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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc and the Conference of Branch Delegates held in the Conference Room, Blenheim Country Lodge Hotel, Alfred Street, Blenheim on Wednesday and Thursday 17 & 18 July 1991 commencing at 9.02 a.m.

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

24 Delegates representing 13 Branches, approximately 56 members.

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 D.S.I.R.,
Dr M. Goodwin, MAF Ruakura Unit.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES: The President welcomed all delegates and said he trusted that it would be a happy and rewarding conference.

PRAYER: The President then invited delegates to stand while Mr John Heineman read the Conference Prayer.

WELCOME: The Delegates were welcomed to Blenheim by the Mayor Mr Leo McKendry.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: The President indicated his awareness of the difficulties beekeepers are going through at the present time, particularly in the South Island. However, he believed the Industry had something to look forward to.

He outlined his early days in the Industry and acknowledged the support given him in those days by other beekeepers. He referred to his opportunities to attend 4 world congresses.

At the present time there appeared to be a slight over supply in the world market, but he felt that the situation would improve for beekeepers later this year.

He appealed to the industry to pull

together as the N.Z. industry faced strong competition in the domestic and world markets.

He recorded his appreciation to the Executive, the Executive Secretary and his able assistant Olive Hebron and the Executive Officer, for their support and help throughout the year.

OPENING ADDRESS: Mr Doug Kidd member for Marlborough then addressed the meeting.

He emphasised that the aim of the Government is to create an environment in which business can get ahead, as it is only through successful business that there is any hope for recovery.

He further commented that the economy is starting to show signs of recovery after a very long "illness" - at least 18 years - and stated various other ways of going forward have been tried, e.g.

- * borrowing our way to prosperity
- * fiddling with things by trading our way out
- * devaluing
- * a combination of the previous three

Mr Kidd further remarked that the hard realities are now upon us and we have to earn our way to success.

So disabled has the country been by poor performance, there is no guarantee, even with achieving low inflation, that everything will come out right, and we are certainly not entitled to take a dividend today.

Interest rates have fallen largely because of lower inflation, but most importantly because of lowered expectations about inflation. In other words, judgements about Government's commitment to reigning in state spending amongst other things.

Speaking generally he commented that where there is a small, scattered and fragmented industry, there is an enormous benefit to be gained from collective organisation to yield

increased individual profit and that, surely, is the only reason people are in business.

He congratulated the Beekeeping industry on what it has already achieved, and how the industry is trying to organise itself, and noted the objectives to be debated at this Conference. He pointed out that, in many cases, the industry is already acting out quite splendidly - although as a group it is a small sector of the overall economy. He was very happy to come to Conference to recognise the industry and to recognise that the industry is at the very heart archetypal.

The small business people of this country, the entrepreneurs, the risk takers, etc, are the type of people of whom the country desperately needs many more.

He noted the problems developing as the possum control exercise is carried out, and that beekeepers are wanting oxalic acid as a repellent to bees. He advised that Government is having to give accelerated priority, indeed has now elevated to the level of a strategic research priority, efforts towards a more effective possum control. Under the new process for allocating research funds, which is to prioritize scientific work, possum control has leapt right to the top. Mr Kidd suggested that industry concerns should now be taken to the Ministry of Science and Technology in an endeavour to make contact with the various groups who have won contracts in this process.

With regard to the finding of the endemic bee disease control programme, this would have been a matter for the individual Ministries and their executives to determine which priorities are to be funded and which are not. "But" he commented "it is not actually a matter of priorities in a case like this, it is part of a consistent Government theme, that is, where Government activities relate to a commercial sector of the economy then

the industry concerned must:-

- take it over
- pay for it themselves

What needs to be done now is to look at how it can be done effectively and efficiently because there is no argument about the importance of the work. The question is how can the Government help the industry organise or structure efficiently and effectively".

He advised that he had looked at some of the costs likely to be faced through using the Commodities Levy Act, and thought there might be a better way than that. He offered help, pointing out the organisation and financial management of Government is his responsibility. He was willing to make himself available to the industry to help find an efficient and effective way through - but stated "please do not ask me for the money".

VOTE OF THANKS: Mr Gerard Martin on behalf of the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the Minister and the Mayor.

PRESENTATION: In presenting a nectar bearing tree to the Mayor, 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.

REPORTS: 1. Advisory (NABU)
Details of Mr Reid's report are attached as Appendix I.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.34 a.m. for morning tea and Conference photograph and reconvened at 11.06 a.m.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from:

Peter Townsend	Bay of Plenty
Rex Todd	Waikato
Norm Dean	Bay of Plenty
Alan Richards	S.N.I.

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

David Warr	Bay of Plenty
Jack Parish	South Canterbury
John de Wit	"
Ralph Burns	Hawkes Bay

ELECTION RESULTS: The Executive Secretary advised the meeting of the election results:

North Island:

Graham Cammell	505 votes
Nick Wallingford	860 votes
Dudley Ward	1143 votes

Nick Wallingford and Dudley Ward are therefore declared to be the duly elected representatives for the North Island.

As no nominations were received for the South Island vacancy this position remains unfilled.

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

The meeting recorded by acclamation its appreciation to Mr A. McCaw, who had not sought re-election, for his services to the industry.

LIFE MEMBERS: National Beekeepers Association

Terry Gavin - Northland

Branch Life Members

Waikato	Cliff Burt
Northland	Terry Gavin
West Coast	Keith Detlaff

REPORTS: The meeting was advised that Dr Dennis Anderson would be at Conference the following day.

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. D.S.I.R. Plant Protection. Dr Louise Malone reported on:

- Inhibition of Nosema Apis Spore Germination
- Semen - Borne Viruses

Copies of her address being made available to delegates.

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.

Copies of his address being made available to delegates.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Timekeeper: IT WAS RESOLVED that Dave Gruber of the Nelson Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs Gavin McKenzie and Ted Roberts 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 NOTION: 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	Bruce Stevenson
2. Auckland	Nigel Birse	Mike Stuckey
3. Waikato	Russell Berry	Brian Clements

4.	Bay of Plenty	Trevor Bryant	Nick Wallingford
5.	Poverty Bay	-	-
6.	Hawkes Bay	John Dobson	Ian Berry
7.	S. North Island	John Brandon	Chris Bromell
8.	Nelson	Michael Wraight	
9.	Marlborough	Reg Clarke	James Jenkins
10.	West Coast	John Glasson	Lindsay Feary
11.	Canterbury	Ross McCusker	Tony Taiaroa
12.	S. Canterbury	J. Van Hoof	Noel Trezise
13.	N. Otago	-	-
14.	Otago	Lin McKenzie	Allen McCaw
15.	Southland	Shaun Lawlor	-

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.33 p.m.
for lunch and reconvened at 2.03 p.m.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Delegates held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.10 and 11 July 1990 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 2.06 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 2.08 p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note: The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 2.34 p.m. on Thursday 18 July 1991 following the conclusion of the conference of Branch delegates).

REMITTS; 1. AUCKLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE, THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE POLL ON THE APIARY LEVY, THAT THE INDUSTRY IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ON AT LEAST THE FOUR OPTIONS WHICH THE MAF PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE, AND FURTHERMORE, THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO OTHER OPTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE INDUSTRY.

The meeting agreed without dissent that this remit be WITHDRAWN

Note: The meeting then agreed to consider Remit 13 next on the order

paper.

13. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BE INFORMED THAT:

1. THE INDUSTRY REQUIRES AN EFFECTIVE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME.
2. THAT MAF PROVIDE THE PROGRAMME UNDER CONTRACT AT THE BEST COMMERCIAL RATE POSSIBLE.
3. THE INDUSTRY SUPPORTS THE RAISING OF ANY SHORTFALL IN FUNDING A LEVY UNDER THE COMMODITIES LEVY ACT TO PAY FOR THIS PROGRAMME.

The meeting agreed that the word "By" be added by the mover to the remit after "funding" in proposal "3".

Amendment that the words "the Minister of Agriculture be informed that" be deleted was LOST 1-12.

Amendment that the whole of proposal 3 be deleted was LOST 2-9.

Amendment that proposals 2 and 3 be deleted was CARRIED 9-2.

The amended motion was CARRIED 12-1.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.19 p.m. and reconvened at 3.39 p.m.

REMITTS:

2. OTAGO

"THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE DEMANDS OF THE APPROPRIATE CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES THAT A PROVEN BEE REPELLANT BE A COMPULSORY ADDITIVE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ALL PEST CONTROL BAITS WHICH ARE ATTRACTIVE TO BEES".

NOTES: NBA sponsored research has proved conclusively that the addition of oxalic acid in appropriate amounts will effectively repel bees from "jam" baits used in possum control programmes.

We understand that field trials have also shown that possums will take these baits containing bee repellants, in sufficient quantities to provide a fatal dose of toxin to them.

With increasing efforts to eradicate possums and other pests, and the responsibility for their control now being spread to local authorities, we believe the beekeeping industry should now insist upon maximum protection for bees in pest destruction activities.

We should now actively seek guarantees that all such existing and future baits which are attractive and toxic to bees, will include a suitable bee repellent. This will allow such baits to be used in the vicinity of beehives without the threat of killing the bees.

The motion was CARRIED 13-0

3. JOHN BASSETT (PRIVATE REMIT)

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH MAF AND NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PEST CONTROL AUTHORITIES WITH THE AIM OF REMOVING THE RISK TO HIVES THAT IS INHERENT WITH THE USE OF 1080 JAM BAITS, OR CAUSING ALTERNATIVE POISON OR OTHER CONTROL METHODS TO BE USED.

NOTES: There appears to be no enthusiasm for using repellent additives to the baits, the development work on this having been financially assisted by beekeepers. Some regional pest control managers still seem to have little concern for the consequences to beekeepers that arise from their decisions regarding the planning of their poison operations and the methods chosen.

The effort that executive have put into this matter is appreciated. However, continued pressure must be maintained to achieve a situation where possum control operations can be carried out without interfering with beekeepers.

Alternatives are available to meet these criteria but there is no financial pressure and only limited political pressure to use them.

The motion was CARRIED 13-0.

4. JOHN BASSETT (PRIVATE REMIT)

"THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE SEEK TO HAVE THE AGRICULTURAL PESTS DESTRUCTION ACT 1967 AMENDED TO OFFER GREATER PROTECTION FOR BEEKEEPERS".

NOTE: Amendments should include:

1. Recognition of beekeepers as land occupiers within the meaning of the Act, as regards registered apiary sites.
2. Specification of a 2km radius from registered sites as being an area of conflict as regards the use of control methods that are likely to be injurious to bees.
3. Specification that this would include land that may not necessarily be the land to which the poison is to be applied.
4. Extension of the written notice period from 5 days to 3 months, with the power to have this reduced by application to a district court judge.
5. The exclusion of subsection 56 (1) (b) as it affects registered apiaries (i.e. compulsory written notice instead of local paper advertisement).
6. A limitation on the period during which each operation may extend - say the months of May, June and July or 2 weeks at any other time, where bees are endangered.
7. A shift in the emphasis to require that poisons or formulations that endanger bees are only to be used when there is no reasonable alternative.
8. Inclusion of the words "laying of poison likely to endanger bees" as a

separate option under "methods of destruction" shown on the face of form 1 under section (2).

9. Provision for the beekeeper to be able to recover half the reasonable removal expenses of the hives, where such is deemed necessary.

Amendment that the words "failing a successful result from Remits 2 and 3" be added after "recommended that" was LOST 2-11.

The motion was CARRIED 13-0.

5. OTAGO

"IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THIS CONFERENCE THAT EXECUTIVE SHOULD ACTIVELY SEEK ASSURANCES THAT IN THE EVENT OF FOREIGN HONEY BEING IMPORTED INTO NEW ZEALAND, STRICT CONTROLS WILL BE PUT INTO PLACE TO ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

A. COMPLETE PROTECTION FROM THE RISK OF IMPORTING EXOTIC BEE DISEASES;

B. THAT THE QUALITY OF SUCH HONEY BE STRINGENTLY MONITORED TO COMPLY WITH ACCEPTED HEALTH STANDARDS IN THIS COUNTRY;

C. THAT THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF SUCH HONEY BE CLEARLY STATED ON ALL RETAIL PACKS, WHETHER IMPORTED DIRECTLY, OR BLENDED IN NEW ZEALAND.

NOTES: It has been stated that protocols are being negotiated between N.Z. and Australia to allow mutual imports of honey and other products. If this should eventuate, then the beekeeping industry should demand that controls are implemented to protect both the health of our bees, and the public in New Zealand.

No honey should be permitted for import unless adequate checks and guarantees can be given that it is free from any exotic disease-causing organism; that it contains no harmful substances, eg drug and chemical residues; that all

extraction and processing facilities are equal to or better than our own standards, and that the country of origin is clearly identified to the consumer.

The cost of establishing such protocols and maintaining control and monitoring systems should be met by the importer of the honey into New Zealand.

The meeting agreed and the mover accepted that the words "prior to the event" replace "in the event" as was the proposal to replace the word "honey" with "bee products".

The motion was CARRIED 13-0.

6. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IF ANY NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES ARE REQUESTED OF THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY, THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE AFTER FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRY AT CONFERENCE, USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO SEE THAT THOSE QUALITY ASSURANCE GUIDELINES MEET THE WISHES OF THE BEEKEEPERS CONCERNED.

Consideration of this remit was deferred until after the presentation of a paper by Hans Verberne, Regional Plants Manager, MAF Quality Management North.

7. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT "A NEW ZEALAND STANDARD METHOD OF GATHERING HONEY SAMPLES BE ESTABLISHED".

NOTE: A sampling technique for the N.Z. Honey Industry.

When supplying REPRESENTATIVE samples of honey, many producers do not understand what is required. It is vital that a system is used that ensures that:

1. The sample accurately represents the whole batch.
2. The documentation supplied with the

sample e.g. quantity, identification of batch, producers name etc, is complete and conforms to some form of standard.

There needs to be a system laid out that all producers can easily follow to ensure that we represent our product as accurately as possible. This will ensure that buyers of our honey products (whether domestic or export) will be more confident of the product that they are purchasing.

With exports in particular we need to ensure that the level of professionalism in representing our products is as high as possible so we are able to achieve the highest export returns possible.

Amendment that the words "Guidelines for" be added after "recommended to Executive that".

The amendment was CARRIED 13-0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 13-0.

NOTE: the meeting agreed to consider Remit 11 next on the order paper.

11. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT ANY SUGGESTION OF DRUG FEEDING FOR CONTROL OF A.F.B. BE OPPOSED.

NOTES:

1. Drug feeding may benefit beekeepers whose disease situation is out of control, but not the majority.
2. Loss of green image for N.Z. honey.
3. Possible export bans.
4. Excess costs.
5. Inspection service still needed.

The meeting agreed and the mover accepted that the words "proposal for" be added in place of "suggestion of".

The amended motion was CARRIED 13-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4.57 p.m. and reconvened at 9.11 a.m. on Thursday 18 July 1991.

REMITTS:

8. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT, "(WITH REFERENCE TO REMIT NO. 14 ON THE 1990 REMIT PAPER) IT CONTINUES WITH A PROPOSED LEVY THAT WILL PROMOTE LOCAL AND EXPORT MARKETING".

NOTES: Remit 14 was passed at last years conference 11-3.

It would appear that it is only a matter time before cheap Australian honey enters this country. This industry must work out a strategy on how to niche market our honies both on the export and local markets. There is a recognised cost for this and it must be meet by all beekeepers to promote and market "New Zealand Honey".

Action must be taken now. Not after the horse has bolted.

The meeting agreed by 13-0 that this motion do lie upon the table.

9. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ESTABLISH A HONEY PROMOTIONS FUND. THE FUND WHEN ESTABLISHED, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE EXECUTIVE. THE FUND TO BE FINANCED FROM \$100,000.00 GRANT, TO BE SOUGHT FROM THE TRUST FUND, AND X CENTS PER HIVE PER YEAR.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Trust fund was established by the sale of assets of the industries own marketing authority. With the price cutting going on in the market place, costing producers many cents per kilo. The real cost would be minimal after prices rise to a more realistic level.

Amendment that the second paragraph be deleted was CARRIED 12-1.

The amended motion was CARRIED 11-2.

The meeting agreed by 8-4 that Remit 8 be now withdrawn. However the meeting then decided that this motion was out of order as Remit 8 had not been "picked up from the table".

10. SOUTH CANTERBURY

"THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE "NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPER" MAGAZINE BE DISCONTINUED AND BE REPLACED WITH A CHEAPER FORM OF "BUZZWORDS" AS A 3 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO ADVISE BEEKEEPERS OF NEWSWORTHY ISSUES".

NOTE: Because of the cost of the "New Zealand Beekeeper" our branch feels it is unnecessary expenditure, at a time when beekeepers are finding it increasingly difficult to pay the increased hive levy. A newsletter with current industry developments at a much reduced cost would be a much more suitable option.

This motion was LOST 0-12

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.06 a.m. for morning tea and reconvened at 10.34 a.m.

REPORTS:

5. CONFORMITY CERTIFICATION

Mr Hans Verberne addressed the meeting on conformity certification or assuring the Customer of Quality. He commented on the world demand for quality assurance and the need for the Industry to have in place systems to assure clients that our product(s) meet their specifications.

The quality system:- the organisational structure, responsibilities, procedures, processes and resources that contribute to the quality of the product.

The quality assurance:- all those planned actions necessary to provide adequate confidence that a product will satisfy requirements for quality.

The quality control:- the operational technique and monitoring activities that are used to fulfill requirements for auditing.

REMITTS:

6. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IF ANY NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES ARE REQUESTED OF THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY, THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION WITH THE INDUSTRY AT CONFERENCE, USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO SEE THAT THOSE QUALITY ASSURANCE GUIDELINES MEET THE WISHES OF THE BEEKEEPERS CONCERNED.

Amendment that the following words be added at the end of the remit "and in the best interests of the New Zealand Beekeeping Industry" was CARRIED 11-2.

Amendment that the following words be added at the end of the remit "and the importers involved" was CARRIED 12-0.

The Chairman declined to accept the amendment that the words "at conference" be deleted.

The amended motion was CARRIED 12-0 - Otago Branch wished its abstention be noted.

The following notices of amendment were not debated.

- That the motion be reworded:

"THAT WHEN ANY NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES ARE REQUESTED IN THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE AFTER NORMAL CONSULTATION WITH ALL RELEVANT PARTIES USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO FACILITATE THOSE STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY".

- The word "wishes" be deleted and replaced with "needs".

14. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT "THE NBA MARKETING COMMITTEE BE ENCOURAGED TO COMBAT, BY A PRACTICAL MEANS, DIETITIANS IMPLICIT

PROPAGANDA THAT HONEY IS ONLY SUGAR".

Amendment that the word "dietitians" be deleted was CARRIED 13-0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 13-0.

18. EXECUTIVE

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT ACCEPTS WITH THANKS THE OFFER OF TECPAK INDUSTRIES TO FUND THE EXPLORATION OF MARKETING CONCEPTS WITH BILL FLOYD.

IT FURTHER PLEDGES ITS SUPPORT FOR AN INDUSTRY INPUT SHOULD THE PROPOSAL(S) BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE INDUSTRY.

The motion was CARRIED 13-0. During debate on the motion the meeting recorded its appreciation to Mr Steve Olds (Tecpak Industries). Following the passing of the motion Mr Bill Floyd indicated that he would look forward to working with the industry.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.02 p.m.

TIMEKEEPER: The meeting noted that Mr Peter Bush had replaced Mr Dave Gruber as Timekeeper.

REMITTS: 12. BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE APPOINT A BEEKEEPER COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY TRUST ACCOUNT.

THAT THE REVIEW:

1. EXAMINES THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRUST ACCOUNT AND THE BENEFITS WHICH HAVE ACCRUED TO BEEKEEPERS AND THE INDUSTRY.

2. EXAMINES THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRUSTEES.

3. RECOMMENDS GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES AND THE LENGTH OF TERMS OF SUCH APPOINTMENTS.

4. UNDERTAKES TO SURVEY MEMBERS AS TO FUTURE DIRECTION THE FUND MAY/SHOULD ADDRESS TO ENSURE THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY ACHIEVES ITS FULL POTENTIAL AND THAT TRUSTEES BE CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING POLICY AS ADOPTED BY SUCH A REVIEW (WHERE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED BY THE NBA).

The motion was LOST 3-9.

16. NICK WALLINGFORD

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT PRESENT A RULE CHANGE FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT YEARS ANNUAL MEETING, HAVING THE EFFECT OF REDUCING EXECUTIVE FROM SIX MEMBERS TO FOUR AND REMOVING THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SPECIFIC NORTH ISLAND/SOUTH ISLAND RESIDENCY.

This being a late remit and 4 delegates objecting, the President advised that under the rules it could not be considered.

15. BAY OF PLENTY

BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH TO HOST CONFERENCE 1992

Amendment that 1992 be deleted and replaced with 1994 was accepted by the mover and the meeting.

The motion as amended was CARRIED 11-1.

17. SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERING POLLINATION COSTS THROUGH THE LOCAL BODY RATING SYSTEM TO FINANCE THE DISEASE INSPECTION PROGRAM.

NOTE: Mr Kidd told us in his address to conference that it was up to us to bill the recipients of this now free pollination service. To do this on an individual basis would not be cost effective, in fact it would be impossible.

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

19. RUSSELL BERRY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MAXIMUM H.M.F. ESTABLISHED FOR HONEY SOLD TO THE NEW ZEALAND CONSUMER.

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

CLOSURE: The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 2.34 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Inc. then re-convened.

INDUSTRY PLANNING
REPORTS:

Nil

REPORTS:

6. TELFORD RURAL POLYTECHNIC

Before addressing the meeting Mr Gavin McKenzie introduced overseas visitors currently studying at Telford.

Mr Wiwi Sipa (Felix) from New Caledonia
Mr Joachim Waugla from P.N.G.
Mr Tella Loie from P.N.G.

Mr McKenzie addressed the meeting on the activities of the Apiculture Section of Telford and copies of his report were made available to delegates.

EXECUTIVE: The President introduced to the meeting Mr Michael Wraight the new Executive member for the South Island.

REPORTS:

7. PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr Ian Berry addressed the meeting on the activities of the Board and in particular matters of interest to the Industry (see appendix II).

8. MAF RUAKURA APICULTURAL RESEARCH AND ADVISORY UNIT

Dr Mark Goodwin summarized the work undertaken by the unit and referred to in detail in his report.

GENERAL:

Mr Reg Clarke sought assistance from members to monitor Queen Bee supercedure rate.

REPORTS:

9. C.S.I.R.O. DISEASE AND DISORDERS OF QUEEN HONEY BEES

Dr Dennis Anderson reported that his work over the year had focused on:

- The Asian Hive Bee
- Pathology of Queen Honey Bees

including:

- The Relationship between performance morphology and physiology of Queen Bees as they age.
- Causes of death of Queen larvae and young adult Queen Bees during commercial queen production.
- Queen supercedure
- Diseases and disorders of the Queen Honey Bee

GENERAL:

2. BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR

Mr Trevor Bryant on behalf of the Bay of Plenty Branch introduced the Branch's proposal for a Beekeeper of the Year competition as outlined in their proposal of 17.10.1990 to the Executive. The meeting supported the proposal and recommended to Executive that they consider ways and means to implement the proposal.

3. The meeting carried by acclamation a vote of thanks to retiring executive member Mr Allen McCaw.

ANNUAL REPORT:

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

ELECTION:

PRESIDENT

Mr D. Ward was re-elected unopposed and then took the Chair.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr G. Martin was re-elected unopposed.

AUDITORS:

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

GENERAL:

4. Mr Herron reported on two contributions towards the marketing development programme.

5. The meeting recorded by acclamation its appreciation to Mr Rod McKenzie and members of his team for a happy and thought provoking conference.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: