

MIN: AGM 1994

THE 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, WILLOW PARK INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, TAURANGA, COMMENCING ON
TUESDAY 19TH JULY AT 8.30AM AND CONTINUING THROUGH UNTIL
THURSDAY 21ST JULY 1994.

PRESENT :

Miss Frances Trewby, President, in the Chair.

Messrs., R Bensemam ; R Berry ; G Cammell ; M Cloake ; members of the Executive committee. Messrs., K Herron and N Wallingford, Executive members elect.

28 delegates (and deputies) representing 14 branches and approximately 80 members.

IN ATTENDANCE :

Messrs., R Rowe, Executive Secretary ; E Roberts, Executive Officer; G Reid, Manager NABU ; Dr. M Goodwin, Horticulture & Food Research Inst. (for part of the meeting).

WELCOME TO DELEGATES :

The President welcomed all present to the conference and AGM. A special welcome was extended to guests and to Ron Rowe to his first conference and AGM.

PRAYER :

The President then invited Dale Gifford to read the conference prayer.

MAYOR'S WELCOME :

The delegates and guests were welcomed to Tauranga by the Mayor Mr Keith Clarke.

Richard Bensemam, Vice President, thanked The Mayor for his timely remarks and for his welcome. He then presented a Pohutakawa Tree to the City of Tauranga noting the importance of the particular species and the general importance of nectar and pollen bearing trees, both to the general population and to the Beekeeping industry.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS :

Miss Frances Trewby presented her address to conference.

REPORTS:

1 - MAF QUALITY MANAGEMENT

This report was presented jointly by : Messrs. M Reid, E Roberts and C van Eaton.
(Mr Reid's report was published in the September 1994 issue of the NZ Beekeeper)

APOLOGIES :

Apologies for absence were received from :
Gerard Martin (Executive member); Steve Lyttle; Sandy Richardson; Michael and Anna Wraight; Bruce Stanley; Colin McLean.

OBITUARIES :

John Mantox, Waikato.
Ken Richards, Southern North Island.

ELECTION RESULTS :

The Executive Secretary advised that an election was only required for the North Island member. Nick Wallingford was the successful candidate and Gerard Martin the unsuccessful candidate.

Nick Wallingford was therefore declared to be elected as the third representative for the North Island.

R Bensemman and Keith Herron were declared to be the second and third members for the South Island having been elected unopposed.

The Executive would then consist of :

North Island - Messrs. R Berry; G Cammell; N Wallingford.

South Island - R Bensemman; M Cloake; K Herron.

The meeting recorded the Association's appreciation for the several year's of service by Gerard Martin.

LIFE MEMBERS :

National Beekeepers Association of NZ Inc. KEITH HERRON

There were no Branch Life Members accorded the honour at this conference.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS :

Timekeepers : IT WAS RESOLVED that Ross Carol and Arthur Edwards of Bay Of Plenty Branch be appointed timekeepers.

Scrutineers : IT WAS RESOLVED that Steve Olds (Otago) and Cliff van Eaton (Bay Of Plenty) be appointed Scrutineers.

Speaking time : IT WAS RESOLVED that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak; the seconder 3 minutes; and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION :

The Executive Secretary advised that one additional remit had been tabled from the Executive committee. This was circulated. (Note : Provisions of rule 19c).

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE :

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Deputy Delegate</u>
Far North	B Stevenson	M Haines
Northland	D Hoole	T Gavin
Auckland	N Stuckey	R Blair
Waikato	B Clement	R Berry
Bay Of Plenty	D Gifford	P Townsend
Poverty Bay	P Burt	B Foster
Hawkes Bay	Ron Morisson	J Dobson
Southern North Island	J Brandon	F Lindsay
Marlborough	S Jenkins	P Milne
Nelson	R Lambie	F Galea
West Coast		
Canterbury	P Bray	B Mc Cusker
South Canterbury	J van Hoof	M Cloake
North Otago		
Otago	G McKenzie	A Mc Caw
Southland	K Herron	R Ward

MINUTES :

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Delegates held on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd July 1993 at the Croydon Lodge, Gore, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record of that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT :

The meeting adjourned at 10am for morning tea and the Conference Photograph and reconvened at approximately 10.30am.

ADDRESS BY THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE :

Mr Ross Meurant MP - Associate Minister Of Agriculture addressed conference. He spoke generally about the activities with respect to exports of honey, packaged bees and other bee products (in several geographical locations) and the difficulty that MAF and the NBA had encountered.

It was important he noted that NZ Beekeepers should talk with and gain the support of their friends and colleagues in other countries to assist the overall cause of the NZ Beekeepers.

He referred to the proposal to import Honey from Australia and the many submissions made.

He also spoke about the forthcoming Political environment with the advent of MMP.

Richard Bensemman, Vice President, thanked Mr Meurant for his attendance and for his address.

REPORTS CONTINUED :

Reports were presented by the following persons

John Heineman, Hon. Librarian presented his report.

Allen McCaw, Chairman of the Marketing sub committee, presented the Marketing report.

Terry Gavin, Chairman of the Disease Control sub Committee, now known as the NBA AFB Eradication sub committee, presented the report on behalf of the sub committee.

Mervyn Cloake, Chairman of the Export sub committee presented a report to conference.

ADJOURNMENT :

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was adjourned until Thursday 21st July.

WORKSHOP SESSION :
Afternoon of Tuesday 19th July

Note :

At the commencement of the Workshop session The President sought leave of the delegates to have Mr Meurant address delegates again, briefly, as a result of the importance of matters that had arisen since his earlier address.

This session which commenced at approximately 1.20 pm on Tuesday 19th July was sponsored by MAF Quality Management - details are reported in these minutes as they form part of the direction suggested by delegates to the NBA for the future.

Under the leadership and direction of Cliff van Eaton assisted by Ted Roberts, Allen McCaw and Ron Rowe, all delegates worked in four teams to produce a SWOT analysis (of the NBA) and reported each team's findings to the whole group.

These findings indicated the preferences of delegates for future activities of the NBA. A summary is attached.

Commodity Levies and The Immediate Future for the NBA

The Executive Secretary Ron Rowe outlined the actions that had taken place and the communication undertaken, to date, in respect to this important matter. Various questions were asked by delegates.

The Executive Committee of the NBA, as a panel, then answered questions put to them, by the delegates, on commodity levy and various other matters.

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THE CONFERENCE OF BRANCH DELEGATES:

The President, in the chair, opened the conference of Branch Delegates at approximately 8.40am and outlined the procedure for the effective handling of the remits.

Remits to the Conference of Branch Delegates.

1. FAR NORTH BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INSTITUTE A NATIONAL POLICY REGARDING THE CONDITION AND CLEANLINESS OF HONEY DRUMS BEING RE-USED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Note: Our concerns are that :

- (a) Diseases could be spread by the redistribution of used and unclean honey drums.
- (b) There is the risk of contamination of the freshly packed honey by the residues in the re-used drums.

An amendment to remove the prefix "Re" from Re-Used (drums being re-used in New Zealand). Was CARRIED 9 - 2

A further amendment that the words... " be implemented over a reasonable period of time".. be added to the remit...

The amended remit read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INSTITUTE A NATIONAL POLICY REGARDING THE CONDITION AND CLEANLINESS OF HONEY DRUMS BEING USED IN NEW ZEALAND AND THAT THIS BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

The amended remit was CARRIED 11-3 ▲

The motion was CARRIED 11-3

2. FAR NORTH BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE FACILITATE AN INFORMED DEBATE WITH THE WIDER BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF THE IMPORTATION OF CARNIOLAN GENETIC MATERIAL.

Note: An application is already being considered by MAF Regulatory Authority seeking approval to carry out an initial importation of Carniolan Semen to allow the evaluation under New Zealand conditions of the resulting F1 Italian - Carniolan hybrids. Debate about this issue is already taking place, but our branch feels that the wider beekeeping industry may be considering this issue without the benefit of access to all relevant, scientifically objective information on this subject.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 3

3. AUCKLAND BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE THANKS THE EXECUTIVE FOR HOLDING COSTS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND THAT THEY CONTINUE IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS TO REDUCE COSTS TO BEEKEEPERS IN FUTURE.

Note: While there is a degree of optimism at present, owing to the return of economic growth within the Nation, the beekeeper continues to suffer from low income and high overheads. Our branch has noted and appreciates the efforts of our National Executive, to halt the upward spiral of levy costs over the recent years.

An amendment was moved that the word "Recommends" be inserted on the second line as indicated.....over the past year and recommends that they continue....

The amended motion read:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE THANKS THE EXECUTIVE FOR HOLDING COSTS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND RECOMMENDS THAT THEY CONTINUE IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS TO REDUCE COSTS TO BEEKEEPERS IN FUTURE.

The amended motion was CARRIED 11 -3

The motion was CARRIED 11-3

4. CANTERBURY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE URGES EXECUTIVE TO BRING THE INDUSTRY PLAN UP TO DATE AND IMPLEMENT IT WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

Note: The changes to the executive in recent times have left the industry without a current plan. Much of the executive's time now appears to be spent waffling about unclear subjects. Extra executive meetings are all too often and these appear to be the result of no fixed idea of where the industry is going. The extra costs of these meetings is only a small (but measurable) part that this lack of planning is now costing the industry through decreased executive effectiveness.

An amendment was moved..” That this conference recommends that Executive continue with the industry planning policy”.....

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE CONTINUE WITH THE INDUSTRY PLANNING POLICY AND IMPLEMENT IT WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

The amended motion was CARRIED 10 -3

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

5. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT, IN LIGHT OF TWO EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS CAUSED BY INCOMPLETE WORK, THE EXECUTIVE ESTABLISH STANDING ORDERS OF CONDUCT, PRIORITISE THE WORK AND GENERALLY ENSURE SUITABLE METHODS OF OPERATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK. THE EXECUTIVE SHOULD:

1. PREPARE WRITTEN POLICIES TO ASSIST WITH FUTURE GUIDANCE AND OVERALL MANAGEMENT.
2. DELEGATE TO INDIVIDUALS AND SUB-COMMITTEES (BOTH OF EXECUTIVE AND OF THE MEMBERSHIP) AS APPROPRIATE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
3. BE 'ACTION ORIENTED', IDENTIFYING IF THERE SHOULD BE NBA INVOLVEMENT, **WHAT** NEEDS TO BE DONE **WHO** CAN / SHOULD DO THE ACTIONS AND SETTING A TIME FRAME FOR FOLLOW UP TO CONFIRM THE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.
4. INSIST UPON THE TABLING OF WRITTEN REPORTS PRIOR TO MEETINGS RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE MANY VERBAL REPORTS THAT NEEDLESSLY USE MEETING TIME. THE EXECUTIVE SHOULD PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION, RATHER THAN ON PROLONGED "DISCUSSIONS" THAT HAVE PREDOMINATED IN THE MINUTES. EXECUTIVE WORK SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY AND DO, RATHER THAN SIMPLY TALK ABOUT.

The motion was CARRIED 8-6

6. ALLEN MCCAWE:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY CONVENE AN INDUSTRY PLANNING MEETING IN MARCH 1995 TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NBA SUBCOMMITTEES, RECOGNISED INTEREST GROUPS, AND ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING BEING TO EXAMINE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

An amendment to the remit was moved.. That the words on the second line "in March 1995 " be deleted"...and replaced with the words " at conference 1995 "..
The amended motion was LOST 4 - 9

A further amendment to the remit was moved.. That the words on the second line "in March 1995 " be deleted"..

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY CONVENE AN INDUSTRY PLANNING MEETING TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NBA SUB COMMITTEES, RECOGNISED INTEREST GROUPS, AND ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING BEING TO EXAMINE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

7. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN MANAGEMENT OF OUR INDUSTRY.

Note: We believe the NBA Executive, the elected representatives of the beekeepers, should investigate the possibility of more commercial activities which would generate profit for the NBA as well as being beneficial to the industry as a whole. This would help to keep hive levies to a minimum. This commercial activity could involve the NBA employing people and tendering for contracts.

The motion was LOST 4 - 9

8. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT AN INDEPENDENT BODY REVIEW AND AUDIT THE HONEY INDUSTRY TRUST, ITS OPERATION, ITS FUNDS AND ITS DEEDS OF INCORPORATION, WITH VIEW TO ENSURING ITS ABILITY TO MEET THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF A CHANGING INDUSTRY. THIS REVIEW TO BE PAID FOR BY THE TRUST AND ITS FINDINGS MADE PUBLIC.

It was agreed that the notes to this remit as circulated, be withdrawn and deleted .

The motion was LOST 1 - 10

9. CANTERBURY:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE CONDEMNS THE EXECUTIVE DECISION TO SCRAP BUZZWORDS AND IMPLEMENT A MONTHLY BEEKEEPER MAGAZINE.

Note: Many past conferences have come out in support of the Beekeeper and Buzzwords. Buzzwords itself was developed from extensive planning and discussion. Its goal was to provide accurate timely articles of vital interest to the industry. It succeeded in that goal by constantly having numerous (short and easy to read) articles that were timely. The simple format and streamlined publishing enabled Buzzwords to keep beekeepers right up to date with time sensitive information. The new format Beekeeper does not fulfil this need and it is difficult to see this being achieved in its present format. If the Beekeeper is not fulfilling the need that Buzzwords was, the question has to be asked "why publish it monthly?".

The motion was LOST 5 - 7

10. CANTERBURY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST THAT ALL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF "THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPER" BE PUBLISHED AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS SUCH AS LIBEL.

It was agreed that the notes to this remit as circulated, be withdrawn and deleted .

An amendment to the remit that the word "all" in the first line be deleted.

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST THAT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF THE "NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPER " BE PUBLISHED AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS SUCH AS LIBEL

The amended motion was LOST 5 - 8

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ADJOURNMENT :

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12.10 and reconvened at 8.30 am on Thursday 21st July 1994.

Remits were continued.

11. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE.

- (a) THAT EXECUTIVE DISSOLVE THE MARKETING COMMITTEE.
- (b) THAT EXECUTIVE APPOINT A MARKETING AND PROMOTION CONSULTANT WHO WOULD REPORT DIRECT TO THE EXECUTIVE.
- (c) THAT THE EXECUTIVE DRAW UP CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR, WITH RIGHT OF RENEWAL.
- (d) FUNDING TO BE BY WAY OF A LEVY.

Note: After looking at the Budget Review put out by the Marketing Committee April 1994 and the 1995 Proposed Activities/Costs (copies enclosed), we believe the marketing matters would be better under direct control of the NBA Executive.

The motion was LOST 0 - 14

12. ALLEN McCRAW:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INCLUDE AN AMOUNT OF 50 CENTS PER HIVE IN THE 1995 HIVE LEVY, OR AN EQUIVALENT SUM IN ANY NEW LEVY STRUCTURE, TO BE ALLOCATED SPECIFICALLY TO FUND THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF THE MARKETING COMMITTEE.

Note: The Marketing Committee has begun a number of activities which will require further development over the next two or three years. It is believed these actions will achieve many of the aims of the NBA Marketing Plan developed in 1993. To be able to reach the stated goals of the plan, ongoing support is needed from members of the Association. The collective contribution of all beekeepers will achieve much more than any individual can with the same proportion of funds.

An amendment was moved that the words "up to"... be included before the monetary amount of 50 cents...

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INCLUDE AN AMOUNT OF UP TO 50 CENTS PER HIVE IN THE 1995 HIVE LEVY, OR AN EQUIVALENT SUM IN ANY NEW LEVY STRUCTURE, TO BE ALLOCATED SPECIFICALLY TO FUND THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF THE MARKETING COMMITTEE.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

13. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE LEVY FOR MARKETING BE 25 CENTS PER HIVE.

A procedural motion was moved "That this remit does lie upon the table until after additional explanation on the matter of funding is discussed"...

The procedural motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

14. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL LEVY OF 50 CENTS RAISED FOR THE MARKETING COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTED BY CONFERENCE 1993 BE ALLOCATED ENTIRELY AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE AND NOT BE RE-ALLOCATED FOR OTHER ADMINISTRATION COSTS.

A procedural motion was moved "That this remit does lie upon the table until after additional explanation on the matter of funding is discussed"...

The procedural motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

15. AUCKLAND BRANCH:

AUDIT SYSTEM

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF FORMULATING AUDIT SYSTEMS WHICH THE NBA CAN OPERATE, SUBJECT TO A SYSTEMS AUDIT BY MAF.

Note: Many Primary Producers are now putting in place their own Export Certification Systems, which are audited by MAF, but are operated by the industry itself. It may now be time for the N.B.A. to negotiate with M.A.F.R.A., its own export protocols for the industry and have M.A.F. Quality to do a systems audit only and be the Export Certification Agent.

An amendment was moved..That the words " for export certification "... by added on the third line after the word "operate"....and that the initials MAF be removed on the last line and replaced with the words " an appropriate body"...

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF FORMULATING AUDIT SYSTEMS WHICH THE NBA CAN OPERATE FOR EXPORT CERTIFICATION, SUBJECT TO A SYSTEMS AUDIT BY AN APPROPRIATE BODY.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

16. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE NBA SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF HAVING IRRADIATION PLANTS AVAILABLE TO THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPERS.

The motion was LOST 6 - 7

17. SOUTHLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT A USER-PAYS SYSTEM OF BEEHIVE HEALTH CERTIFICATION BE IMPLEMENTED.

Principles:

- (a) That the cost of disease control be met by all hive owners.
- (b) That all hives be inspected annually by an accredited person.

Note: (1) Every hive owner to supply to the certification authority by 1 January a certificate of inspection by an accredited person in the form of a statutory declaration.

(2) If the hive owner is not accredited, it be their responsibility to employ an accredited person to check their hives.

(3) In the event of the declaration / health certificate not being received by the certification authority by 1 February the certification authority be authorised to employ a certified inspector to inspect the hives at the cost of the hive owner.

(4) That no honey, bee products or pollination services be sold from hives without current certification.

(5) That 5% (or some percentage) of all inspections be cross checked out as an audit by another accredited inspector or by some other approved method e.g. bee samples taken and an AFB / bacterial test done.

(6) An organisation e.g. Telford would be set up to train/ examine / accredit interested persons.

Note: Most commercial beekeepers would choose to be accredited. This system need not cost a lot to administer. Hobbyists clubs could join together to have some of their members accredited as inspectors and commercial beekeepers could arrange for another commercial beekeeper to audit them. A charge made for blank certification forms should cover the administration costs of the certification authority.

An amendment was moved.. That the last word of the remit be deleted and replaced with the words..” investigated by the AFB Disease Eradication sub committee “.. and that the **principles** as set out become part of the remit.

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT A USER - PAYS SYSTEM OF BEEHIVE HEALTH CERTIFICATION BE INVESTIGATED BY THE NBA AFB DISEASE ERADICATION SUB COMMITTEE AND THAT :

A) THE COST OF DISEASE CONTROL BE MET BY ALL HIVE OWNERS,
B) ALL HIVES BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY BY AN ACCREDITED PERSON.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0
The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

18 AUCKLAND BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY SUPPORT THE MAF SITE IDENTIFICATION OF APIARIES BY MAP GRID REFERENCES, AND THAT THESE GRID REFERENCES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO BRANCHES FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. TO ASSIST IN FINDING SITES WHEN DISEASE INSPECTING.
2. TO ASSIST IN SITING OF APIARIES AT A REASONABLE FLYING DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER.
3. AS A MEANS OF OVERCOMING THE FALSIFYING OF HIVE NUMBERS FOR LEVYING PURPOSES.

Note: Throughout the industry there is a tendency to be secretive when siting apiaries, to such an extent that hives are often hidden from view. Anyone who has worked in disease inspecting can vouch for the fact that the finding of sites is very time consuming. Apart from the beekeepers difficulty in recording grid references, time would not be wasted in searching for sites.

Where a beekeeper is establishing a new site and is not familiar with the local beekeepers placings, it is almost impossible to set up sites at a reasonable distance from others, whereas he would have no difficulty using maps. If these reports of grid references were made known to beekeepers, together with hive numbers per site, then the beekeeper in filing his hive numbers for the purpose of his hive levy, must be kept honest by this knowledge being known by other beekeepers in the area.

An amendment was moved.. That the remit conclude at the end of the first sentence.

The amended motion was LOST 3 -10

A further amendment was moved .. That the letter "s" be deleted from the last word of the remit and that only item 1 as printed, be included in the remit. Items 2 and 3 be deleted.

The amended motion read :

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY SUPPORT THE MAF SITE IDENTIFICATION OF APIARIES BY MAP GRID REFERENCES, AND THAT THESE GRID REFERENCES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO BRANCHES FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON :
TO ASSIST IN FINDING SITES WHEN DISEASE INSPECTING

The amended motion was CARRIED 13 - 0

The motion was CARRIED 13 - 0

19. SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND BRANCH HOST THE 1996 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN WANGANUI.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0

ADJOURNMENT :

The Conference of delegates was adjourned at approximately 11.05 am and the Annual General Meeting was reconvened.

ANNUAL REPORT:

It was agreed that the annual report as printed in the Beekeeper Magazine and distributed at the AGM be adopted with the addition of two figures to page 11.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS :

It was agreed that the annual report and annual accounts should be made available prior to the Remit meetings held by Branches.

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

BUDGET 1994:

Following a presentation by Messrs. R Bensemman and R Rowe the budget for 1994 was received. (Indication was also given of the 1995 and 1996 budgets) .

ADJOURNMENT :

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11.35 am and the Conference of delegates was reconvened.

Procedural motion ..That remit 13 be uplifted from the table

13. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE LEVY FOR MARKETING BE 25 CENTS PER HIVE.

An amendment was moved.. That the words "not less than 35 cents".. be inserted in place of the sum of 25 cents.

The amended motion was CARRIED 12 - 0

A further amendment was moved.....That after the word "executive"...the words .." that it would like to see a levy of 50 cents per hive for marketing.." be inserted .

The amended motion read

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LEVY OF 50 CENTS PER HIVE FOR MARKETING BUT THAT THE LEVY FOR MARKETING BE NOT LESS THAN 35 CENTS PER HIVE.

The amended motion was CARRIED 11 - 2

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 2

The President, in the chair accepted the following motion from the floor ..

THAT THIS CONFERENCE WOULD SUPPORT A MARKETING LEVY OF 50 CENTS PER HIVE

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 2

Mr Dudley Lorimer..... Life Member was welcomed to the meeting at this point.

Procedural motion ..That remit 14 be uplifted from the table

14. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL LEVY OF 50 CENTS RAISED FOR THE MARKETING COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTED BY CONFERENCE 1993 BE ALLOCATED ENTIRELY AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE AND NOT BE RE-ALLOCATED FOR OTHER ADMINISTRATION COSTS.

It was moved by Bay Of Plenty delegates ... That this remit be withdrawn.

The motion to withdraw the remit was CARRIED 14 - 0

CLOSURE :

The Conference of delegates was declared closed at approximately 12.05 and the Annual General Meeting was reconvened.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RECONVENED:

ELECTIONS :

A ballot was held as there were two nominations, Mervyn Cloake and Nick Wallingford, for President :

Nick Wallingford was elected as President of the National Beekeepers Association of NZ Inc.

Mr R Bensemann was elected unopposed as Vice President

AUDITORS :

Mr Kevin Williams, of Kevin Williams and Associates, of Hastings was appointed auditor.

MATTERS ARISING :

The following motion was raised up as a result of earlier discussion and presentation.

THAT THIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THIS ASSOCIATION'S OPPOSITION TO THE IMPORTATION OF CARNIOLAN BEE SEMEN BE AFFIRMED.

On conclusion of a lengthy debate the motion was put.

The motion was CARRIED 58 - 22

It was agreed that this result be made known to senior officers of MAF.

GENERAL :

It was agreed that the ballot papers for the elections be destroyed

CONCLUSION:

The meeting concluded at 1pm with a vote of thanks being extended to the Host Branch for superb organisation and method. This was carried by acclamation.

The President described the significance of the President's badge of office.

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THE OUTCOMES FROM THE WORKSHOP HELD AT THE TAURANGA NBA CONFERENCE - Tuesday 19th JULY 1994

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The top five areas of concern, or areas which required to be enhanced were :

- Public relations
- Improved communications
- Government influence
- Increased research
- Improved services
 - Disease control
 - Education
 - Marketing
 - Exporting
 - Administration
- 1) Advisors
- 1) Information
- 1) Library
- 1) Publication
- 1) Education
- 3) Thinkers
- 3) Leadership
- 5) Disease control

We Want:

- Creating right environment for the industry to prosper

How?

- People
- Grass roots environment through to President - synergy (whole rather than parts)
- Employ at least 1 full time person to the Executive
- Research & Development
- People get together eg. Field days, conferences, meetings
- Increased commitment
- Look at all beekeepers - 1 → 17,000 hives
- Excitement and enthusiasm through to grass roots.

INTENSIVE STUDY GROUP Communication (Now)

- Beekeeper Journal
- Branch system
- Newsletters
- Commercial publication
- Interest groups (communication)
- Beekeeper → Beekeeper
- Educational forums -
 - Conference
 - Field days
 - Seminars
- News media

Improvement(Future)

- Centralisation of information base
- Communication facilitator
- Utilise technology developments
- Improve speed
- Improve targeting effectiveness

BOARD GUIDELINES

- CEO Executive
 - Latitude
 - Right person
- Power to implement based on guidelines
- Industry Council
- Regional
- National
- Branch remits
- Policy formation

STRENGTHS

- Good nation cover
- High represent
- Diversity
- United
- Forum
- ? Rules
- Discipline
- Ethics
- Standards
- Common cause
- Goals
- Marketing committee
- Information
- Industry discipline
- Industry planning
- Diverse Representation/National cover
- Disease control
- Marketing
- Interest groups
- Communication
- Political clout
- Open to everyone
- Education/library
- Togetherness
- compact
- Common interest
- Willing member involvement
- Forward looking
- Planning
- Diverse
- Exists
- Conference
- Magazine - communication
- Cohesive
- Tradition
- Represents all beekeepers
- History of success
- Regional structure
- Industry reporting
- Leadership
- Self funding
- Works - co-operative
- Sub committees
- Resources
- Continuity
- Productive
- Democracy(voting structure)
- Competition from other industries
- Our products
- Geographical location
- People
- Honey lovers being stuck together
- Natural product
- "Clean green image"
- Technology
- Leadership with foresight that promotes strength and unity/continuity
- Marketing industry and communication
- Strength in diversity using available talents
- self funding

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of communication
- Apathy
- Size
- Lack of conformity
- Geographical spread
- Lack of resources
- Diverse personal ambition
- Struggles/overloads
- Political structure
- Lack of ability to follow through
- Fragmentation - lessening political clout
- Funding difficulty
- PR deficiencies
- Channelling of resources
- Lack of education
- Jack of all trades, master of none
- Producer focus rather than marketing/consumer focused
- Reactive
- Trade barrier
- Individuality
- Leadership
- Infighting
- Lack of commitment
- Polarisation/lack of self-discipline
- Slow response
- Structural problems
- Costs/time
- Remits → action
- Fragmentation/diverse action
- Geographic spread
- Communication problems
- Small size
- Secretiveness
- Mistrust
- Misunderstanding
- Individualism
- Funding problems
- Lack of admin control
- Voting system
- Lack of member participation
- Political interference
- Lack of political clout
- Conservatism
- Too democratic
- Lack of discipline
- Inexperience
- Diversity of interest
- Lack of leadership
- No money
- Single minded interest group
- Uneven representation
- Poor pay
- Lack of accountability
- No clear path between decision & exec
- Work overload on exec
- Exercise in futility
- Old ideas/hang on to the past
- Young ideas
- Structure:
 - size
 - effectiveness/efficiency
 - performance outcomes
 - focus
 - measurements
 - lack of education
 - product focus
- Trade barriers
- Supplies/liability
- Executive tangents
- Poor planning
- Self interests
- Over bearing personalities
- Lack of volunteers
- Too negative

OPPORTUNITIES

- Export liaison
 - Proper resource utilisation
 - develop honey as high value product
 - Lift prosperity of all beekeepers
 - Raise more money
 - More political
 - MMP
 - Improve admin efficiency
 - Education
 - Scissor policy
 - More involvement in affect matter
 - Hire specialists
 - Lift the profile
 - Better information dispersement
 - Image
 - Wear a tie
 - Become more professional
 - "New Zealand" uniqueness
 - Improved communication
 - Improved funding base
 - Increased research
 - Increased participation
 - Increased membership - recruiting
 - Government influence/lobby
 - Increased flexibility
 - Improved service ie disease control, education, marketing, exporting, admin
 - Public relations
 - Generating income
 - Diversification
 - Improved lifestyle
 - Certification
 - Quality standards
 - Promotion of product(s)
 - Communicating to public
 - Product marketing
 - Raising awareness of beekeeping opportunities
 - Honey qual
 - Greater control of beekeeping industry destiny
 - Growth
 - GATT/CER
 - Become commercially viable
- Reorganisation
 - Research/education
 - Extend CEO services
 - Wider funding base
 - Generating income/lifestyle
 - Reduces charges to members
 - Religion
 - Creating right environment for private enterprise
 - Communication:
 - Liaise with Government
 - " " beekeepers
 - " " customers
 - " better with public
 - Product:
 - marketing
 - quality
 - health
 - Control:
 - Protocol
 - certification
 - disease control

THREATS

- Total organisation collapse
- Apathy/complacency
- Lack of finance
- Resistance to change -
parochialism
- Biosecurity/exotics
- Exotic disease
- Ourselves - non communication
- Our attitudes
- Lack of forward
planning/budgeting
- World honey prices
- Costs (high) overheads
- Government politics eg CER/Gatt
- Reactive
- Funding
- Competition from other industry
- Division within the organisation
- Internal politics
- Religion
- Nectar source failure
- Economic climate
- Forestry
- Imports
- Possum control
- Resource Management Act
- Conservation (DOC)
- Non communication
- Interest rates
- Diversity and expectation
- Fall over
- Disillusionment
- Lack of money
- Negative attitudes
- Polarisation
- No training for future executive
- Reliance on volunteers
- Internal bickering
- Loss of compulsory membership
- Competing organisations
- Apathy
- Recruiting
- Continuity of powers that be
- Reduced communication
- Major disease outbreak
- Fragmentation
- Funding loss (legislation)
- Misconception of role of NBA
- Loss of member interest
- Lack of skills
- Excessive levies
- Inequitable/unfair levies
- overload of financial work
- Limited member resources
- PR difficulties
- supply difficulties
- Lack of 2 way dissemination
- Negative attitudes
- Under resourced
- Poor communication
- Lacking accountability
- Inadequate planning
- Diversity and geographic spread
of members