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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, Croydon Lodge, Waimea Street, Gore on Wednesday and Thursday 21st & 22nd July 1993 commencing at 9.00 a.m. on the Wednesday.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair
Miss F Trewby, Vice-President,
Messrs R Bensemman, M Wraight, N Wallingford
- members of the Executive Committee.

Messrs R Berry, G Cammell and M Cloake,
Executive Members elect.

28 delegates representing 14 branches and
approximately 73 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer
Mr G M Reid, Manager, NABU
Dr M Goodwin, Horticulture & Food Research
Institute.

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 Mr Jim Simpson to read the Conference Prayer.

WELCOME:

The Delegates were welcomed to Gore by the Mayor of the Gore District Council, Mr Ian Tulloch.

PRESENTATION:

In presenting a nectar bearing tree to the Mayor, the Vice 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.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

The President opened his address by indicating that this would be his final address as President of the Association.

He thanked members of the local branch for their tremendous effort in organising this conference.

He commented that during his term of office there has been a tremendous increase in the Hive Levy which he is extremely conscious of. However the Executive does not consider it lightly when considering the levy. The increases have been brought about in part by government/user pays system for inspection, and in meeting the industry requests for marketing.

He recorded his appreciation to the Pork Industry Board staff, and in particular Olive Hebron, the Executive Secretary's Assistant.

Problems and misunderstandings have occurred with 1080 Possum Control Programme, and the Executive was making every endeavour to keep members appraised of the situation.

He believed the industry had built up a high profile with government by such things as submissions and presentations to the Primary Producers Select Committee and the AgCaucus Committee of government.

In welcoming the three new members to the Executive, he said that it was a rewarding but time consuming involvement in the industry, and hoped that they would not dismantle many of the things put in place over the last ten years.

He thanked Executive for their tremendous support and endeavours for beekeepers and the beekeeping industry. He particularly paid tribute to the Executive Officer, Ted Roberts for his practical and knowledgeable advice. He also thanked retired members of the Executive for their efforts and in particular made reference to the considerable contribution made by Mr Nick Wallingford.

He thanked branches, and those who had contributed to the industry, for their support over the last years, and made particular reference to the support given to him by his wife and family.

He hoped the conference would be positive and constructive and that members would work together to solve industry problems.

REPORTS: 1. MAF Quality Management
 Details of Mr Reid's report are attached as Appendix 1.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from:

Barry Foster	Poverty Bay
Lindsay Ward	Southland
Chris & M Bramell	S.I.N.
Tony Clissold	Southland
Kevin Ecroyd	Life Member
Norm Dean	Bay of Plenty
Ken Richards	S.I.N.
Mary-Ann Thompson	S.I.N.
David Yanke	Northland
Stan & Joyce Young	S.I.N.
Stephen Lee	Waikato

OBITUARIES: The following were advised to the meeting.

Robin Jackson	
Trevor Palmer Jones	Life Member
May Spence	Southland
Colin Rope	Life Member
Jack Fraser	Life Member
Roy Abernethy	
Rob Glasson Snr	Life Member

ELECTION RESULTS:

The Executive Secretary advised the meeting of the election results:

North Island:

Russell Berry	969 votes
Graham Cammell	767 votes
Nick Wallingford	681 votes
Frank Lindsay	239 votes

Russell Berry and Graham Cammell were therefore declared to be the duly elected representatives for the North Island.

South Island

Mervyn Cloake	957 votes
Michael Wraight	420 votes

Mervyn Cloake was therefore declared to be the duly elected representative for the South Island.

The meeting recorded the Association's appreciation to the retiring or non-elected members of the Executive.

LIFE MEMBERS: - National Beekeepers Association of NZ.
David Penrose.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.35 a.m. for morning tea and the Conference Photograph and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

LIFE MEMBERS: - Branch Life Members
Fred Bartrum South Canterbury
Reg Clarke Marlborough

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

Timekeepers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Paul Ashcroft (Hawkes Bay Branch) and Ross Ward (Southland Branch) be appointed timekeepers.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Steve Olds and Dave McMillan 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 this procedure be deleted from future agenda papers.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The Executive Secretary advised the meeting that no additional remits had been received at this stage of the meeting. (Note: the provisions of Rule 19c).

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

BRANCH	DELEGATE	DEPUTY DELEGATE
Northland	Terry Gavin	Malcolm Haines
Auckland	Neil Stuckey	Graham Cammell
Waikato	Bryan Clements	Russell Berry
Bay of Plenty	Dale Gifford	Nick Wallingford
Poverty Bay		
Hawkes Bay	Colin McLean	John Dobson
S.W. Districts	John Brandon	Frank Lindsay
Marlborough	James Jenkins	Murray Bush
Nelson	Bob Lambie	Michael Wraight
West Coast	Lindsay Feary	Gary Glasson
Canterbury	Peter Bray	Warren Hantz
South Canterbury	Noel Trezise	Mervyn Cloake
North Otago	Bruce Steffons	Peter Irvine
Otago	Allen McCaw	Walter Adamson
Southland	Finlay Abernethy	Ian Spence

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, and of the Conference of Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 22 & 23 July 1992 having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

REPORTS: 2. Landcare Research NZ Limited - Weeds and Pests Division.

Dr Oliver Sutherland, General Manager of the Division responsible for all the Crown funded work on wasps, weeds, possums etc.

He outlined the background to the establishment of the Crown Research Institutes and, in particular, Landcare Research and its present structure.

The good news was that a bee repellent (I.V.A) had been found that would not be repellent to possums. Field trials had still to be conducted. In addition, research was being undertaken for an alternative to 1080.

Bio control of wasps was not declining. There is a group documenting and modelling the impact of wasps, work is being done on the ecology of wasps, there is a continuing programme of biological control and work is being undertaken on the chemical control of wasps.

Work is continuing on the control projects for broom, nodding thistle, californian thistle, gorse and ragwort.

GENERAL: The President read a letter from Dudley Lorimer concerning the proposed Patterson Scholarship.

REPORT: 3. Horticulture and Food Research Institute.
Dr Mark Goodwin indicated that the research of most interest to the industry had centred around AFB and had focussed on

- Drifting
- Wet Honey Supers going back on to clean hives.

The rationale behind the programme was inspection techniques and the risks of any AFB left behind following inspection.

Other work :

- Honey Testing programme for AFB spores
- Bee collected pollen for antibacterial pollination
- Kiwifruit Pollination
- Education/Workshops.

REPORT: 4. Disease Control Committee

Mr Ian Berry advised the meeting on the Committee's report (March 1993) to the Executive on the control of AFB in New Zealand.

A copy of the report was made available to delegates.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.00 p.m.

ADDRESS BY
ASSOCIATE
MINISTER

OF
AGRICULTURE:

In the absence of the Associate Minister, Mrs Margaret Moir, M.P. for the West Coast, presented the address on behalf of the Hon Denis Marshall. See Appendix 2.

With regard to the importation of honey into New Zealand from Australia, Mrs Moir stressed that the Industry must make the Minister aware of the problems perceived and must continue to emphasise those problems to the Minister and all MPs.

She was made aware of industry concern that honey brought to New Zealand by way of a "gift" would not be heat treated and therefore Border Control would need to be vigilant.

Mrs Moir stressed that the Industry needed to provide technical reasons to substantiate the call for import prohibition.

It is essential to make sure all MPs are made aware of the impact of honey importations on the New Zealand industry's health status - i.e. make sure that they are informed.

Present indications from officials were that current standards of Border Control would be maintained under the Bio Security Bill. However the industry needs to be vigilant to ensure that they are advised of any possible change(s). The industry would be required to fund any pest management strategy for an exotic disease outbreak under the Bio Security Bill - unless the problem was of national, as against industry, importance.

REPORT: 5. Marketing Committee.

Mr McCaw as Chairman of the Committee, reviewed the history and endeavours of the industry in respect of marketing. He stated that in the few months the levy income had been available, little time had been available to develop strategies and budgets, let alone provide any significant results.

Principal activity had been the development and preparation of a Marketing Plan. The Plan recognised the following key factors :

- Need to provide consumers with products they require and are interested in.
- Need to foster the best interest of the Beekeeper.
- Need to enhance the public image of the beekeeping industry.

While recognition is given to all products and activities of beekeeping the emphasis of the Plan is toward the marketing of honey, particularly within the domestic market.

It is intended to promote the positive and beneficial uses of honey. Very little activity will occur on its own. The marketing effort needs to be driven and opportunities taken up. In response to this recognised need, the Marketing Committee have appointed Bill Floyd as the Marketing Committee facilitator. He will have responsibility to oversee and carry out many of the tasks. The work will be by contract with Floyd Marketing, and be on a task by task basis, with ongoing review and assessment of results and outcome.

Mr McCaw thanked and congratulated the members for having the foresight to provide funding for the development of the marketing capability. The industry has taken the first steps to addressing one of the long recognised problems affecting the viability of the industry - the orderly marketing of our product.

He further commented, don't expect the 50¢ levy to solve all your individual marketing problems as beekeepers. You still have to make the most important decisions yourself. All we can hope to achieve through a collective industry effort in

marketing is to enhance the opportunities for individual beekeepers to prosper and become more profitable.

We can only set up the atmosphere, you have to go out and do it.

Bill Floyd then addressed the meeting providing a background to the Marketing Plan.

He indicated that in developing a Marketing Plan for the Honey industry the following MISSION STATEMENT has been determined; this creates the focus for the Plan :

That the marketing efforts of the NBA shall be directed to create an environment that will -

1. Allow consumers to enjoy honey as a food that is available in a variety of flavours, each giving different sensory satisfaction.
2. Allow consumers to appreciate that different honeys have nutritional therapeutic or medicinal attributes that can enhance their own standard of living and health; and be able to enjoy these values with confidence.
3. Allow individual members of the NBA :
 - to be rewarded for innovation and for a commitment to quality;
 - to produce products and services that meet customer and consumer needs;
 - to be aware of all the opportunities available to them apropos product mix and product development, pricing and promotion; with particular emphasis on the potential for mono-floral honeys;
 - to be part of an industry recognised collectively for its commitment to quality;
4. Create a commercial environment that is healthy, and competitive where individual members of the honey industry succeed or fail by their own effort.
5. Allow for the industry as a whole to be perceived as :

an established, traditional, financially-sound, rural activity that is committed to quality in all matters, producing a range of products to the highest international standards, that have unique competitive advantages in New Zealand and international marketplaces.

He further indicated an industry need for a Code of Practice which would address the issues of packaging, labelling, properties of different honeys etc., and related to the issue of misrepresentation and consequential adverse media comment.

The industry will be required to harvest honey for specific purposes and be able to certify honey on a batch by batch, drum by drum basis.

Along with recognition comes accountability. He further developed aspects of the Plan, a precis of which had been circulated to members, including the seven key objectives and strategies. He stressed that quality and production issues were of prime importance.

Three product developments were reported to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m. for afternoon tea and reconvened at 4.00 p.m.

MARKETING:

Further discussion on marketing ensued after the tea break.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc) was adjourned at 4.15 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 4.15p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note: The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 2.34 p.m. on Thursday 22 July 1993, following the conclusion of the Conference of Branch Delegates).

16. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE EXISTING HIVE LEVY FOR MARKETING PURPOSES IS ABOLISHED AND REPLACED WITH A LEVY ON PRODUCTION.

NOTE: ** The user must pay. The levy must be set on the goods to be sold not on the production units. i.e. Kiwifruit levied on trays not on vines. Dairy board levy on milk fat not on number of cows.

** The levy would reflect more accurately the ability to pay, and therefore a fairer and more acceptable demand on members faced with poor seasons.

Amendment that the words "and replaced with a levy on production" be deleted was not accepted by the President.

It was then agreed, on the voices, that Remit 16 remain upon the table until after Remit 17 had been considered.

17. MARKETING COMMITTEE:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE SHOULD INCLUDE AN AMOUNT IN THE 1994 HIVE LEVY NOT EXCEEDING 50 CENTS PER HIVE, TO RAISE A SUM UP TO \$120,000 TO BE ALLOCATED ENTIRELY AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARKETING PLAN AS PREPARED BY THE NBA MARKETING COMMITTEE.

Amendment that the levy of 50 cents be reduced to 25¢ and the sum of \$120,000 reduced to \$60,000 was LOST on the voices.

The motion was CARRIED 10-4.

16. MARLBOROUGH

The Remit was uplifted from the table.

The motion was LOST 1 - 13.

18. SOUTHLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE PROMOTION LEVY OF 50¢ PER HIVE BE DISCONTINUED.

The remit was WITHDRAWN 14 - 0.

1. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ROY PATTERSON THE INDUSTRY SETS UP A SCHOLARSHIP IN HIS NAME, TO HELP A STUDENT ATTENDING THE BEEKEEPING COURSE AT THE TELFORD FARM TRAINING INSTITUTE.

NOTE: Roy Patterson was instrumental in mechanising honey handling in the Beekeeping Industry and also was the person who isolated the Toxin causing Tutu honey poisoning in 1946.

The motion was CARRIED 8 - 4.

2. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE INITIATE OR ENCOURAGE RESEARCH INTO THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF BROADCAST APPLICATION OF 1080 BAITS ON THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

NOTES: 1080 is an extremely effective and nonspecific insecticide. It has been established that 1080 baits remain toxic to possums for only 5 to 20 days, but remain toxic to less resistant species for much longer. 1080 in the soil may be taken up by plants where its extremely effective systemic action poses a threat to insect populations both soil dwelling and aerial.

This information has been published in NZ Entomologist (A Review of Invertebrate Poisoning by Compound 1080 Peter Notman, DSIR Ecology Division). It has been reported by beekeepers that honey yields, particularly rewarewa, have been reduced in areas where broadcast applications of 1080 baits have occurred. A copy of Mr Notman's article is attached. (Appendix One)

Amendment that the words "initiate or encourage" be deleted and replaced with "investigate current".

The amendment was CARRIED 14 - 0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.20 p.m. and reconvened at 9.10 a.m. on Thursday 22 July 1993.

3. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE FOLLOWING BE IMPLEMENTED:

a) THAT BETWEEN 1 AUGUST and 30 NOVEMBER EACH YEAR ALL BEEKEEPERS WITH 50 HIVES OR LESS, TO SEND IN NUMBERED SAMPLES FROM EACH OF THEIR HIVES, TO BE TESTED FOR AFB AND EXOTICS AS REQUIRED, AT NO CHARGE OR AT COST. ON FINDING AFB OWNER TO BE NOTIFIED TO DESTROY HIVE IN THE APPROVED MANNER.

b) THAT BETWEEN 1 AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER EACH YEAR EACH MEMBER WITH OVER 50 HIVES TO SEND IN ONE SAMPLE OF BEES FROM ONE HIVE PER EVERY 200 HIVES OR PART THEREOF, FOR TESTING FOR DISEASES OF HONEY BEES. WHERE A NUMBER OF SAMPLES ARE TO BE COLLECTED, SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN THAT GIVE THE BEST COVERAGE OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

The motion was LOST 1 - 12.

4. CANTERBURY:

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY AIM FOR TOTAL ERADICATION OF AMERICAN BROOD DISEASE BY THE YEAR 2000.

NOTES: In light of the work and statements made by Dr Mark Goodwin on American Brood Disease, a target of total eradication is achievable. It also makes a strong statement to the rest of the world.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

5. HAWKES BAY:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THE EXECUTIVE FULLY SUPPORTS THE DISEASE CONTROL COMMITTEE'S GOAL OF TOTAL ERADICATION OF AFB FROM N.Z. BY THE YEAR 2000.

Footnote: Most beekeepers plan for total eradication of AFB from their hives. Why not plan for total eradication from N.Z. It would save beekeepers a lot of money in the future if this goal is met.

The motion was CARRIED 12 - 0.

6. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THE DISEASE COMMITTEE EFFORTS TO HAVE AFB ERADICATED FROM NZ BY THE YEAR 2000.

The motion was CARRIED 12 - 1.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.05 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 10.35 a.m.

7. N. WALLINGFORD:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT AN EFFECTIVE AFB CONTROL PROGRAMME REMAINS AN INDUSTRY REQUIREMENT. THAT THE 50¢ PER HIVE RAISED BY THE HIVE LEVY ACT FOR DISEASE CONTROL PURPOSES CONTINUE UNTIL A PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IS ACHIEVED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE SOON TO BE ENACTED BIOSECURITY BILL. THAT THE INDUSTRY CONTINUE TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION USING METHODS SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY IAN BERRY'S COMMITTEE.

The following amendment was accepted by the mover - delete "Ian Berry's" and replace with "Disease Control".

Amendment that everything after the first sentence be deleted was LOST 6 - 8.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 3.

8. WAIKATO:

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY DISREGARD THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISEASE CONTROL COMMITTEE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN TO ERADICATE AFB.

NOTE: The Waikato branch thinks the eradication of AFB in New Zealand is impossible and that the establishment of an NBA goal to totally eradicate AFB by the year 2000 may well cause hardship to members, if the Executive choose to really set about achieving this goal. We think it is a very good goal for some individuals in some areas and where the amount of time and money to be spent can be controlled by the individual.

The motion was LOST 0 - 13.

9. SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INVESTIGATE THE WRITTEN WORD ON THE FORM, "TO MASTERS OF OVERSEAS SHIPS - NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS". THAT IS MEAT, DAIRY PRODUCTS, FOOD STUFFS, ETC. WHICH NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE WORDS "HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS" SPECIFICALLY.

NOTES: The form at present does not say the words HONEY and BEE PRODUCTS. Masters need to draw their crew's attention to the fact that honey is prohibited to be brought ashore. The form for passengers is more detailed.

Normally Customs clear a ship at the first port of call, but if the ships proceeds to other ports around New Zealand, there is a chance that honey could be brought ashore unnoticed.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

10. HAWKES BAY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE STRONGLY SUPPORTS EXECUTIVE'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THE PRESENT QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON HONEY AND BEE IMPORTS INTO N.Z.

Footnote: The importance of our disease and pest free status should not be compromised in any way. Our present advantages in the management of bees, and the future potential of our exports is crucial to the viability of our industry.

An amendment to delete the word "quarantine" was not proceeded with.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

11. AUCKLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY RENEGOTIATE WITH MAF POLICY, PROTOCOLS TO MAKE IT MORE STREAMLINED AND ACCURATE WHEN MAF AND BEEKEEPERS SIGN FORMS FOR EXPORT CERTIFICATION.

Amendment - delete "MAF Policy" and replace with "MAF Regulatory" was carried 14 - 0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

12. R. BERRY:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE BEEKEEPING PROFITABLE THAT THE EXECUTIVE USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS TO SEE THAT PROTOCOLS ARE ESTABLISHED ONLY WHERE REQUIRED IN A MANNER THAT IS MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE NZ BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

NOTES:

TWO EXAMPLES

a) At the present time we are not able to export bees to USA, but bees are able to go to Canada then at a later date be moved to the USA. We are losing out on a potential market in USA for NZ bees and queens. Also it could make things easier to reach the Canadian market if USA was opened up to NZ. MAF has been working on entry to USA for a number of years, they need our active support.

b) The protocols allowing NZ to export queens and bees to Canada has a clause which should be removed, i.e. "in the preceding six (6) months, all apiaries in the district surrounding the apiary of origin within a radius of five (5) miles have been inspected for bee diseases in accordance with the requirements of the Apiaries Act 1969 and that all hives found affected were destroyed forthwith by burning."

This clause does nothing to reduce the chance of AFB bees going to Canada but does put substantial costs onto the Beekeeping Industry and it is not required by Canada for bees from Hawaii or Australia. Why New Zealand?

Amendment delete the word "make" and replace with "keep" and after the word "protocols" add the words "for export certification".

CARRIED 13 - 1.

The amended motion was CARRIED 13 - 1.

13. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT APPROACH MAF WITH THE VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF ISSUING ZOO SANITARY TYPE EXPORT CERTIFICATES.

NOTES: Zoo Sanitary means the product has been produced in an area free of stated disease, e.g. A.F.B., E.F.B., Nosema, Varroa.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

14. AUCKLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE PUBLISHING, PRINTING AND PRODUCTION OF THE BEEKEEPER MAGAZINE BE PUT FOR TENDER ON A BIANNUAL BASIS.

NOTES:

1. We consider from the feed back that we receive that the costs are too high and
2. That the contents are not of great interest to a large proportion of the Industry.
3. We consider that the circulation should be increased and that advertising should make it completely self funding.

Amendment delete the words "on a biannual basis" and replace with "every two years" - amended with agreement of the mover.

The motion was LOST 6 - 8

15. N. WALLINGFORD:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT CAPITATION PAYMENTS TO BRANCHES CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT, WITH THE TOTAL PAYMENT BEING IN THE ORDER OF \$5,000 to \$6,000. THAT THE EXECUTIVE CONTINUE TO USE A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THAT ALL BRANCHES ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE N.B.A. RULES. THAT THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT BRANCHES WILL UNDERTAKE SOME FORM OF FUNDRAISING TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT OTHER ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN DEPENDING ENTIRELY ON THE HIVE LEVY FOR FUNDING LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

This motion was CARRIED 11 - 2.

Remits 16, 17 and 18 considered earlier in the meeting. (see Minutes, Pages 10 & 11).

19. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP FEE OF THE NBA EQUATE TO 50 TIMES THE EXISTING HIVE LEVY.

NOTES:

- ** To eliminate people stating 49 hives to escape paying hive levy.

** To share the financial burden. At present, people with less than 50 hives receive a subsidised magazine, with no further contribution to other NBA operating expenses.

The motion was LOST 2 - 12.

20. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE NBA TO BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO THE APIARY REGISTER TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE AUDIT OF HIVE LEVY DECLARATIONS.

NOTES: Sec.4 (10) of Apiaries Act "No person shall be entitled to inspect or search the register except by permission of the Director General."

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 2

21. AUCKLAND BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE COMBINED TO THE ONE FULL TIME POSITION OF A GENERAL SECRETARY.

AMENDMENT that the words "investigate the costs and benefit of" be added after "Executive" on first line. Lost 5 - 8.

The motion was LOST 2 - 8.

22. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE FUTURE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NBA BE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF A FULL TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECTIONS DECIDED UPON BY AN INDUSTRY POLICY COUNCIL COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED BY BRANCHES.

AMENDMENT that the word "investigate" be added after Executive on the first line and the words "and report back to the 1994 Conference" be added at the end. Carried 13 - 0.

This amendment was subsequently withdrawn and the following amendment was Carried 13 - 1. - delete all the words after

"N.B.A." on the second line and replace with "and report back to the 1994 Conference".

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

23. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE FOLLOWING :

1. THAT EXECUTIVE DRAW UP A DRAFT BUDGET IN APRIL EACH YEAR.
2. THE DRAFT BUDGET TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE NBA BRANCHES IN JUNE FOR COMMENT AND SUBMISSIONS AND BE RETURNED TO HEAD OFFICE BY JULY 1st.
3. BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED TO CONFERENCE FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADOPTION.
4. BUDGET TO BE CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED AT SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING AND LEVY RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED TO MINISTER.

NOTE:

There are several issues raised in the above Remit.

1. Financial Planning
2. Branch member input and branch involvement
3. The budget would be industry driven
4. The Executive would be more accountable to the industry.
5. A sound financial organisation, Industry driven becomes an effective organisation.

The motion was LOST on a poll vote. 381 - 553 following an initial 7 - 7 vote.

WELCOME: The meeting welcomed visiting beekeepers from Papua New Guinea.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.35 p.m.

MARKETING: The President outlined to the meeting the background to the recent visit to Japan and Korea undertaken by himself, Mr G M Reid and Mr J Edwards.

Mr Reid gave details of the request to Japan for transit permission and in the case of Korea arrangements for their importation of queen bees and packages.

REMITTS:

24. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE FOLLOWING :

THAT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE HIVE LEVY BE A CHARGE AGAINST THAT ACTIVITY. THAT THERE BE NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACTIVITY TO ANOTHER.

NOTE: eg. Administration, Marketing, AFB Contract, etc.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 1.

25. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF THE NBA BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

Amendment adopted by mover/seconders to delete the word "substantially" and replace with "where possible".

The amended motion was CARRIED 8 - 3.

26. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE TO HAVE THE NBA EXPAND THEIR EXISTING MINUTES TO FULL NARRATIVE MINUTES FOR ALL EXECUTIVE MEETINGS, AND HAVE ALL NBA SUB-COMMITTEES PRODUCE FULL NARRATIVE MINUTES, WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO NBA EXECUTIVE MINUTES CURRENTLY POSTED TO BRANCHES.

NOTES: This would allow all members to know exactly what is happening within their industry at all times. The BENEFITS of this are:

- 1) Presents FACTS and prevents rumour and possible disagreement on issues not fully communicated to members.
- 2) More knowledge could prevent unnecessary remits.
- 3) Highlights to ordinary members the workloads of individual committee members, especially important when wanting further information on points of

interest and during elections.

- 4) Introduction of this remit would breakdown existing barriers to information, and lead to a more uniform, positive and informed approach by members to our industries future.

Amendment - delete all the words after "Existing Minutes".

The amendment was CARRIED 11 - 2.

The amended motion was CARRIED 10 - 3.

27. AUCKLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE HOLD AT LEAST ONE MEETING EACH YEAR IN A MAIN CENTRE IN EACH ISLAND, AND THAT IT HOLD AN OPEN FORUM WITH THE BEEKEEPERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT MEETING, AND THAT THEY MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO A MEETING OF COMBINED BRANCHES IN THAT AREA.

NOTES: The benefits that were gained in the combined Auckland-Northland and Bay of Plenty Branches with the National Executive in April 1992 were so successful and beneficial, we feel that it should be repeated for the benefit of all Branches.

The motion was LOST 5 - 6.

28. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE A NOTICE OF MOTION AT CONFERENCE TO DETAIL REMITS THAT WOULD BE VOTED ON WITH NO DISCUSSION. SUCH REMITS TO CONSIST OF ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDER ACTION OR THOSE THAT WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE COMMON AGREEMENT. SHOULD ANY OF THESE REMITS FAIL TO PASS A VOTE, THEY WOULD THEN BE TREATED AS A NORMAL REMIT WITH DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR OF CONFERENCE.

The motion was LOST 6 - 7.

29. N. WALLINGFORD:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY RECOGNISE WITH APPRECIATION THE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF THE APICULTURAL SECTION OF MAF. THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND INTEREST IN THE INDUSTRY'S WELL-BEING HAS RESULTED IN THE RETENTION OF ASPECTS OF BEEKEEPER EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN LOST TO NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPERS.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 2.

30. CANTERBURY:

**THAT CANTERBURY HOST THE 1995 CONFERENCE IN
CHRISTCHURCH**

The motion was CARRIED 13 - 0.

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.

ANNUAL
REPORT: It was agreed that the Annual Report be adopted.

ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS: It was agreed that the audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure be adopted.

BUDGET
1993: Following a presentation by Messrs R Bensemann and G Martin, the budget for 1993 was received.

OTHER
BUSINESS: There were no recommendations, or other business referred by the Executive.

ELECTIONS:
Ms F Trewby was elected unopposed as President

There being two nominations for Vice President:
Richard Bensemann
Russell Berry
· A ballot was held and Richard Bensemann elected as Vice President.

AUDITORS: Messrs Coopers & Lybrand were re-appointed unopposed (subject to their acceptance).

MATTERS
ARISING: There were no matters arising from the President's address, the annual report or any other report presented to the Annual Meeting.

GENERAL: The Bay of Plenty Branch representatives outlined proposals for the 1994 Conference.

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 3.25 p.m. with votes of thanks (carried by acclamation) to the Southland Branch for its organisation of this conference, and to the retiring President, Mr Dudley Ward.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

NOTE: The following reports were made available at the meeting.

- 1.0 The Librarian.
- 2.0 Louise Malone Hort and Food Research
- 3.0 NBA Representative on Pesticide Board.

AMENDED

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, Croydon Lodge, Waimea Street, Gore on Wednesday and Thursday 21st & 22nd July 1993 commencing at 9.00 a.m. on the Wednesday.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair
Miss F Trewby, Vice-President,
Messrs R Bensemam, G Martin, M Wraight,
N Wallingford - members of the Executive
Committee.

Messrs R Berry, G Cammell and M Cloake,
Executive Members elect.

28 delegates representing 14 branches and
approximately 73 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer
Mr G M Reid, Manager, NABU
Dr M Goodwin, Horticulture & Food Research
Institute.

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 Mr Jim Simpson to read the Conference Prayer.

WELCOME: The Delegates were welcomed to Gore by the Mayor of the Gore District Council, Mr Ian Tulloch.

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

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION of NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, CROYDON LODGE, WAIMEA STREET, GORE, ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 1993 COMMENCING AT 8.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair
Ms F Trewby, Vice President
Messrs R Benseman, W Wraight, G Martin and N Wallingford, Members of the Executive Committee.

Messrs R Berry, G Cammell and Mr Cloake
Executive Members elect

and 17 delegates representing 11 branches
and approximately 45 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

RULE CHANGES: EXECUTIVE

1.0 "That in order to avoid any doubts as to the validity of Rule Changes since 1979 the following Rule Changes are hereby adopted and are deemed to be validly made with effect from the respective dates of registration".

CARRIED on the voices

1.1 Adopted at the Annual General Meeting, 26th July 1984.

THAT Rule 2 be amended and replaced with the following :

INTERPRETATION

2. In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the context: 'Hive Levy' means the annual levy payable by Beekeepers to the National Beekeeper Association of New Zealand Inc. in accordance with the Act. 'The Act' means the Hive Levy Act 1978 or any amendments or substitutions therefor. 'Year' and 'Financial Year' mean from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December.

Registered 3 September 1984.

1.2 Adopted at the Annual General Meeting, 15 July 1987.

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

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

2.0 Rule 5 to be amended to read:

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

- (i) ORDINARY MEMBERS
- (ii) COMMERCIAL MEMBERS
- (iii) LIFE MEMBERS
- (v) HONORARY MEMBERS

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

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

9. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

5.0 Rule 28b to be amended to read:

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

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

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

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

Registered, 23rd December 1988.

1.3 Adopted at the Annual General Meeting, 12th & 13th July 1988.

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), 26(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.

Registered 23 December 1988.

2.0 MARLBOROUGH

No.6 Ordinary Members.

SUBJECT: Voting eligibility.

Request an additional clause under rule 6, which will become rule 6(c).

"Voting rights shall only apply to ordinary members with beehives registered in New Zealand under the apiaries act 1969 as per rule 6(a)(i)."

NOTE:** This ensures only members with a financial investment in the beekeeping industry can vote.

****** Eliminates the anomaly of libraries, schools, and individuals with no bee hives gaining voting rights simply by buying a magazine subscription.

LOST on a show of hands 6-22.

3.0 F. LINDSAY

That a new rule 19(c)(i) be added to the Association's Rules.

The Executive shall consider all such remits received 45 days prior to the commencement of the conference of delegates and at its discretion:

- (a) Adapt any remit for immediate action.
- (b) Include any remit on the order paper of the Conference of Delegates.
- (c) Exclude from the order paper or move any remit to the bottom of the order paper.

Such remits excluded or moved to the bottom of the order paper under rule 19 c 1 (c), may be considered by the Conference of branch delegates unless more than two delegates object, (rule 19c).

STATEMENT OF CASE

Often I see remits come to the Conference that are already the policy of the Industry. It is nice to have such remits aired but if they do not offer any new material, they are essentially a waste of Conference time.

I would like to see the Executive have the power to immediately adopt or exclude remits. Such remits would still appear on the list of remits distributed to members so they could still be debated at branch meetings.

A reduced order paper could allow the Executive to structure the Conference in such a way as to allow more guest speakers or working groups/buzz group sessions to be interspersed throughout the Conference.

LOST on the voices.

4.0 MARLBOROUGH

No.19 Conference of Branch Delegates.
SUBJECT: Voting Rights of Branch Delegates.

Request an addition to rule 19(f) 3.

.....in such manner as he thinks fit "ONLY IF
AUTHORISED BY A VOTE AT HIS BRANCH REMIT MEETING."

NOTE:** This ensures that the correct democratic
intent of the branch is conveyed to conference.

LOST on the voices.

5.0 N. WALLINGFORD

The Hive Levy Act 1978 will cease to exist on 1 January 1996. The Act currently provides the primary source of funding for the NBA. Its loss will compel a number of changes to the NBA rules, perhaps even to the basic structure/functions of the Association. I propose the following amendments to our existing rules prior to these more comprehensive future changes. The intent of these amendments is to:

- Provide consistency in numbering and labelling
- Remove redundant provisions in the rules
- Correct several relatively minor errors
- Correct gender bias
- Correct error identified by R Berry re: amendment of rules

Conventions for consistency in the rules:

Each of the 30 rules will have a number and a title.

Rule titles will be in all uppercase.

Labelling convention to follow this pattern:

1 **RULE TITLE**

Sub-text of rule if not differentiated by defined clauses. If there are no numbered/lettered items/levels of detail, the text of the rule appears in paragraph style.

- a) First level of defined detail
- b) Second item, first level of defined detail, etc
 - i) second level of defined detail
 - ii) second item, second level of defined detail, etc
- c) Third item, first level of defined detail

AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY IN NUMBERING AND LABELLING

Rule	Change proposed
1.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'NAME' and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
2.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'INTERPRETATION' and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
3.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'REGISTERED OFFICE' and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
4.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION' and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
5.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION' and amend the title of rule 5 to read 'CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION'.
6.	Amend title word 'MEMBERS' to read 'MEMBERSHIP' for consistency in grammatical usage.
7.	Amend title word 'MEMBERS' to read 'MEMBERSHIP' for consistency in grammatical usage.
14.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'OFFICERS' and amend the title of rule 14 to read 'OFFICERS'.
18.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'MEETINGS', leaving the title 'ANNUAL MEETING'.
19.	Amend by deleting label '1)' which appears beside part f) and has no meaning in the context and numbering of the rule. '2)' to be relabelled 'g)', '3)' to be relabelled 'h)', '4)' to be relabelled 'i)'. These re-labellings result in no change of meaning or intent to the rules.
19.	Amend reference in rule 19 part 3 to 'paragraph (2) (iii)' to read 'paragraph (g) (iii) in light of re-labelling amendment described above.
23.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'BRANCHES' and amend the title of rule 23 to read 'ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCHES' for consistency in grammatical usage.
24.	Amend the title of rule 24 to read 'OPERATION OF BRANCHES' for consistency in grammatical usage.
26.	Amend reference to Rule 19 (f) (1) (iii) to read Rule 19 (f) (iii) in light of changes to numbering above.
27.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'POSTAL POLL', and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
28.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'COMMON SEAL', and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
29.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'ALTERATION TO RULES', and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.
30.	Amend by removing the (centred) title 'WINDING UP', and including it as part of the numbering system as per rules 5-26.

AMENDMENTS TO REMOVE REDUNDANT PROVISIONS IN THE RULES

- 13. b) Delete all after 'of the levy due'. The NBA collects the Hive Levy so no longer needs the presentation of receipted evidence as was at one time the case.
- 16. a) Amend by deleting last sentence as no longer required (used for first few years of operation under these rules).
- 16. b) Amend by deleting everything after 'expiration of their terms be eligible for re-election' as no longer required (used for first few years of operation under these rules).

AMENDMENTS CORRECT EXISTING ERRORS

- 2. a) Amend reference to 'Hive Levy Act 1975' to read 'Hive Levy Act 1978'.
- 16. e) Change reference from 'Regulations' to 'Act'. There are no regulations associated with 'The Act' which is defined in the rules as the Hive Levy Act 1975 (see above).
- 19. Amend all references in rule 19 to 'Rule 24' to read 'Rule 26'. This appears to have been a longstanding error in our rules.

AMENDMENTS TO CORRECT GENDER BIAS

- 11. Amend reference to 'he' to read 'the authorised person'.
- 12. a) to e) Amend references to 'him' and 'he' to read 'the member'.
- 16. f) Amend reference to 'he' to read 'that person'.
- 19. (1) f) ii) Amend reference to 'him' to read 'the delegate'.
- 19. (2) Delete word 'his' as unnecessary to the meaning.
- 19. (2) i),ii),iii) Amend references to 'him' to read 'the delegate' and 'his' to read 'the delegate's'
- 19. (3) Amend reference to 'his' to read 'the delegate's' and 'he' to 'the delegate'.
- 22. b) Amend reference to 'his' to read 'the President's'.
- 22. c) to f) Amend all references to 'Chairman' to 'Chairperson'.
- 22. e) Amend reference to "Chairman" to "Chairperson".
- 23. c) Amend reference to 'he' to read 'the member'.
- 24. b) Amend reference to 'Chairman' to 'Chairperson'.
- 24. e) Amend reference to 'his' to read 'a'.
- 25. b) Amend reference to 'Chairman' to 'Chairperson'.
- 26. e) Amend references to 'his' to 'that member's'.
- 26. f) iii),iv) Amend references to 'his' and 'he' to 'that member's' and 'that member'.
- 26. f) Amend reference in last paragraph from 'his' to 'the Secretary's'.
- 27. b) Amend reference to 'him' to 'the Executive Secretary'.

CHANGES REQUIRED BASED ON ERROR IN RULES IDENTIFIED BY R BERRY AND DISCUSSED AT ANNUAL MEETING 1992

29. ALTERATION TO RULES

a) These rules may be altered by majority vote taken at the discretion of the Executive either at an Special Meeting of the Association or by postal poll in accordance with Rule 27 (a).

AMENDMENT: Amend 'at an Special Meeting' to read 'at a Special Meeting'.

c) Any member or Branch proposing an alteration to the Rules shall submit a notice of motion thereof to the Executive not less than 45 days prior to the date of an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

AMENDMENT: Amend 'an Annual or Special Meeting' to read 'a Special Meeting'.

CARRIED on the voices

CONCLUSION:

The meeting concluded at 9.00 a.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date