meeting a report from Dr Denis Anderson (Appendix III).

REMITTS:

8. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL HIVE LEVY PAYERS BE TOLD JUST HOW THEY CAN CONTINUE TO PRODUCE HONEY AT LESS THAN THE COST OF PRODUCTION, IN DOING SO, PLEASE REMEMBER, THAT ON AVERAGE, ONE YEAR IN FIVE CAN BE A CROP FAILURE

FOOTNOTE: No successful business, large or small, can afford not, to sit down and work out the profitability or not, of that particular industry, and if working at a loss not do something about it. This Remit is not an attempt to gang up on the consumer but rather to ensure the continuing survival of many, long established beekeepers.

The motion was **LOST** 1-11

9. **WAIKATO**

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT A LOT MORE EMPHASIS BE PLACED ON INVESTIGATING AND ENCOURAGING THE IMMEDIATE REDUCTION OF THE COST OF PRODUCING A TONNE ON HONEY AS WELL AS OTHER BEEKEEPING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

FOOTNOTE: In New Zealand for some time the cost of producing a tonne of mixed source honey has been higher than the world market honey price. This puts us in a very vulnerable position. We either have to get the world Honey prices up or New Zealand's honey production cost down. If the N.Z. honey market is maintained at above world honey prices, as it has been for some time, this will encourage importation of overseas honey!

The motion was **CARRIED** 7-6

10. **N.Z. HONEY PACKERS ASSOCIATION**

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE SHOULD ESTABLISH AN ASSOCIATION OF HONEY EXPORTERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROMOTING, CO-ORDINATING AND SUPPORTING THE ACTIVITIES OF RECOGNISED EXPORTERS OF HONEY PRODUCTS FROM NEW ZEALAND

FOOTNOTE: With increased hive numbers in New Zealand over recent years, and the likelihood of annual production of honey consistently exceeding domestic consumption as a result, then greater emphasis must be given to exporting of honey each year to gain stability for both export and domestic prices.

Exporting is a specialised field in which there is considerable potential for mistakes and problems. Importing countries are increasing their demands for export standards and competition in many of our markets is considerable. Speciality honeys demand specialised marketing and resources and opportunities are wasted by N.Z. exporters competing with each other to sell the same product into the same market.

The formation of an Exporters Association within the industry could provide a basis for more orderly and thus more profitable exporting activities. This organisation could undertake to provide support and recognition for responsible exporters, and to promote honey exports both within the country and overseas in our markets.

Co-ordination of exporting efforts, provision of information for existing and prospective exporters, promotion of export and production standards, lobbying of Government agencies for adequate export promotional support and legislation, and endorsement of recognised exporters are some of the areas of possible activity for such an organisation on behalf of the beekeeping industry.

Membership need not be restricted to NBA members, but should be limited to those with an active interest in the export market. It is suggested that the Executive would initially nominate members to establish the association,

then further recommendations or applications can be considered by the association in future.

Amendment that the word "recognised" be deleted.

The amendment was LOST 5-7.

Amendment that the words "NBA Executive" and "an Association" be deleted and replaced with "the New Zealand Honey Packers Association Inc" and "a group" respectively.

The amendment was LOST 2-12.

The motion was CARRIED 8-4.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4.17 p.m. for afternoon tea and reconvened at 4.34 p.m.

REPORTS:

Marketing Committee

Messrs D. Ward and K. Herron reviewed the work undertaken by the committee including market share, market research, generic promotion, industrial uses of honey, niche marketing and the funding of marketing activities.

REMITTS:

11. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT LOOK AT WHY THE LOWERING OF WORLD HONEY STOCKS HAS NOT CAUSED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WORLD HONEY PRICES AND THEN USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS TO CURE THE PROBLEM

The motion was CARRIED 12.-1

12. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP HOARDINGS BEING PLACED AT SPORTING AND/OR OTHER VENUES WHERE TV BROADCASTING TO A WIDE AUDIENCE WILL ENSURE, E.G. CRICKET AND RUGBY GROUNDS

FOOTNOTE: This could be a cost effective way of obtaining generic advertising for honey

The motion was LOST 2-10

18. WAIKATO

IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONFERENCE THAT EXECUTIVE SHOULD WORK IN WITH THE APPROPRIATE BODY IN THE IMPORTATION OF CLOVERS AND PLANTS, TO BENEFIT THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY, WHEN BEING BROUGHT IN FOR DROUGHT AREAS AND IN TRIALS FOR PASTURES THAT MAY NEED TO BE DEVELOPED DUE TO THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT ON OUR CLIMATE.

FOOTNOTE: In the past some Government Work Schemes have done a lot of damage to the Beekeeper, loss of willow etc! This is one way of helping to retrieve the situation.

Amendment that all the words after "pasture" be deleted.

The amendment was CARRIED 14-0

The amended motion was CARRIED 14-0

16. NELSON

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO NBA EXECUTIVE THAT THEY IMPRESS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF N.Z. THE NEED TO FUND THE PROGRAMME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WASP PARASITE SPHECOPHAGA VESPARUM FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDS RATHER THAN USER PAYS FUNDING.

FOOTNOTE: Wasps are now adversely affecting every sector of the community, particularly with the now widespread establishment of the common wasp (Vespula vulgaris). The Nelson Branch of NBA considers that it is vital that there be greatly increased funding for the parasite

establishment programme.
The branch also considers that this is not a case for "user pays" funding only, as all New Zealanders in wasp infested areas are affected.

Amendment that the words after the word "Fund" and before from government be deleted and replaced with "a wasp control programme"

The amendment was CARRIED 13-0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14-0

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.17 p.m. and reconvened at 8.40 a.m. on Wednesday 11 July.

REPORTS:

9. MAF Technology Invermay

Dr Stephen Ogden reported on the units work:-

- Pollen Supplement Research
- The effect of supplementary feeding regime on royal jelly production
- Role of reseeded in legume based hill country and dryland pasture.

Copies of Dr Ogdens address were made available to delegates.

10. MAF Ruakura Apicultural Research and Advisory Unit

Dr Mark Goodwin reported on the units work:

- Kiwifruit Pollination
 - Hydrogen Cyanamide
 - Feeding Sugar Syrup
 - Pollination Units
- General Apiculture
 - Cost/Benefit of treating

Nosema
Pollen substitute feeding
Repellents for possum baits
Queen supersedure
Wasp control

REMITTS:

13. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT A SUM OF MONEY BE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR OUT OF THE HONEY INDUSTRY TRUST FUNDS FOR DISBURSEMENT, IN INCREMENTS OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WITH A MAXIMUM OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, FOR ANY ONE PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE PAST YEAR AND WHICH IS DEEMED TO BE BENEFICIAL TO THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY, BY THE VOTE OF THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

THE POSSIBLE RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS ARE TO MAKE APPLICATIONS TO THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION ON THE SAME TIME SCALE AS REMITS TO CONFERENCE AND TO BE TREATED AS IF THEY WERE REMITS TO CONFERENCE, UNTIL VOTED ON AT CONFERENCE, WHEN THEY WOULD BECOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE INDUSTRY'S TRUST FUNDS TRUSTEES. AT CONFERENCE EACH BRANCH WOULD VOTE ON WHICH PROJECTS SHOULD RECEIVE A GRANT AND THEN SHOULD VOTE ON HOW MUCH THAT GRANT SHOULD BE.

FOOTNOTE: No restrictions as to who should apply e.g.
government departments,
individuals, companies,
universities, NBA branches,
overseas people etc.

The purpose behind this Remit is to encourage inventions, development of management procedures or anything that is beneficial to the New Zealand Beekeeping Industry and to encourage the Beekeepers to become aware of and make use of these advancements.

The fact that payments will be influenced by results, the value of the results to be judged by the beekeepers of New Zealand, will give great impetus to the development of our New Zealand Beekeeping Industry.

The motion was LOST 6-8 and upon a poll being called was LOST 478-542.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.12 a.m. for morning tea and reconvened at 10.37 a.m.

REMIT:

14. EXECUTIVE

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT A LEVY BE ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE NBA BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY RESEARCH PROGRAMME.

FOOTNOTE: The remit has been prepared to encourage discussion within the industry towards the formation of a long-term research policy for the NBA and to gauge the attitude of NBA members towards present funding of research programmes.

In response to withdrawal of direct Government funding, the NBA has established a valuable apicultural research capability over recent years. This has been done largely through financial assistance from the Industry Trust Funds, and joint funding arrangements with outside organisations such as MAF, DSIR and University Department.

The research carried out by these organisations and others, has already proved beneficial to our industry through improved pollination

services, disease diagnosis and treatment, bee health and nutrition developments, toxic substances research, pest control, honey quality analysis, live bee export capability, and market research development.

Under user-pays principles, there is a need for our industry to contribute some financial input to our research capability, and this attract additional joint - funding support from other agencies, particularly Government. We must also maintain our own ability to carry out and control necessary apicultural research in all areas, for both short and long term benefits to beekeepers.

Due to falling interest rates on investments, and inflationary decline of capital, the available funds from Industry Trusts are diminishing. The Trustees have also recently expressed concerned at the extent at which Trust funds are being allocated to Government based research organisations.

The NBA Research Advisory Committee has undertaken to explore all possible sources of research funding other than Trust Funds. A commitment from NBA members through establishing a Research Levy, such as 10 cents per hive, would enhance any application for a matching allocation from contestable Government research funds, such as through the Science Foundation.

Any revenue collected in this way would be committed entirely to research support in any aspect of our industry including beekeeping practice, bee research, marketing and technical product development.

Amendment that the words "a levy be established" be deleted and replaced with "a percentage of the existing levy be allocated"

The amendment was LOST 1-13.

The motion was CARRIED 11-3

15. OTAGO

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT NBA RESEARCH FUNDING MAY BE BETTER CHANNELLED IN DIRECTIONS WHERE RESEARCH IS NOT BEING DUPLICATED EITHER IN NEW ZEALAND OR OVERSEAS, AND IF RESEARCHERS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY ARE BETTER QUALIFIED IN DOING THE SAME RESEARCH, THEN THE NBA SHOULD SUPPORT THEM.

The motion was CARRIED 10-4.

17. OTAGO

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE REQUESTS THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE USE OF ALL POISONS CURRENTLY BEING UTILIZED BY REGIONAL COUNCILS, PEST DESTRUCTION AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR PEST CONTROL PROGRAMMES, AND FOR ALL NEW COMPOUNDS PRIOR TO THEIR INTRODUCTION FOR USE IN FUTURE

FOOTNOTE: New Zealand has an international reputation as a producer of primary produce in a pollution and controlled chemical environment. However, national programmes are underway to control rabbits, possums, wasps and other pests

using compounds which are restricted in their use in overseas countries for environmental reasons.

Already instances of negligent and overuse of dangerous chemicals have occurred in this country, and it is felt that an independent assessment should be made on the use and possible effects of such chemicals on our environment now and in the future.

Amendment that the words "veterbrate" be added before pest control programmes. The amendment was CARRIED 11-1. A motion that the remit be WITHDRAWN was CARRIED unanimously 14-0.

19. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT NO PERSON MAY KEEP MORE THAN FIVE BEEHIVES UNLESS HE OR SHE HAS PASSED AN EXAMINATION (THEORY AND PRACTICAL) STANDARDS SET BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

The meeting agreed by 5 votes to 2 to the move adding the words "in future" after "Executive that".

The motion was LOST 1-13.

20. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THE NBA EXECUTIVE TO DEVELOP A PROTOCOL TO ESTABLISH A BIENNIAL COMPETITION FOR A YOUNG BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR OR A BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR.

FOOTNOTE: The Competition objectives:

1. Foster Beekeeping as a career
2. Increase public awareness of Beekeeping and its role in Horticulture and

- Agriculture
3. Promote NBA Branch membership co-operative
 4. Promote better beekeeping, innovation and technical developments, uptake of new techniques, development and marketing of beekeeping products and services.

Amendment - delete the words "recommends the NBA Executive" and replace with "asks the Bay of Plenty Branch"

The amendment was CARRIED 14-0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14-0.

REPORTS:

11. Queen Improvement Programme

Mr J. Bassett reported that the Queen Breeders Association supported the programme proposed by Mr Yanke, advised of other support to date and the appointment of a 3 person steering committee consisting of himself, Malcolm Haines and Helen Giacom.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.04 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.37 p.m.

REMITTS:

21. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT A VIDEO ON THE BASICS OF GOOD BEEKEEPING AND APIARY MANAGEMENT BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAF ON A AMATEUR BASIS. SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO BE MADE ON BEE DISEASES AND THEIR CONTROL. FIFTEEN OF THIS VIDEO TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO BRANCHES FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

At the request of the Canterbury Branch the meeting agreed to the re-wording of the final sentence to read "Fifteen copies of this video to be made and distributed to all branches and the NBA Library for education purposes".

Amendment that the words in conjunction with MAF" be deleted. The amendment was CARRIED 14-0.

Amendment that the first sentence be amended to read "That this conference recommends to the Executive that the Canterbury Branch be requested to establish the protocol for the production of a video on the basis of good beekeeping and apiary management to be made on an amateur basis"

The amendment was LOST 2-9.

The amended motion was then CARRIED 12-1.

22. SOUTH WEST DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE DRAW UP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION A STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEEKEEPER AND LANDOWNER

FOOTNOTE: This will protect beekeepers rights of access and/or removable of bees when properties change hands.

The motion was LOST 1-13.

23. SOUTH WEST DISTRICTS

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT NAME OF THE "SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS" BRANCH BE FORMALLY CHANGED TO "SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND" BRANCH

FOOTNOTE: This will better reflect the geographic area represented by this branch and prevent any confusion with the "West Coast" (South Island) branch.

The motion was CARRIED 13-1.

24. NORTHLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT CONFERENCE 1991 BE HELD IN THE NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND

FOOTNOTE: It is of concern that members in the North Island will again have to travel at greater expense for the third consecutive year if Conference 1991 is held in the South Island.

The motion was LOST 5-9.

25. MARLBOROUGH

THAT MARLBOROUGH HOST THE 1991 CONFERENCE

Amendment that 1991 be amended to 1992.

The amendment was LOST 3-10.

The motion was CARRIED 10-2.

26. HAWKES BAY

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE 1991 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE HELD IN HAWKES BAY

At the request of the mover the meeting agreed to change 1991 to 1992.

The motion was CARRIED 14-0

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 3.29 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Inc. then re-convened.

INDUSTRY PLANNING REPORTS:

Nil

ANNUAL REPORT:

It was agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

ELECTION:

PRESIDENT

Mr D. Ward was elected unopposed and then took the chair.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr G. Martin was elected unopposed.

AUDITORS:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Mr I. Berry advised the meeting of the history and significance of the Taniwha.
2. Mr E. Roberts reminded Branches of the need to correctly word remits. He also expressed concern at the lack of adequate nominations for South Island Executive member.
3. The meeting recorded by acclamation the appreciation to Mr Allen McCaw for his contribution to the Industry during his 4 year term as President.
4. The meeting recorded by acclamation its appreciation to Mr Russell Berry and members of the promotion team for a happy and relaxed conference.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 3.52 p.m.

PRESIDENT:

DATE: