

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE

HELD IN THE GRAND HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 24TH. 25TH. & 26TH. FEBRUARY, 1953, COMMENCED AT 10 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) E.A. Field (Vice-President), E.J. Kirk, G.E. Gumbrell, J.R. Barber, T.F. Penrose and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on the 4th. 5th. 6th. and 7th. November were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell.

EXTENSION OF MEETING :- The Chairman indicated to members that in view of the fact that the interview with the Minister of Marketing was not taking place until the 25th. instant, it would probably be necessary to extend the meeting for an extra day. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the duration of the meeting be extended by an extra day if necessary."

FINANCE :- The Secretary gave members a brief survey of the Association's finances at date, stating that the credit balance in the General Account on the 5th. February was £124. Subscriptions received up to that date totalled £358 as compared with the total at the end of May last year of £398. He also pointed out that it was not possible to give anything like an accurate estimate of the amount of money which would be received in the remaining months of the Association's financial year. He estimated that approximately £177 would be paid out in Journal printing costs and Editor's salary during that period. The Secretary's salary was in arrears to the extent of £75 at date.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Barber "that the sum of £10 be transferred from the Trust Fund to the General Account for each of the two years 1951-52 and 1952-53."

PRICE CUTTING IN CANTERBURY :- The Secretary reported that Mr. T.S. Winter had informed him that Beekeepers in South Canterbury were alarmed at the fact that members of the Canterbury Branch

had decided to sell this years crop of honey at the price rates fixed in the disputed price order which was issued in February 1952, instead of those authorised by the price order gazetted in June last.

Members expressed concern over the attitude adopted by the Canterbury Branch and pointed out the futility of the Executive in securing a price order covering actual costs of production if beekeepers were going to sell at prices below those authorised. Mr. Penrose explained the position in Canterbury and stated that the action taken had been against his advice. After a general discussion it was moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that the Secretary write to the Canterbury Branch expressing the strong disapproval of the Executive against their action in selling honey below the prices listed in the June price order, pointing out that such action would result in a great disservice to the rest of producers in both Islands." The motion was carried unanimously.

EXPENSES OF MEETING :- The Secretary stated that upon receipt of the Minister's request for the holding of this meeting, he had telegraphed the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee asking whether funds would be made available to cover the Executive's expenses. In reply the Chairman had stated that the required funds would be arranged.

OBITUARY :- The Secretary, in referring to the recent death of Mr. Walter Watson, reported that he had sent a message of condolence on behalf of the Executive to Mrs. Watson and members of the family. A card in acknowledgment of this message was read.

60LB. HONEY CONTAINERS :- A letter was read from the Acting Director of ~~the~~ Marketing, dated the 20th. February, seeking the opinion of the Executive on the question of whether or not a 60lb. tin of honey should be regarded as coming within the scope of retail containers.

The Secretary pointed out that the Executive had previously applied to the Price Tribunal to have 60s. included as retail containers. However in December 1951 when negotiations for the new price order were first commenced, the Marketing Committee had strongly objected to any such provision being made. With a view to expediting the issue of the new order, Mr. Williams and himself had

agreed not to force the issue at that time, but had reserved the right to bring the matter up at a later date. The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. Mawhinney which stated that the Waitomo Branch expected the Executive to honour their previous decision to support the claim for inclusion of 60s. in the retail schedule.

It was thereupon resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that this Executive desires to have 60lb. tins included as retail containers to sell by producers at $1/3\frac{3}{4}$ d. per pound."

The time being 1.15 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was resumed at 2. 15 p.m.

PREFERENTIAL VOTING :- Correspondence on this subject was read as follows :-

From the Chief Electoral Officer in reply dated 21-11-52.

To the General Secretary, N.Z. Railway Officer's Institute, dated 20-1-53.

From same in reply, dated 10th. February, setting out the procedure which the Institute has decided to adopt in the conduct of their elections, but pointing out that so far no election had as yet been conducted under the preferential system of voting.

The Secretary said that he would have to prepare suitable forms for use by the Association at the July Conference and pointed out that the difficult part of the election would be related to the counting of the votes by the Scrutineers.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the General Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE was then read as follows :-

To the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, re articles on pollination, dated 26-11-52.

From same in reply dated 24-12-52.

To Marketing Department, Auckland re complaint of H. Bush, Blenheim, dated 26-11-52.

From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee in reply dated 2-12-52.

To Mr. A.C. Bridle re Bush, dated 11-12-52.

From Marketing Department, Auckland re Bush, dated 15-12-52.

To " " " in reply dated 27- 1-53.

To Mr. H. Bush, Blenheim, dated 27-1-53.

To Director, Horticulture Division re air travel by Honey Grader, dated 26-11-52.

From same in acknowledgment, dated 12-12-52.

" " " reply " 9- 2-53.

To the Minister of Marketing re Annual Grant, dated 20-1-53.

From " " " " in acknowledgment, " 29-1-53.

" Walworth Industries Ltd., re export honey, dated 23-12-52.

" " " enclosing copy of letter to Acting Director of Marketing, dated 4-2-53.

To Commissioner of Taxes, re averaging of incomes of Beekeepers dated 26-11-52.

From Commissioner of Taxes, in reply, dated 3-12-52.

From Canterbury Branch, re advertising of Imperial Bee Honey dated 6-2-53. Decided to advise the Branch to submit the matter to Conference per medium of a remit.

From Canterbury Branch, congratulating Executive on stand taken on the question of the eligibility of purchasers of seals for election to the Honey Marketing Committee.

From Taranaki Branch re heavy losses incurred by producers over last two seasons and requesting Executive to seek financial assistance from the Government.

In considering this letter a long discussion ensued, following which it was decided to hand the letter on to the Minister of Agriculture with a request that the matter be given urgent and favourable consideration.

To Mr. A.A. & Mrs. S.H.J. Currie (Wanaka Apiaries) re underpayment of membership subscription dated 25-11-52. Decided to leave the matter in the hands of the General Secretary, with power to act.

TRANSPORT ACT :- 30 MILE RAIL RESTRICTION :- In connection with this matter, the following correspondence was read :-

From the Commissioner of Transport, dated 15-12-52.

To " " " " " 26-1-53.

From Messrs. Glass Bros., dated 17-2-53, containing advice of Traffic Offence Notice dated 13-2-53.

The General Secretary telephoned the Commissioner of Transport regarding Messrs. Glass Bros., complaint. The Commissioner advised that, as previously indicated, amending regulations were now in the hands of the Government and that pending the gazetting of these regulations, Beekeepers would not be prosecuted even though they may be served with Offence Notices. Decided to advise Glass Bros., accordingly.

MANAWATU BRANCH FUNDS :- Mr. Field, President of the Manawatu Branch, informed members that good progress had been made in re-building the Branch after a re-shuffle of officers, but that it had been found that through mismanagement the Branch funds were depleted and that financial assistance was necessary to tide them over the next few months. He requested the authorisation of a grant of approx. £3 as a temporary measure. Decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Vice-President and General Secretary to deal with.

COST OF PRODUCTION SURVEY :- In this regard, correspondence was read as follows :-

From Mr. A. Mawhinney, dated 1-12-52.

To Director-General of Agriculture, dated 27-1-53.

From the Director-General of Agriculture in reply dated 13-2-53 enclosing copy of report presented by the Extension Division to the Price Tribunal, and intimating that the Minister of Agriculture had authorised him to furnish the report on the understanding that the details of its contents

were to be treated as confidential to members of the Dominion Executive.

To the Director-General of Agriculture in reply dated 19-2-53. giving the required undertaking.

Resolved on the motion of M.r Field, seconded by Mr. Penrose - "that we express to the Director-General of Agriculture our appreciation of the courteous and thorough manner in which the recent Cost of Production Survey was conducted by the Officers of his Department."

CAUCUS COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY:- The Secretary read the written statement prepared by the President, in collaboration with Mr. Barber, on the case to be presented to the Caucus Committee dealing with the affairs of the Marketing Department, its allied Boards and Committees.

The Secretary's letter to the Auckland Central Branch and the reply received from Mr. Reisterer in connection with the same matter were also read. After some discussion as to the adequacy of the statement or otherwise, it was decided to defer further consideration on the matter until later in the meeting.

The time being 6.20 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

The meeting was resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 25th. Feb. INDUSTRY AGREEMENT :- The amended draft of the Industry Agreement as prepared by the Chairman of the Honey Marketing ^{Committee}, was discussed in the light of correspondence between the General Secretary and members, and it was decided to adhere to the previous decision that clause 5 should be retained in the form set out in the original draft. In this connection, the following correspondence was also read :-

From the Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, dated 16-12-52.

To the Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee in reply, dated 26-1-53.

SEALS PURCHASERS REPRESENTATION ON HONEY MARKETING COMMITTEE:-

A good deal of time was devoted to a general discussion on this important subject and the points raised in copies of correspondence previously sent to members were considered. The following correspondence was referred to :-

From the Minister of Marketing dated 24-12-52. advising that he was not prepared to implement the 1952 decision of Conference.

To the Minister of Marketing in reply (2) dated 15-1-53 and 19-1-53, drawing attention to inaccuracies in the statement submitted to him by the Honey Marketing Committee.

To the Minister of Marketing dated 20-1-53 embodying text of resolution passed by the South Auckland Branch.

From the Minister of Marketing in reply, dated 29-1-53.

From the Minister of Marketing dated 5-2-53. requesting the Executive to meet himself and the Honey Marketing Committee in Wellington on the 25th. February.

To the Minister of Marketing in reply dated 7-2-53.

The Secretary stated that as Mr. Nelson and other members of the Marketing Committee had repeatedly stated that the voting at

Conferences did not reflect the views of commercial producers, because so many hobbist votes were included, he had decided to disprove these statements if necessary in order that the Minister could be informed of the actual position, if the same argument was again used by the Honey Marketing Committee.

A great amount of time had therefore been devoted to the task of taking out an analysis of the voting strength of branches as used at the 1952 Conference. He had also taken out comparative figures of commercial producers within the N.B.A. in relation to the statistical figures of registered Beekeepers as prepared by the Department of Agriculture.

From the tables prepared it was evident that the Marketing Committee's contention could not be sustained. Taking the 100 hives and over group as being commercial producers, the figures showed that there were 386 such Beekeepers in the Dominion at 30-6-52. Of this number, 203 were financial members of the N.B.A. at 30-5-52, representing 52.59% of the total.

The total voting figures for each individual Branch of the N.B.A. were taken out separately, and the percentage of votes of members with 100 hives and over in each Branch were also tabulated. The overall figures revealed that of the total voting strength of the Conference, no less than 70.23% represented the votes of members with 100 hives and over, i.e. commercial producers.

It was agreed that the figures prepared by the General Secretary should not be used at the joint meeting with the Minister, unless the Marketing Committee persisted with their contentions on the point of representation. It was also agreed that unless the Minister had some new approach to offer in dealing with Marketing matters, the Executive should adhere to its previous decision on the nomination issue.

1953 CONFERENCE :- The Secretary reported that he had completed arrangements for the 1953 Conference and that the meeting would be held in the R.S.A. Social Hall on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, July.

It was moved by Mr. Gumbrell seconded by Mr. Field - "that the Minister of Agriculture and Marketing be invited to officially open the 1953 Conference." - Carried.

It was also decided to invite the Director of Horticulture and the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee to deliver addresses to the Conference.

LICENSING OF APIARIES :- Mr. Penrose drew the attention of members to the fact that the Waimaira County Council had recently passed a By-law making it an offence to operate bees within the County without first applying for and securing a license. He detailed the steps which had been taken by the Canterbury Branch to oppose the measure, but their action had been too late to prevent the By-law being passed. Members pointed out that similar By-laws already existed in different parts of the Dominion but experience had shown that the By-laws in regard to beekeeping had not been enforced. It was decided to take no action in the matter.

FINANCE FOR NATIONAL :- Mr. Penrose introduced this matter by urging that steps be taken to follow up the decision of the last Conference in securing funds from the Seals Levy for the National, despite the fact that the increase in the Levy to 1d. per pound had not been put into effect. He suggested that as the National was to have secured an amount up to £1000 from the 1d. levy, they should now apply for an amount up to £500 on the existing $\frac{1}{2}$ d. levy.

In view of the forthcoming meeting with the Minister, it was decided to hold this matter in abeyance for further consideration if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 12.40 p.m. and members attended the Conference in the Minister's office at 2.30 p.m.

APPENDIX.

Those present at the special meeting in the Minister's office were :-

Hon. K.J. Holyoake (Minister of Marketing) Messrs. E.J. Fawcett (Director-General of Agriculture) A.M.W. Greig (Director of Horticulture) T.S. Winter (Superintendent Beekeeping Industry) K.B. Longmore (Acting Director of Marketing) A.C. Bridle, Wallace Nelson, F.D. Holt, W. Herron, G.A. Beard, J.A. Tarleton (Marketing Committee) E.D. Williams, E.A. Field, J.R. Barber, E.J. Kirk, G.E. Gumbrell, T.F. Penrose and G.V. Fraser (National Executive).

At the Minister's request Mr. Williams briefly stated the position of the Executive in regard to the Conference resolution on the eligibility of seals purchasers for nomination to the Marketing Committee, Mr. Bridle followed with a short statement, following which he called upon Mr. Nelson to present the case for the producer members of the Marketing Committee. Mr. Nelson handed the Minister a copy of a lengthy statement he had prepared and which he read to the meeting, afterwards amplifying his statement with an oral address. Mr. Nelson quoted statistics at some length in support of his argument that the votes expressed at the National Conference did not in any way express the views of the commercial beekeepers in the Dominion, many of whom were not even members of the N.B.A. He traced the history of the Industry over the past 30 years and referred to his active association with it during that period when he had held every office within the National, and in addition had been responsible to the Government for advice on Industry matters as Chairman of the Honey Control Board during the whole period of the Board's activities.

At the conclusion of Mr. Nelson's address, Mr. Williams handed the Minister a copy of the figures prepared by the General Secretary, who in reading the figures to the meeting mentioned the fact that his figures defined the section of commercial producers more clearly than those quoted by Mr. Nelson, and what was more important, they disclosed the fact that the votes recorded at the National Conference did actually represent that section of beekeepers who could reasonably be termed as commercial producers.

Messrs. Holt and Herron and members of the National Executive each spoke in support of the stand taken by their respective bodies.

After asking a number of questions from both parties, the Minister expressed his regret that an understanding apparently could not be reached by the two bodies, but indicated that he considered that the information he had gained from the meeting had been valuable.

In an endeavour to resolve the problem, the Minister then stated that as Mr. Beard was leaving the service of the Marketing Department, he was obliged to appoint another Government representative to serve on the Committee and he felt inclined to use his authority by appointing a purchaser of seals to be nominated by the N.B.A. as a Government representative on the Committee. He asked the Executive to consider that proposition and he also asked Mr. Nelson whether the Committee would be happy to accept such a compromise. Mr. Nelson stated flatly that the Committee would not agree to such a proposal.

After thanking the members of both parties for attending the meeting, the Minister said he would give the matter further consideration as he was anxious to iron out the differences if that were possible.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Executive resumed their meeting in the Grand Hotel at 5 p.m.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Field - "that the Executive recommend to Conference that the following resolutions on Marketing passed at the last Conference be re-affirmed :-
 1. Eligibility of Seals Purchasers for election to Honey Marketing Committee.
 2. Increase in Seals Levy.
 3. Stamping of Containers at point of manufacture.
 4. Extension of the application of the levy."

MINISTER'S OFFER:- Mr. Penrose moved - "that the Minister be notified that the Executive feels that no purpose can be served in accepting his suggestion as a solution to the question of representation by purchasers of seals." There was no seconder to this motion.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Barber - "that we accept the Minister's suggestion that he appoint a member of the N.B.A. as a Government representative on the Honey Marketing Committee, pending the decisions of the next Conference." Carried.

It was further resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Penrose - "that we place on record our appreciation of the General Secretary in taking out the statistics of voting at Conference as presented to the Minister."

The time being 6.30 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

The meeting was resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 26th. February, leave of absence being granted to Messrs. Gumbrell and Barber who had returned to their homes the previous evening.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY :- In view of the fact that the President and General Secretary were due to meet the Minister again at noon, a further brief discussion took place in relation to the preliminary statement prepared by Mr. Williams and the data on pollination collated by the General Secretary.

It was agreed that Mr. Williams should hand his statement to the Minister with the intimation that a complete statement of the Association's claim for a subsidy would follow in due course, and pointing out that his reference to the fact that commercial producers were receiving in their sales of packed honey the cost of production plus an adequate profit margin, was based on the gathering of an average crop in normal seasons.

PLANT FOR TREATING DARK HONEY :- The following correspondence, read earlier in the meeting had been held over for consideration after the combined meeting with the Minister :-

From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, dated 8-1-53.

To " " " " " 26-1-53.

From " " " " " 6-2-53.

Decided to hold the matter over for further consideration at the next meeting and to advise the Marketing Committee accordingly.

CAUCUS COMMITTEE ENQUIRY :- This matter was again discussed briefly and it was agreed that the General Secretary should have Mr. William's statement re-typed and forward to the Committee.

HARDSHIP OF TARANAKI BEEKEEPERS :- A letter was read from the President and Secretary of the Taranaki Branch stressing the dire plight of a number of Beekeepers in the South Taranaki district who were in serious financial difficulties owing to complete crop failures during the past two years, and asking the Executive to do all in their power to secure Government assistance to enable them to carry on.

At 11.45 a.m. the meeting adjourned and the President and General Secretary left to wait upon the Minister regarding the matters of subsidy and assistance to Taranaki producers.

Subsequently the President advised members that the Minister had given an undertaking that he would give due consideration to both matters raised. The Minister had also re-introduced the Honey Marketing Committee issue and had expressed the desire to again meet the Executive in his office at 2 p.m. The interview with the Minister had lasted until 1.5 p.m.

HONEY MARKETING COMMITTEE :- The Executive duly waited upon the Minister again at 2 p.m.

Associated with the Minister on this occasion were Messrs. S.W. Smith M.P. (Parliamentary Under-Secretary) and K.B. Longmore (Acting-Director of Marketing).

The Minister stated that since meeting the Executive on the previous day, he had received a letter from Mr. Nelson stating that the producer representatives on the Committee had given further consideration to his (the Minister's) proposal and had now agreed to his suggestion.

In ~~the~~ view of this development he had practically made up his mind to allow the Executive to nominate a Seals Purchaser or a panel of names from the N.B.A., preferably members of the Executive, to serve on the Committee as his representative. In reply to a question, he stated that he was convinced that the extra $\frac{1}{2}$ d. seals levy was essential for the successful carrying-on of the central Marketing Organisation, and for that reason he also intended to implement the Conference resolution on the question of the seals increase.

He asked that the Executive agree to those proposals.

Mr. Williams said that he could not get a unanimous vote from the Executive on the matter, but if the Minister made that decision, the Executive would abide by it.

The Minister said it appeared that he would have to take the responsibility and he expressed the hope that he would receive the full co-operation of the Executive in the matter.

He indicated that he would give the position some further thought, but that he had practically made up his mind upon the lines he had indicated, stating that he felt that the Executive should be happy to realise that they would at least have established the right of representation upon the Committee by a producer purchaser of seals.

The interview ended at 3.10 p.m. after Mr. Williams had expressed the thanks of the Executive to the Minister for his keen interest in the problem, and for the time he had given them.

Upon their return to the Grand Hotel, the proposals outlined by the Minister were discussed briefly and it was agreed that in the event of the Minister calling for nominations from the Executive for the position of Government representative on the Marketing Committee that the names of Messrs. Williams & Field be submitted to the Minister.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CONFIRMED.

DATE ..20.7.53.

CHAIRMAN E. S. Williams...



COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) E.A. Field
(Vice-President), E.J. Kirk, G.E. Gumbrell, T.F. Penrose, J.R. Barber,
and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

Mr. J. McFadzien (Editor of "The N.Z. Beekeeper")
was also in attendance.

NEW MARKETING ORGANISATION :- Owing to the fact that the Director-
General of Agriculture had made a special request for the Executive to
meet him in his office as soon after 10.30 a.m. as possible, it was
decided to delay consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting
till a later stage. Copies of the Annual Report were handed to members
and after their perusal an informal discussion took place concerning
the Government's plan to withdraw from all activities connected with
the marketing of honey.

At 11 a.m. members waited upon the Director-General
of Agriculture, with whom were associated Messrs. A.M.W. Greig (Director
of Horticulture) and T.S. Winter (Superintendent of the Beekeeping
Industry).

At this meeting which lasted over an hour, the Director-
General explained the Government's intention to wind up all marketing
activities before the end of the present year and informed members that
the Beekeeping Industry had to get busy and make up its mind without delay
on (1) Whether it desired to retain some form of organised marketing under
producer control.

(2) If so, what type of organisation it desired, its constitution,
functions and powers.

The Director made it perfectly clear that the Government
had no intention of continuing to act as marketing agents for the industry
and that time for the Industry to resolve its differences and formulate a
workable plan was running short. He referred to the differences which
existed between the Honey Marketing Committee and the Executive, and said
he was looking to the N.B.A. as representing the Industry, to submit a plan
for the Industry to the Government. He also expressed the hope that the
Executive and the Honey Marketing Committee would get together and
endeavour to reach an agreement on common grounds. He would be quite
prepared to meet both bodies for the purpose of a joint discussion before
the Conference.

The Executive resumed its meeting at 2.20 p.m.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on the 24th, and 25th, and 26th.
February 1953 (previously circulated) were then discussed, the Secretary
drawing particular attention to the appendix to the Minutes and informing
members that he had received a letter from the Honey Marketing Committee
concerning an alleged misrepresentation of the remarks of Mr. W. Nelson
(Correspondence read).

Resolved unanimously on the motion of Mr. Penrose,
seconded by Mr. Kirk - "that the Minutes as presented be confirmed."

NEW MARKETING ORGANISATION :- Arising out of the discussions with the
Director-General of Agriculture earlier in the day, a general debate took
place concerning the building of a new marketing structure under producer
control.

Mr. Penrose said that the Executive should go ahead and
formulate a plan and as a first step, it should request the Government to
repeal the present Honey Marketing Committee Regulations in so far as they
affect the electoral provisions of members of the Marketing Authority.

Various aspects of the situation were considered at
length, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded
by Mr. Penrose - "that the present Marketing Committee be abolished and an
Industry Marketing Board be brought into being to deal with :-

1. The Marketing of honey and other apinary products.
2. Price regulation and equalisation.
3. Any other business connected with efficient marketing.

The Board to consist of four elected producers and two Government nominees, one of whom shall be a producer appointed from a panel of names selected by the N.B.A.

Nomination qualifications to be on an equal basis of supply of honey and/or purchase of seals."

The plan prepared by the Honey Marketing Committee was read but as it offered no new constructive ideas it was not discussed at any length.

HONEY MARKETING REGULATIONS :- The 1953 draft amendments to the Honey Marketing Regulations were also read and briefly discussed, but no action was taken.

HONEY INDUSTRY AGREEMENT :- Correspondence relating to this subject was also read and the wording of the disputed clause was again considered and discussed. Finally it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Kirk - "that the proposed Industry Agreement as amended be approved."

The time being 6.10 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

21-7-53. When members re-assembled at 9.15 a.m. on the 21st. the Chairman announced that arrangements had been made to meet the Honey Marketing Committee in the Hotel Cecil Buildings at 9.30 a.m. and members proceeded to the Marketing Department's offices.

At this meeting Mr. Williams informed the Marketing Committee of the events which had taken place the day before concerning the request made by the Director-General of Agriculture that the N.B.A. Executive should submit proposals for the establishment of a completely new Honey Industry Organisation. He also informed the Committee of the resolution subsequently passed unanimously by the Executive and asked the Marketing Committee to agree to the proposals.

Mr. Nelson spoke on behalf of the Committee and read at length correspondence which had passed between himself and the Minister's Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Mr. S.W. Smith M.P.) regarding the Government's wishes in relation to the change in marketing procedure. In response to a question, Mr. Nelson said that the letters he was reading were written in April.

Mr. Williams pointed out to the meeting that the Minister's letter requesting the Executive to discuss the position with Mr. Fawcett was dated the 15th. May, and that since that time things had moved very rapidly indeed. The proposals brought forward by the Executive were those formulated at the direct request of Mr. Fawcett on the previous day.

After much fruitless discussion, the Marketing Committee intimated that they would have to give the proposals further consideration and the meeting then terminated, the time being 12 noon.

The Executive resumed its meeting at 2.30 p.m. when Mr. Field was granted leave of absence to attend the meeting of the Marketing Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE :- During the course of the whole meeting the following correspondence was placed before members :-

Invitations to Conference and replies thereto from :-

The Hon. K.J. Holyoake M.P.

The Director-General of Agriculture: The Director, Horticulture Division:
The Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry: Mr. T. Palmer-Jones.

The Chairman & Members, Honey Marketing Committee:

From Mrs. Ogilvy and Family an expression of thanks. Special Meeting dated
From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re funds for Special Meeting dated

10.2.53.

To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re funds for Special Meeting dated 13.2.53.
 To Branch Manager, Marketing Department " " " " " dated 19.3.53.
 From Manager, Honey Section, " " " " " dated 31.3.53.
 From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re Industry Agreement dated 30.3.53.
 " Mr. S.W. Smith M.P. re Marketing Committee of Enquiry dated 2.4.53.
 " Hon. K.J. Holyoake, re appointment to Marketing Committee dated 10.3.53.

To " " " in reply dated 23.3.53.
 From " " " re Marketing Committee appointment dated 7.4.53.
 " " " re Canterbury resolution, " 4.5.53.
 To " " " re Future of Honey Marketing " 5.5.53.
 From " " " in reply " 15.5.53.
 To " " " " " " 18.5.53.
 " " " re Industry Subsidy " 27.4.53.
 From " " " in acknowledgement " 6.5.53.
 " " " in reply " 4.6.53.
 To " " " in reply " 12.6.53.
 From " " " in reply " 24.6.53.
 To Director-General of Agriculture re Appointment " 8.7.53.
 From " " " " confirming date of appointment dated 9.7.53.
 From A.C. Bridle re Joint Meeting in June dated 8.5.53.
 To " " in reply dated 12.5.53.
 From Chairman, Marketing Committee, objecting to remarks attributed to Mr. Nelson at February meeting } dated 25.6.53.
 To Chairman, Marketing Committee in reply dated 7.7.53.
 From " " " copy of letter to Mr. Williams } 22.6.53.
 " attached to recommendations re new Organisation }
 " Chairman, Marketing Committee re Processing Plant - Held over from previous meeting }

From Chairman, Marketing Committee Copy of Draft Regulations 1953 dated 25.6.53.
 From Supt. Beekeeping Industry, copy of U.S.A. Honey Export Program dated 4.6.53.
 To Supt. Beekeeping Industry, in reply dated 12.6.53.
 From W.G. Bassett, re Seals Levy dated 8.5.53.
 To " " in reply dated 11.5.53.
 From Glass Bros., re Traffic Offence Notice dated 10.3.53.
 " Canterbury Branch re Price Cutting dated 11.3.53.
 " Walworth Industries Ltd., re Honey Exports dated 5.5.53.
 To " " " " " " " 12.5.53.
 From A. Mawhinney re Cost Survey dated 9.3.53.
 " " " " Branch Circular dated 16.4.53.
 " Manager, Marketing Department re Nectarcreme dated 7.5.53.
 " " " " in reply dated 11.5.53.
 To G.D. Ayson in reply re Branch Subs. dated 8.5.53.
 From Manager, Honey Section, Agenda for July meeting dated 14.7.53.
 " " " " re London Enquiry for Beeswax dated 16.7.53.
 To " " " " in reply dated 17.7.53.

re SIR EDMUND HILLARY (x Correspondence from L.A. Furness) :-

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams - "that Sir Edmund Hillary be honoured by appointing him a Life Member of the National Beekeepers' Association Inc."

LACK OF FUNDS FROM POOL ACCOUNT :- This matter was discussed in the light of correspondence referred to above, when the following motion was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Penrose - "that this Executive views with great displeasure the Marketing Committee's failure to honour the commitment made by its Chairman regarding finance for the special meeting held in February, and that we request our President to take the matter up with the Chairman of the Committee." Carried.

PROCESSING PLANT :- Further consideration was given to this question, which related to correspondence held over from the February meeting, and following upon a general discussion, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell - "that this Executive views with disfavour any move to restrict the improvement of dark honeys by banning the use of processing plants by producers."

NEW MARKETING ORGANISATION :- At this stage (4 p.m.) Mr. Field returned from the Marketing Committee meeting in company with Messrs. Greig and Bridle.

Mr. Bridle informed members that the Marketing Committee was not prepared to accept the plan for Industry Organisation as submitted by the Executive. The Committee he said, would not agree under any consideration to the provision for equal rights of nomination to the new Organisation.

The whole question was again discussed at length, Mr. Bridle Leaving at 5.30 p.m.

Endeavours were made to contact Mr. Fawcett by Telephone but he was on his way back from Motueka, although expected in his office at any time. Mr. Greig remained until 6.30 p.m. and the Executive continued its discussion on the deadlock until 6.45 p.m. when Mr. Fawcett telephoned to say that he wished to meet Messrs. Williams and Field in his office at 9 o'clock the following morning.

The meeting resumed again at 7.15 p.m.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :- The Annual Report prepared by the General Secretary, having already been read by members was then discussed, following which the Secretary read the audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barber - "that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st. May 1953, be adopted."

DUAL VOTING :- The Secretary reported that he had been informed that the South Canterbury delegate intended to initiate a discussion at the Conference upon the question of dual membership in relation to its effect on voting. The Secretary said that the question had arisen because of the fact that one of the partners of Messrs. W. Watson & Co., of Geraldine had applied for and been accepted for direct membership. The firm, which in effect, was a partnership on a 50/50 basis, owned approximately 1000 hives and both partners were full-time beekeepers. Each desired the right to take a full part in Association affairs and exercise their own votes independently of each other. The Secretary said that he could see nothing wrong with that, so long as the amount of subscriptions paid were in relation to the hive holdings. He had never seen any evidence of abuse of voting powers in connection with dual membership and until evidence to the contrary had been produced he did not think that the matter was of any great consequence.

Members were in agreement on this point and it was decided to await the results of the Conference discussion.

A general discussion then ensued concerning the formation of a new marketing organisation, with particular reference to the uncompromising attitude of the producer members of the Honey Marketing Committee.

Time did not permit for consideration of the Conference remits and the meeting terminated at 10.40 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE .24.9.53:

CHAIRMAN E. D. Williams...

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS HELD IN THE
MAJESTIC AND COMMERCIAL HOTELS, PALMERSTON NORTH, COMMENCING

AT 11.15 A.M. ON THE 24TH. AUGUST 1953.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) E.A. Field (Vice-President)
E.J. Kirk and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

BUSINESS :- The object of the meeting, which had been called at short notice, was to discuss certain developments which had taken place concerning the release of circulars to producers regarding the proposed new marketing authority.

The urgent necessity to clarify matters relating to elections, particularly in reference to nomination qualifications, in order that there should be no room for argument later on as to precisely what was intended, was agreed upon.

It was also considered essential, in view of advice received from Wellington, to prepare a statement to be used by all speakers addressing meetings of producers, as the Minister had indicated that any variation of facts given by different speakers at various meetings would force him to disregard the results of the referendum.

It was reported that Mr. Nelson had also prepared a statement dealing with the proposed changes and that arrangements had been made for this to be sent out with the original N.B.A. circular which had been drawn up in Auckland. Mr. Williams was able to advise members that he had instructed Mr. Chudley that Mr. Nelson's circular was not to accompany the N.B.A. plan and that it would have to be sent out separately.

Members present felt that as the original N.B.A. circular had been so ambiguously worded, that a further circular, clearing up the points already referred to, should be sent out to producers immediately.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.15 p.m. and resumed in the Commercial Hotel at 2 p.m.

The wording of the "Instructions to Speakers" was then compiled and after being unanimously approved, it was decided that the Secretary should prepare sufficient copies to enable one to be supplied to each speaker, whether he be a member of the Marketing Committee or of the Executive, and that these should be posted out to each individual immediately, together with a covering letter informing speakers that the

conditions mentioned must be rigidly adhered to at each meeting at which producers were to be addressed.

Consideration was then given to the wording of the additional circular to be sent to producers, and after the wording had been approved it was agreed, as time was short, that Mr. Williams should take the draft copy to Auckland that night and request Mr. Chudley to have the circular copied and sent out the next day.

PRODUCERS NOT AT MEETING :- It was pointed out that so far no mention had been made regarding the date up to which producers receiving circulars and who did not attend meetings, should send their opinions in to the Department.

It was therefore decided to add to the circular an advice that opinions should be sent in to the Acting Manager of the Marketing Division at Auckland by the 18th. September.

COST OF NEXT MEETING :- This question was introduced by the Secretary who pointed out that as far as he knew no official advice had been received to the effect that the Government was prepared to pay the costs of an Executive Meeting in Wellington to discuss the results of the voting on the Marketing Plan. Mr. Williams said he was sure that the cost of the Executive Meeting would be considered by the Minister to be part of the expenses involved in the change-over. It was decided that the Secretary should seek confirmation of that fact from Mr. Longmore without delay.

GENERAL :- Correspondence from the Manager of the Honey Section, Mr. J.R. Barber and Messrs. Higgins Bros., was also perused and ^{WAS} were held over for consideration at the next Executive Meeting.

The meeting terminated at 4.50 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 2.3.9.53.....

CHAIRMAN. E. D. Williams.....

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON HONEY MARKETING REORGANISATION, HELD IN THE
GRAND HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON THE 23RD. AND 24TH.
SEPTEMBER 1953, COMMENCING AT 3P.M. ON THE
FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (Chairman) E.A. Field, E.J. Kirk, J.R. Barber, G.E. Gumbrell, J. McFadzien, J.W. Fraser and G.V. Fraser, representing the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Incorporated, and Messrs. W.W. Nelson, F.D. Holt, W. Herron, W.H. Chudley and J.A. Tarleton, representing the Honey Marketing Committee.

Also in attendance were Messrs. T.S. Winter (Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry), Morrison (Legal adviser to the Marketing Division) and Marshall.

BUSINESS :- The business before the meeting was that of considering the results of the voting of producers at the various district meetings held throughout the Dominion on the Marketing Plan submitted, and of making recommendations to the Minister of Agriculture regarding the constitution and functions of the new Marketing Authority to be set out in Regulations.

The meeting had before it a preliminary draft of the main clauses to be incorporated in the new Regulations, as drawn up by Messrs. Williams, Nelson, Chudley and Tarleton in Auckland, and it was agreed that these should be considered by the meeting, clause by clause.

Sections 1 and 2 were then read and approved.

FUNCTIONS OF BOARD :- In connection with Section 3 (a) it was decided to add the words -- "the Board to have full control over all honey for export."

It was further decided that Section 3 (b) be amended by adding the words -- "As recommended by the Industry and" -- after the word "regulations" in the second line.

CONSTITUTION :- Section 4 (a) was amended by deleting the words -- "a member of the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association" -- in the second and third lines, and adding the words -- "of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Incorporated" -- after the word "Executive" in the fourth line.

At this stage a discussion ensued as to the advisability of having two elected producer representatives from the South Island and two from the North Island, with voting on a Ward basis. The Ward basis was not favoured however and it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser -- "That there be equal representation -- two members from the North Island and two from the South Island, the voting to be on a Dominion-wide basis.

The voting on this motion was equal, and the Chairman exercised his casting vote against the motion.

Section 4 (c) Moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Field -- "That the words "three years" be inserted in place of the words "two years" in the first line.

The motion was lost.

However it was agreed that the clause be amended by the addition of the word "elected" after the word "two" and before the word "producer" -- in the first line.

Section 5 (c) was amended by deleting all the words after the word "Board" in the second line and before the word "or" in the third line.

Section 5 (f). It was decided to delete this clause entirely.

Section 6 (a) and (b) were approved.

Section 6 (c) was amended by deleting all the words after the word "office" in the third line and substituting the following words -- "for the balance of the unexpired term of his predecessor."

Section 7 to 14 inclusive, were approved.

Section 15 (a) was amended by adding after the word "Board" in the second line -- the words -- "who shall arrange for all containers to be stamped with the appropriate levy at the source of manufacture."

With regard to clause (b) of this Section, Mr. Morrison pointed out that the Board would have no authority in its own right to issue stamps.

This clause was therefore amended by deleting certain words and by substituting and adding other words.

The clause as finally amended read as follows :- "For the purpose of enabling payment of the levy to be made, the Board shall arrange for the issue of stamps and for the embossing or marking of lids, containers or labels, and shall arrange for the issue of authorities to manufacturers and others, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit."

Sections 16 to 19 inclusive were approved.

Section 20 was debated at some length, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Kirk -- "That clause 20 be deleted entirely and that we request the Crown Law Office to see whether a suitable regulation could be framed to cover cases of evasion of the Seals Levy, particularly on honey sold in bulk to Bakers and Tobacco Manufacturers."

Section 21 was approved.

CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS FOR PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVES :-

The additional clause to be incorporated in the First Schedule of the Regulations was read and approved.

The question of nomination qualifications as set out in the "Instructions to Speakers" addressing district meetings, was then introduced by Messrs. Holt, Nelson and Herron, and this matter was still under discussion when the meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 24th. September, all members being present.

Section 4 (a) Mr. Morrison informed the meeting that as this clause was at present worded, the elections would have to be held on the Ward basis. The alternative was to provide for the election of two members from each Island.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell -- "That of the four elected producer members, two be from the South Island and two from the North Island, voting to be on a Dominion basis."

The voting on this motion was equal and the Chairman exercised his casting vote against the motion.

This left the clause as it was originally stated, which as Mr. Morrison had already indicated, would entail an election on the Ward basis.

As this was not desired by either North or South Island members it was decided that the full election be held on a Dominion-wide basis.

Clause 4 (a) was then amended to read as follows :- "The Board shall comprise five producer members and one Government member; four of the producer members to be elected and one to be nominated by the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Incorporated. Voting to be on a Dominion basis."

NOMINATION QUALIFICATIONS :- The discussion which took place on this matter on the first day was continued at this stage and occupied some time. The Producer members of the Marketing Committee maintained that they were unaware of the proposal that all beekeepers owning 30 hives and over were to be eligible for nomination to the new Board. Other members present were equally insistent that this point was clearly understood. Finally it was moved by the Chairman -- "That the nomination qualifications for producer members to the new Board be those with 30 hives and over and that this provision be incorporated in the new Regulations." The motion was carried, with Messrs. Nelson, Holt and Herron requesting that their votes be recorded in opposition and that the Minister be advised accordingly.

DATE OF ELECTION :- It was decided to request the Minister to have the new Regulations gazetted as soon as possible and that the election of members be held at the earliest possible date.

ADVICE TO MINISTER :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Kirk -- "That this special joint meeting of the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association and the Honey Marketing Committee held at Wellington on the 23rd. and 24th. September 1953 for the purpose of considering a plan for establishing a marketing authority for honey and related products by regulations to be made on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture under the Primary Products Marketing Act 1953, having carefully considered details of the marketing plan and the decisions of district meetings of beekeepers held for the like purpose, supports and approves the said plan."

It was further decided that the foregoing resolution be submitted to the Minister in writing and that he be informed that the three producer members of the Honey Marketing Committee objected to the provision for nominations to the new Board on the basis of ownership of 30 hives and over.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY :- The necessity for the provision of a subsidy to the Industry was stressed by members, and resulted in the following motion being carried :- Moved by Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell -- "That this meeting of the Special Committee comprising members of the Honey Marketing Committee and the National Beekeepers' Executive, is of the opinion that it is essential that a subsidy be granted on the funds provided by the Seals Levy in order that the cost of production, as established by the Costs Survey, can be paid out on honey supplied to the Industry Pool."

PROVISIONAL BOARD :- The desirability of setting up a Provisional Board to deal with urgent matters requiring attention before the new Board is constituted was raised by Mr. Chudley, who pointed out that the question of Staff was one which should receive immediate consideration.

After a general discussion on this question, it was moved by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Kirk -- "That the Honey Marketing Committee continue its normal functions until such time as the new Authority is constituted, and that the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association attend to any negotiations which may be necessary with the Government in regard to the setting up of the new organisation." The motion was carried.

The time being 12.50 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 2.40 p.m.

PACKING OF HONEY :- The Chairman, in referring to the fact that the Government had approved the formation of a private company to take over the plant and building in Auckland, stated that he had received advice to the effect that the Company was prepared to do all it could to assist the Beekeeping Industry and that they would, if so desired, pack honey for the Industry on a contract basis.

Much discussion took place regarding the position which had been created by the action of the Government and finally it was moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Holt -- "That this combined meeting of the National Beekeepers' Executive and the Honey Marketing Committee recommend to the future producer marketing authority that the policy be observed of establishing a packing and blending plant in premises owned or controlled by the Producers' Marketing Board."

After some discussion the motion was altered to read as follows :- "That this combined meeting of the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association and the Honey Marketing Committee recommend to the future producers' marketing authority that prior consideration be given to establishing a packing and blending plant owned or controlled by the Producer Marketing Board in preference to any other system."

The voting on this motion was equal, and was declared lost on the casting vote of the Chairman.

MEETING CONFIDENTIAL :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Herron -- "That this meeting be treated as confidential between members of the Honey Marketing Committee and the National Beekeepers' Executive and that copies of the minutes be circulated only to members present."

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. Nelson expressed appreciation to the Chairman for the manner in which the meeting was conducted and for the fair manner in which the Honey Marketing Committee members were received and considered.

Mr. Nelson's remarks were endorsed by Messrs. Holt and Herron and the meeting terminated at 4.35 p.m.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD
IN THE GRAND HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 23RD, 24TH,
AND 25TH, SEPTEMBER 1953, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M.

ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) E.A. Field
(Vice-President) J.R. Barber, E.J. Kirk, G.E. Gumbrell, J.W. Fraser
and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

Mr. J. McFadzien was also in attendance.

MINUTES of a meeting of a Special Sub-Committee held in
Palmerston North on the 24th. August were read and confirmed.

Relating to the Minutes, the Chairman explained that
the reason why the delay occurred in sending out the Circular to Producers
as drawn up at the Special Committee Meeting, was due to the fact that
Mr. Nelson had objected to the points set out in the Circular.

Members expressed amazement at the action of Mr. Nelson
in interfering with the Executive's instructions.

NEW MARKETING PLAN :- In this connection, the following correspondence
was read :-

To Mr. K.B. Longmore re Regulations and Industry Agreement, dated 17-8-53.

From Mr. Longmore in reply dated 27-8-53.

Telegram to Mr. Longmore dated 28-8-53.

" from " in reply dated 28-8-53.

To Mr. K.B. Longmore dated 25-8-53, enclosing copy of "Instructions to
Speakers" and requesting confirmation of authority for payment of expenses
of Special Meeting in Wellington.

From Mr. K.B. Longmore in reply dated 8-9-53.

To Mr. K.B. Longmore, giving names and addresses of members constituting
the Special Committee dated 3-9-53.

From Chief Accountant, Department of Agriculture, Wellington, confirming
request for certification of members accounts for expenses, dated 11-9-53.

From Mr. J.A. Tarleton re Special Meeting, dated 4-9-53.

To Mr. Tarleton in reply dated 8-9-53.

From Mr. J.A. Tarleton re Special Meeting, dated 11-9-53.

To Mr. K.B. Longmore re Special Meeting, dated 9-9-53.

" " " " " " 14-9-53.

From " " in reply dated 15-9-53.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED PRIVATE COMPANY :- At this stage a general
discussion took place concerning the establishment by the Government
of a private company to control the building and packing plant in
Auckland. The Chairman informed members that the Director-General of
Agriculture had made a special request that the N.B.A. Executive should
set up a Provisional Board to deal with any matters arising in connection
with the new plan, until such time as the new Marketing Authority was
constituted. The Director had made it abundantly clear that they did not
wish to enter into any negotiations whatever with the present Honey Marketing
Committee.

After a good deal of discussion, it was finally resolved
on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell - "That owing to the
fact that an early election will be held to set up the new marketing
authority, the setting up of a Provisional Board is not considered necessary.
Further, that this Executive offers to co-operate fully with the new
Company on any matters requiring urgent attention in the interim."

NEW REGULATIONS :- The provisional draft of clauses for the new regulations
as drawn up in Auckland by Messrs. Williams, Nelson, Chudley and Tarleton
were then perused and briefly discussed.

DEPUTATION :- At 12 noon Messrs. E.W. Sage and T. Pearson waited upon
the Executive with reference to the new marketing plan and particularly with
respect to the question of re-building the overseas market for honey with
the assistance of the personnel of the Private Company set up by the
Government.

Matters relating to the export operations of the previous Company were freely and frankly commented upon by the deputation, who made an earnest request for consideration of the re-establishment of the Honey Export Board, under the chairmanship of Mr. J.R. Butland.

Messrs. Sage and Pearson also requested the Executive to give very favourable consideration to the matter of arranging for the closest co-operation with Mr. Butland on all questions affecting honey marketing when framing the policy for the new Board.

The deputation withdrew at 1.10 p.m. and the meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.15 p.m. in order to meet the Honey Marketing Committee at 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- The Executive resumed their own meeting at 5 p.m. on the 24th. September, all members being present.

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 20th. and 21st. July 1953 were then read and confirmed.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION :- Copies of the amendments and additions to the Association's Rules as prepared by the General Secretary for submission to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, together with the requisite Statutory Declaration, were then submitted to the meeting and were duly certified to by members.

RETURNING OFFICER :- The Secretary pointed out that under the rules governing the election of officers by a system of preferential voting, it would be necessary for the Executive to appoint a Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the elections.

In this regard it was decided to approach Mr. T.S. Winter with a request that he accept the position.

SITING OF APIARIES :- This matter was introduced by the Secretary in referring to a letter he had received from Mr. J.W. Fraser concerning the passing of a resolution by the W.D.F.F. Conference held in Auckland.

Following upon a general discussion it was decided to take no action unless advice was received from the Department of Agriculture that changes in the Act were contemplated.

The time being 6.10 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

Business was resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 25th. September, Mr. Field being granted leave of absence to attend a meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee.

AMENDMENTS TO APIARIES ACT :- Mr. T.S. Winter, Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry, informed members of the provisions of the Apiaries Amendment Act which was ready for presentation to the House of Representatives, and the provisions of the Amendment Act were approved.

RETURNING OFFICER :- Mr. Winter having agreed to act for the Association it was thereupon resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser - "That Mr. T.S. Winter, be appointed Returning Officer for the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Incorporated."

REPRESENTATION TO MINISTER :- Arising from the decisions of the Special Committee meeting of the day before, there ensued a brief discussion upon the points to be raised with the Minister concerning the new marketing plan and also the question of funds for the Association.

At 10.45 a.m. the meeting adjourned in order to wait upon the Minister at 11 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m.

INDUSTRY FUNDS :- The failure of the Minister to agree to make provision in the interim Marketing Regulations for payment of funds from the Seals Levy as agreed to by the last two Conferences was commented upon

unfavourably in a discussion which resulted from the meeting with the Minister earlier in the day, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Williams - "That we inform the Minister the the increase in the Seals Levy as passed at the 1952 Conference was re-affirmed at the Conference held in July 1953 in response to the Minister's request, and that the resolution read as follows :- "That in order to make returns to Suppliers to the Marketing Department comparable with the returns to Producer-packers, and in order to provide the N.B.A. with sufficient funds to adequately deal with Industry problems, this Conference agrees to an increase in the Seals Levy of one $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound, provided that one twelfth of one penny of the revenue (up to a maximum of £1000) be payable to this Association yearly. Further, that the incoming Executive be instructed to approach the Government with the request for a subsidy to be granted on all honey exported which returns a nett price below that obtainable on the local market. Further that it be made clear to the Minister that the Association's Funds have been depleted through the necessity of the Executive having to devote its time to matters affecting Marketing in the interests of the Industry as a whole, and that the implementation of the Industry's decision by the Government on the question of funds to the Association be treated by the Minister as a matter of extreme urgency."

The following correspondence was dealt with during the meeting :-

From Messrs. Higgins Bros., re license to manufacture mead, dated 12-8-53.
To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry re same dated 28-8-53.
From Superintendent in reply dated 9-9-53.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser - "That we write to Messrs. Higgins Bros., informing them that an amendment to the Licensing Act would be required before they could manufacture mead and that any application for an amendment to the Act should be directed to the Minister of Justice. In the opinion of this Executive, such an application would be a matter for prior consideration by the new Honey Marketing Board."

From F.M. Winston(Merchants) Ltd., re circular to Beekeepers dated 28-8-53
Received.

From Director of the Horticulture Division enclosing copy of letter received by him from Mr. P. Berry and his reply thereto dated 25-8-53
Received.

To Mr. Chudley, Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee re expenses of Special Meeting held in February, dated 14-8-53.

From Mr. Chudley in reply dated 20-8-53.

To " " re same dated 26-8-53.

From Mr. Tarleton re same dated 2-9-53.

From Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Hillary an expression of appreciation re congratulations to Sir Edmund Hillary. Received.

To the Director of Price Control dated 8-9-53, re price increase on honey supplied into consumer's own containers.

From Director of Price Control dated 18-9-53, stating that the matter was under consideration.

To the Secretary, Canterbury Branch dated 27-8-53 re recent election of S.I. members of Executive - Approved.

INSURANCE OF MEMBERS :- The question of the Association providing an accident insurance cover for members of the Executive while dealing with Association business was introduced by Mr. Gumbrell, who referred to the fact that Local Bodies were now providing a similar cover for their members.

Moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser, -
"That the Secretary make investigations into the cost of insuring members of the Executive whilst travelling or engaged on Executive business."
The motion was carried.

1954 CONFERENCE :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber - "That the 1954 Conference be held in Wellington."

PUBLICITY :- Mr. J.W. Fraser introduced the question of providing more publicity of the Beekeeping Industry through the daily Press and emphasised the desirability of such action.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell - "That we request our Editor, Mr. J. McFadzien, to undertake the circulation of Beekeeping information to the Press of this Country."

REPRESENTATIVE ON MARKETING BOARD :- Moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell - "That Mr. E.D. Williams be appointed as the Executive's representative on the new Honey Marketing Board." Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded, the time being 4 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE 2nd August 1954.

CHAIRMAN E. D. Williams

