

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE HELD IN WELLINGTON

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY 20th AND 21st JUNE 1960.

PRESENT:- Messrs J.R. Barber (Vice-President), J.K. Bray, J.I. Jay, T. Pearson, L. Holt, and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser).

ATTENDING:- Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor N.Z. Beekeeper.

APOLOGY:- Telegraphic advice was received from the President Mr. J.W. Fraser intimating that his plane had been delayed, and that he would not be present until noon.

CHAIRMAN:- RESOLVED "That Mr. J.R. Barber act as provisional chairman"

MINUTES:- of the meeting held in Wellington on the 20th and 21st of October, 1959, copies of which had been circulated to members were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Pearson and Jay.

MEETING PROGRAMME:- The General Secretary gave a background of the reasons for the meeting and for the timetable set out in the agenda for receiving various deputations. He advised that the meeting arranged with Mr. Tuohy, Secretary of the Price Control Division, had been arranged first after consultation with the President and following discussions which the General Secretary had had with Mr. Tuohy concerning the Seals Levy in relation to the Price Order. Members expressed their agreement with the arrangements made.

MARKETING INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT:- Consideration was turned to the Report of the Committee set up by the Minister of Agriculture to investigate Honey Marketing and attention centred on the conclusions and recommendations numbered 99 to 113. Discussion ensued on various points, and matters of importance were noted for discussion when the President was in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 1.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION:- The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m. with all members now in attendance and with Mr. J.W. Fraser occupying the chair.

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL:- Mr. T. Palmer-Jones, Principal Scientific Officer for the Beekeeping Industry, waited on the Executive at this stage. With regard to bee mortality which was still occurring on a very large scale and was thought to be a result of continued use of hormones or pesticides, Mr. Palmer-Jones pointed out the difficulty with which he is faced when testing for causes of mortality and isolating the chemical compound, if any, responsible for bee losses. He made it clear that even where he received large quantities of dead bee stocks, post mortem studies were so lengthy and involved that it would seldom be possible to establish the exact cause of death. He also pointed out that large scale testing on dead bees could not be undertaken at the Wallaceville Research Station due to staff shortages and gave his opinion that it was more satisfactory to test the toxic qualities of new chemicals coming into use, before such chemicals were released onto the market for distribution to users.

With regard to pollination studies, Mr. Palmer-Jones advised in reply to the Executive's enquiry that research had not yet reached a sufficiently advanced stage to make publication of results possible. He agreed however to give a short report on the work carried out to date at the forthcoming Conference of the Association.

With regard to the suggestion that Hybrid Queens be imported from U.S.A. or Australia for improving the strains of bees in this country, Mr. Palmer-Jones stated emphatically that the department did not favour importation under any circumstances and accordingly would not permit bees to be brought in due to the fear of Acarine disease being introduced. He stated that even where some system of quarantine was used after importation there would be no guarantee

that disease was not attendant. Mr. Palmer-Jones was thanked for his advices and withdrew from the meeting at 2.45. p.m.

MARKETING REPORT (Contd.) The meeting at this stage received Mr. Tuohy and Street of the Price Control Division, Department of Industries and Commerce. They were asked to clarify the position which regard to the Seals Levy and to advise whether the Levy was taken into account in arriving at the Honey Price Order. Mr. Tuohy gave a short history of honey price orders and gave it as his opinion that the seals Levy was not specifically included in the past or the existing price order. He considered however that honey packers were at present recovering the penny seal under the operation of the present price order through

- (a) A disparity in private packers costs compared with those of Marketing Authority on which the price order was based.
- (b) When honey had been recontrolled in November 1959 the Price Tribunal had accepted the Associations Price Index with only minor modifications and without verifying that the prices set out in the Association Index were supported by costs.

Mr. Tuohy concluded by saying that although the Seals Levy was not specifically included in the existing price order this should not be interpreted as meaning that the Price Tribunal would necessarily be unprepared to incorporate it in future price orders.

With regard to the survey of Honey Producers' accounts for the years ended 1956, 1957, 1958, Mr. Tuohy stated that the Departments investigations were incomplete and therefore of no great value in considering possible future price movements. The returns which the division had received however enabled them to build up an interesting background picture of honey industry generally.

At 4.00 p.m. the Executive received Messrs L.G. Purser and S. Greenburg members of the Government Committee which had investigated Honey Marketing, who answered a number of queries by the Executive on reference appearing in their report. They realised that the Seals Levy was not at present specifically included in the Honey Price Order but this did not effect their statement in the report to the effect that they considered the levy a valid charge on the consumer which should be incorporated in the price of honey.

After Messrs Greenburg, and Purser had withdrawn attention was again turned in detail to the recommendations and conclusions in the Committee Report. General agreement was expressed with numbers 101, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 112, 113, and it was considered that the Committee should be applauded for their definition of the Authority's functions expressed in numbers 100 and 104. With regard to number 99 it was considered that the growth in the Industry suggested by the Committee was not borne out by the production figures quoted for the years reviewed.

With regard to Number 102, (N.B.A. Representation on Honey Marketing Authority) it was considered that conditions had changed since the Authority was established and there was some support for the view of the Committee that the Association should withdraw its directly appointed representative on the Authority. Although there was a division of opinion on this point it was considered that the industry should have an opportunity to review the matter and to this effect was RESOLVED (Pearson/Bray) "That Conference be given the opportunity to consider the question that our application for a one year term for the N.B.A. Representative on the Authority be withdrawn and in line with the Committee's recommendation the Association relinquish its direct representation on the Authority at the end of the current term." It was also decided that the Minister of Agriculture be advised to this effect but at the same time be acquainted with the fact that in the course of the Committee's investigations no evidence had come forward from any party to show that the Association representation on the Authority had been in any way inimical to the best interests of the Authority.

There was lengthly consideration of points 110 and 111. Finally it was moved by Mr. Bray seconded Mr. Pearson "That the scope of the LEVY be widened to include all honey other than 60lb. tins sold by way of retail and that all containers be embossed at the point of

manufacture. Consideration of an increase in the Seals Levy be deferred for one year in which time the matter be reviewed in the light of the Honey Marketing Authority's operations and stability."

ADJOURNMENT - 6.15

RESUMPTION. 8.00 p.m.

AMENDMENT (Fraser/Jay) "That the scope of the Levy be widened to include all honey sold in retail containers and that all such containers be embossed at the point of manufacture; the rate to be one and one half penny per pound and the proceeds to be applied as follows:-"

- (a) Up to one-fifth to be set aside for Honey Advertising.
- (b) Up to fifteen hundred pounds a year to made available to the National Beekeepers Association.
- (c) The Balance to be used as an industry fund!"

After further lengthy devate the amendment was put and CARRIED on the Chairman's casting vote. Put and CARRIED as the motion, also on the Chairman's casting vote. Mr. Bray challenged the validity of the amendment but the Chairman ruled the amendment in order maintaining that unless a positive motion was carried which could be placed before Conference Association members would be denied their constitutional right to consider the Committee's recommendations.

It was decided that the points as agreed on above should be the basis of discussion in submissions to the Minister of Agriculture on the following day.

ADJOURNMENT:- ~~The meeting adjourned at 6.15. p.m.~~

RESUMPTION:- The meeting was resumed at 8.00 p.m. when consideration was given to General Business as follows:-

M.L.C. LIFE ASSURANCE AGENCY:- The Secretary reported that the company had been sucessful in obtaining only one proposal for insurance from an Association member and that the net return to the Association in Commission had been 19/2d. He suggested that the Association terminate its arrangement with the M.L.C. and this was agreed to.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS:- A written report from Mr. Pearson, the Association Representative on a Agricultural Chemicals Board had been circulated and Mr. Pearson elaborated on this report. He expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the Board was functioning and gave as his opinion that the Beekeeping Industry should materially benefit from the operations of the Board. He asked for the co-operation of members in advising him promptly on any occasion when bee losses occured through poisoning attributed to agricultural chemicals. He confirmed his willingness to give a short report to Conference covering developments to date.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL - A BATES ESQ:- The South Auckland Branch, sponsoring the nomination of Mr. A. Bates for Life Membership, forwarded a biography covering Mr. Bates service to the Association and the Industry over a lifetime. After brief discussion it was RESOLVED ( Fraser/Pearson) " That the Executive endorse the Nomination of Mr. Bates for life-membership and agree to such nomination being placed before the forth-coming Conference of the Association!"

After further general discussion covering a variety of subjects the meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

TUESDAY 21/6/60 RESUMPTION:- The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. when the General Secretary read a draft of the statement prepared for submission to the Minister of Agriculture. With minor amendment the statement was endorsed and at this stage the Executive received Messrs W.W. Nelson, Chairman of the N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority, and Mr. W.H. Chudley, Manager of the Authority. Views were exchanged on the form and content of submissions to be placed before the Minister at the joint deputaion of the Authority and Executive to take place in the afternoon, General agreement was reached and Messrs Nelson and Chudley withdrew from the meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:- at 11.30 a.m. the Executive received Mr. A.M.W. Greig, Director of Horticulture and Mr. E. Smaellie, Superintendent of Beekeeping, Department of Agriculture. Mr. Greig tendered the Departments reply to last years Conference remits which concerned the activities of the Department and detailed the Departments attitude on each matter at some length. Mr. Greig also supplied copies of the re-drafted syllabus for the proposed Diploma in Apiculture and explained the changes which had been made to make the syllabus acceptable to the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture which would be the examining and issuing body. RESOLVED (Fraser/Jay) "That this Executive endorse the revised syllabus and recommend to the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture that the Diploma course be instituted without further delay."

ADJOURNMENT:- The meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m. for luncheon and immediately after luncheon met the minister of Agriculture at Parliament Buildings, to present its views on the Honey Marketing Investigation Report and Recommendations. The normal Executive Meeting resumed at the Grand Hotel at 3.45. p.m. when consideration was turned to the balance of General business.

ROYAL JELLY:- Correspondence was received from the Department of Health in reply to the Association's enquiry concerning the legitimacy of certain advertising which accompanied the sale of some imported Royal Jelly products. The Department advised that it strongly disapproved of the excessive claims made by some manufacturers in support of the qualities of Royal Jelly and stated that it would be taking steps to see that the matter did not get out of hand. It was decided to write to the Department again advising endorsement for their attitude but asking what investigation had been made into the food and medicinal values of Royal Jelly and Honey and the conclusions reached.

DEPARTMENTAL RESHUFFLE:- Further to the circular advices which had been sent to the Executive, the Secretary presented a later communication from the New Zealand Vegetable and Produce Growers Federation which reported upon the conclusions reached at a meeting of Horticultural Industries representatives. It was decided that no further action be taken by the Association although it was agreed that some mention should be made in the Annual Report of the Association, concerning the desirability, if not necessity of departmental consultation with interested primary producers' organisations, before major changes were made in Departmental circles affecting such industries.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR HONEY-MARKETING:- The Secretary read correspondence to and from R.B. Wilson Inc, U.S.A., concerning proposals to establish an International Honey Marketing Regulatory Organisation. Decided no further action be taken.

GIFT PARCELS OF HONEY TO U.K:- Correspondence to and from Mr. C.R. Vinycomb of Wellington in relation to this proposal were read. Decided that no matter of possibility instituting a gift parcel scheme be taken up by the Association representative on the Honey Marketing Authority, with that body.

"NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPER" JOURNAL:- The Editor Mr. J. McFadzien, presented a report on the operations of the Journal during the past year and various problems of production, distribution and finance were discussed at length. General agreement was expressed with the Editor's recommendations and it was decided that future issues be kept to a minimum of 24 pages where possible except the August issue which contains Conference reports etc. It was RESOLVED (Pearson/Bray) "That an approach be made to the Honey Marketing Authority for payment at advertising rates for all material published per medium of the Journal, as a temporary measure pending recovery of Association finances."

ASSOCIATION FINANCES:- The General Secretary submitted draft copies of the Annual Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st May, and these were considered in relation to the accounts of the previous year. Satisfaction was expressed at the recovery which had been made in the financial position although it was generally acknowledged

that this had been largely brought about through a February meeting of the Executive being unnecessary. The current meeting would add to the expenses in the ensuing year so that really no great gain had been made over-all when this factor was considered. Brief consideration was given to the question of reviewing Branch Subscriptions and to securing additional finance by means of either an extra draw on Seals funds or a hive registration fee. No decisions were reached on these matters however and the question of a reorganisation of the finance was left pending Conference.

HONEY MEAD:- The Secretary reported on the reasons for his Press Release relating to the unnecessary restriction being placed in the way of those desiring to produce and sell Honey Mead. Until a revision of licensing regulations came about, no great progress could be made. It was decided to leave this matter in abeyance meantime.

1959 MARKETING REMITS:- Copies of the Authority's letter conveying their reaction to the 1959 Conference Remits dealing with Marketing matters had previously been circulated to the Executive, and after brief discussion it was decided that no further action be taken on any of the matters, referred to until after the 1960 Conference.

APIARY INSURANCE:- RESOLVED (Barber/Pearson) "That the General Secretary approach the New Zealand Insurance Co. for more favourable terms of cover by extension of the limit of indemnity without ADDITIONAL COVER."

RE TRUST ACCOUNT:- RESOLVED (Barber/ Pearson) "That subject to funds permitting, an annual transfer from the Association's Trading Account to the Post Office Savings Bank Account be made so that the latter Account is in credit to the extent of the Trust Account liability."

AGRICULTURAL DISASTER AREA:- RESOLVED (Pearson/Bray) "That in view of of the fact that North Canterbury has been declared a drought area the General Secretary enquire from the Minister of Agriculture whether relief is available to beekeepers in that area similar to that available to other farmers."

CIRCULATION OF MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT:- Just before the meeting closed Mr. Purser of the Department of Agriculture again waited upon the Executive and an agreement was reached with him on the deletions and amendments to the Committee's confidential report so as to enable its wider circulation among Association members. It was also agreed with Mr. W.W. Nelson, Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority, that the Associations would distribute copies of his submissions together with those of the Association when advising branches and direct members of the action which had been taken in relation to the Committee's report by both the Executive and the Authority. The Authority agreed to meet the cost of printing additional copies of their submissions. RESOLVED. (Holt/Jay) "That copies of the Report as amended be supplied to all N.B.A. members."

This concluded the business of the meeting which then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE.....25th July 1960.....CHAIRMAN.....[Signature].....

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE STAR HOTEL, AUCKLAND ON MONDAY 25TH JULY, 1960 COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT:- Messrs J.W. Fraser (Chairman) J.R. Barber, J.I. Jay, J.K. Bray, W.L. Holt, T. Pearson, and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser).

ATTENDING:- Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor "N.Z. Beekeeper".

MINUTES:- Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held in Wellington on 20th and 21st June, copies of which had been circulated to members, were taken as read. It was MOVED by Mr. Pearson, SECONDED by Mr. Jay, "That the minutes of the meeting as circulated by CONFIRMED as a true and correct record."

Mr. Bray challenged the accuracy of the minutes in two respects. In the report of the meeting with Mr. Tuohy appearing on page 2 Mr. Bray contended that the following reference by Mr. Tuohy should also appear:- "That the returns from producers for the years ended 1956 and 1957 received by the Price Control Division indicated that possibly honey prices for these years were excessive but that after taking the following year into account the returns indicated that an increase in price could have been justified." It was agreed that this be noted.

Secondly a chronological error was apparent in the recording of the time of the Dinner Recess on the second day. This matter was corrected and the motion to confirm the minutes was then CARRIED.

MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT:- The Chairman and members commended the Secretary for the prompt circulation of copies of the Committee's report to Branches and direct members following the last meeting of the General Executive. The Chairman sought information from members as to the appreciation of branches to receipt of copies of this hereto-fore confidential report. Those members who had been in communication with branches agreed that the branches had been pleased to receive copies for their information and Mr. J.K. Bray advised that in the case of the Canterbury and South Canterbury a decision had been made to forward the sum of two shillings per copy to the General Executive in part payment of the cost of printing and distribution. In answer to his query the Secretary advised that no monies had yet come to hand.

MINISTER'S REPLY TO EXECUTIVE'S SUBMISSIONS:- Chairman opened and read a letter from the Minister of Agriculture in reply to the Executive's submissions on the recommendations contained in the report of the investigating committee. The Minister advised that it was not within his power to guarantee that an increase in Seals Levy would be compensated by an increase in the Honey Price Order, this being the function of the Price Tribunal. He suggested that the proper course would be for the Executive to apply to the Price Tribunal for such undertaking. The Chairman also read a letter which he had sent to the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority soliciting his support in the seconding of the motion to increase the Seals Levy, as more particularly set out in the Conference Remit Paper No 36. The latter had declined, advising that he felt that the Authority should not attempt to influence Conference in its decisions.

Considerable discussion ensued in the course of which several members maintained that the Authority's current position was not as serious as had earlier been represented. The Chairman gave it as his opinion that the Minister of Agriculture had side-stepped the issue when referring the Executive to the Price Tribunal for an undertaking concerning the inclusion of the Seals Levy in the Price Order. He felt from previous discussions which he and the General Secretary had had with the Minister of Industries and Commerce, that Government could have given some direction to the Price Tribunal in this matter.

He considered that as the Minister of Agriculture had not given the guarantee which had been requested the Executive had no course open to it but to withdraw remit No 36 concerning an increase in the Seals Levy. This had been the basis on which the Executive had reached its decision on 21st June. Again there was considerable discussion, and finally it was decided that Conference be asked to permit the withdrawal by the Executive of Remit No 36. It was pointed out that any single objection from the floor of Conference would enable the remit to come under consideration by Conference.

ANNUAL REPORT:- The Chairman read a draft of the Annual Report to be presented to Conference on the succeeding day and sought the Executive's approval to the report. After short discussion it was agreed that the report be delivered to Conference in the form given.

CORRESPONDENCE:- Correspondence was read and dealt with as follows:-

- To: South Auckland Branch advising Executive endorsement of the proposal for A. Bates to be elected to life membership.
- To: Hon. Minister of Agriculture seeking relief for beekeepers in common with farmers wherever an Agricultural disaster area is proclaimed. No reply to hand.
- To: New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd. requesting extension of indemnity under Association bulk cover. No reply to hand. The Secretary advised that Company was receptive to the proposal.
- To: M.L.C. Life Assurance Co. Ltd. re continuance of Association's agency. No reply to hand.
- To: N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority conveying Executive resolution requesting payment at advertising rates for all material published in the Journal to assist Association finances. No reply to hand.
- To: Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture advising Executive approval of redrafted syllabus for Diploma in Apiculture. Reply to hand indicating that the Executive's advice would be placed before the next meeting of the Examining Board of the Institute on August 10th.
- To: Director Public Hygiene, Department of Health, re advertising of Royal Jelly and Honey. Approved. - No reply to hand.
- From: Trade Practices and Price Division, Department of Industries & Commerce advising that copies of Departmental files on Seals Levy History and Survey of Producers Accounts would be supplied to the Association, confidential to the General Secretary, at an early date. - received.
- From: Mr. Thomas H. Pearson requesting Executive permission to nominate Mr. E.W. Sage of Ohaupo for life membership in the Association. Decided to advise Mr. Pearson that Executive not prepared to recommend life membership until after South Auckland Branch had endorsed the nomination.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS:- General Secretary sought approval for the inclusion of certain remits for "Group Discussion Treatment" at Conference. After due consideration it was agreed remits Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 collectively and Nos. 23 and 35 be submitted to Conference for Group Discussion Treatment.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that 'post mortem' questionnaires at the last two Conferences had demonstrated an overwhelming endorsement for the principle of Group Treatment of selected remits and the Executive supported the continuance of this procedure.

VALEDICTORY REMARKS:- Before the meeting concluded the Chairman extended to all members his thanks for their support and assistance throughout the year and members in turn thanked the Chairman for the able and fair manner in which he had conducted the business of the Executive over the past year.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE.....

28th Feb. 1961.

CHAIRMAN.....

J. R. Barber.



# Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body or Unincorporated Society or Club.

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To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND  
FOXTON.

(1) Insert "Board of Directors," "Committee," or "Trustees," as required.

At a properly constituted meeting of the (1) General Executive of  
(2) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. (Inc.)

(2) Insert full name of Company, Society, etc.

which was held on the 28th day of July  
1960 the following Resolution was passed:—

(3) Insert official position occupied by the persons. DO NOT give NAMES of officials here.

"THAT (3) the General Secretary and any one member of the  
General Executive.

be authorised to sign, make, draw, or accept, cheques, drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments drawn on or payable at the Bank of New Zealand FOXTON.

Branch and that the said Bank be authorised to charge to the account of (2) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. (Inc.)

any cheques, drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments so drawn or accepted whether the balance of the account be credit or debit.

THAT cheques, drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments, may be

(4) Insert "Company" or "Society," etc.

endorsed on behalf of the abovenamed (4) Association by (3) the General Secretary or his nominee.

THAT boxes, packets, documents, debentures, lodged for safe keeping or security on behalf of the abovementioned (4) Association may be delivered to (3) the General Secretary or his/their order.

THAT the authorities contained in this Resolution supersede previous authorities and are to continue until amended by the passing of further Resolutions which are to be advised to the Bank of New Zealand in writing."

(5) The attestation to the affixing of the seal must be strictly in accordance with the Articles or Rules.

\* (5) THE COMMON SEAL OF the National Beekeepers' Association  
of New Zealand Incorporated.

was hereunto affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July  
19 60 in the presence of: —

(6) To be completed only where the Corporation has no Common Seal.



J. R. Barber Signature  
President & Executive Member Designation  
[Signature] Signature  
Officer-in-Charge & Executive Member Designation  
[Signature] Signature  
General Secretary Designation

\* (6) SIGNED ON BEHALF OF and under the authority of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Secretary

\* Delete attestation clause not applicable.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE STAR  
HOTEL, AUCKLAND ON THURSDAY 28TH JULY, 1960 COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT:- Messrs J.R. Barber (Chairman), J.K. Bray, J.D. Lorimer, D. Penrose, J.I. Jay, and the General Secretary, (Mr. R.A. Fraser).

APOLOGY:- Leave of absence was granted to Mr. J.W. Fraser who was chairing the adjourned session of Conference.

ATTENDING:- Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor "N.Z. Beekeeper".

EDITORIAL LICENSE:- The Editor Mr. J. McFadzien referred to the fact that in the past he had exercised his own discretion as to what should be printed and what should not be printed in the Journal as a matter of policy. He drew attention however to the fact that an article had been sent to him by a prospective candidate for the Honey Marketing Authority which he had been forced to exclude from the May issue of the Journal through lack of space. The subscriber had subsequently forwarded a cheque for six pounds to enable the article to be published and he sought the Executive's direction as to whether or not the article should be published. Some discussion ensued and it was finally decided that the matter be deferred for consideration until Mr. J.W. Fraser was in attendance as he was personally acquainted with the matter. Due to his commitments at the adjourned session of Conference Mr. Fraser was unable to attend however and a decision on this matter was therefore not reached.

INCREASED DUTY ON CARD FOR HONEY CARTON MAKING:- Attention was drawn to advices from Messrs F.M. Winstone Ltd. concerning the Government's decision to impose an increased duty on imported card used for carton manufacturing. The Firm, in concert with other carton manufacturers, sought the Association's support in its application to the Minister of Customs for a waiving of the proposed new tariff. This was agreed to and it was left in the hands of the Secretary to take the matter up with the Minister of Customs.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:- Some discussion ensued on suitable days for future Executive meetings, the view being expressed that late September or early October was preferable to a November or December meeting of the Executive. This point was noted by the Secretary who promised to give consideration to members' wishes as circumstances permitted.

PROPOSED HIVE LEVY:- The Chairman drew attention to the remit passed by Conference in this regard and after some discussion it was decided that the General Secretary should investigate the practicability of the proposal with the Director of Horticulture and prepare a report to the Executive on the whole matter.

OWNERSHIP OF INDUSTRY ASSETS:- Consideration was given to the amended remit No 21 which had been passed by Conference. It was decided that the Secretary should write the Minister of Agriculture expressing the Industry's concern at the action of a previous Government in appropriating what had been regarded as the Honey Industries Assets when the I.M.D. was disbanded and drawing attention to the Association's concern that a similar position might possibly arise in relation to the assets of the Honey Marketing Authority. It was decided that the Minister's views be sought on the proposal set out in the amended remit No 21 bearing in mind the apprehension felt by the Industry.

RE: CROP REPORT:- It was decided that the matter of conducting the survey in May of 1961 be left in the hands of the Secretary and Editor.

EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO H.M.A.:- RESOLVED (Bray/Lorimer) "That this Executive decide as a matter of policy, that Official support be in future given By the Executive to such of its members as stand for election to the Honey Marketing Authority." This resolution was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED (Lorimer/Penrose) "That Messrs J.W. Fraser and J.R. Barber be endorsed as official candidates of the Association for election to the Honey Marketing Authority." This resolution was carried unanimously.

BANK AUTHORITY:- RESOLVED (Bray/Lorimer) "That the common seal of the Association be affixed to the Bank of New Zealand form of authority marked B & C authorising the operation of the Association's banking account by any one member of the Executive and the General Secretary."

This concluded the business of the meeting which then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE... 28th Feb. 1961... CHAIRMAN... J.R. Barber...

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN  
THE GRAND HOTEL ON TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AND  
WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH, 1961 COMMENCING AT  
9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

ENT: Messrs J.R. Barber (Chairman), J.W. Fraser, J.K. Bray, J.D. Lorimer, J.I. Jay, D. Penrose, and the General Secretary (Mr R.A. Fraser).

NDING: Mr J. McFadzien (Editor, "New Zealand Beekeeper").

TES: Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held in Auckland on the 25th and 28th July 1960, (copies of which had been circulated to members) were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Mr J.W. Fraser. Mr McFadzien queried the wording of the first resolution appearing on page 306 of the minutes referring to the endorsement of candidates for Honey Marketing Authority elections. In his opinion the intention had been to endorse the candidature of approved persons whereas the minutes referred only to members of the Executive standing for H.M.A. posts. Although it was agreed that Mr McFadzien's wording would have been preferable members were in agreement that the resolution appearing in the minute book was in fact as worded at the time of the meeting. Mr J.W. Fraser gave notice of his intention to move to rescind the resolution referred to when the Executive was considering item No. 10(d) on the agenda.

ING WITH DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE & SUPERINTENDANT OF BEEKEEPING: At 10 a.m.

Messrs Greig and Smaellie of the Department of Agriculture waited upon the Executive and an informal discussion on various matters of mutual concern ensued. Reference was made to articles appearing in the Journal of Agriculture over the signature of the Department's Honey Grader advising on methods of honey treatment involving the addition of water to obtain packed honeys of various consistencies. The Executive reiterated the concern it has previously expressed in writing over such articles and Messrs Greig and Smaellie promised to keep a closer watch on such matters in future.

APIARIES REGISTRATION FEE: Mr Greig advised that the Department would not be prepared to act as the collecting agency should such a scheme be proceeded with and stated that he personally would feel inclined to oppose any scheme which tended to prejudice the

the operation of the existing registration scheme as a check on disease.

**DISEASE INSPECTION AND ERADICATION:** Mr Greig advised on steps being taken by the Department to step-up inspection services and to effectively deal with disease where it was located.

**DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE:** Delays had occurred in finalising the syllabus with the Royal N.Z. Society of Horticulture but finality was expected shortly and so that the diploma course could be introduced.

After lengthy discussion of general matters including changes in departmental administration and the difficulties in the way of filling specialist vacancies Messrs Greig and Smaellie withdrew at 11.30 a.m.

**H.M.A. ELECTION RESULTS:** Messrs Fraser and Barber thanked the Executive for the endorsement which had been given their candidature at the recent elections for the Honey Marketing Authority. Both had been successful at the poll and they reported on the progress which had been achieved by the Authority over the past six months. Mr Fraser read a letter from the Authority's London agents conveying congratulations on the election results and also drawing attention to the erroneous reports on the overseas market which had been supplied to the Journal by the previous Chairman of the Authority, Mr Nelson.

**DECONTROL OF HONEY PRICES:** The Executive reviewed developments which had followed the General Secretary's visit to the Secretary of the Price Control Division in December. A promise had been extracted from the Minister of Industries & Commerce that no action on de-control would be taken until after the Honey Marketing Authority and the Executive had had an opportunity to make representations. Submissions were to be made on the following day. The question of the desirability or advisability of de-control was considered at some length and it was finally **RESOLVED (Fraser/Lorimer) "that in our submission the Minister of Marketing we advise that we would not be opposed to de-control of prices provided that such de-control is not effective before 30th**

At this juncture the Executive received Mr O'Brien (President of the Wholesale Merchants Federation and Mr H.D. Moss, Secretary of the Federation.) Discussion ensued on the Federation's likely policy with regard to margins for handling in the event of de-control and an assurance was given by Mr O'Brien that the Federation would recommend to its members a fixed margin of  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  in the event of de-control.

After further discussion they withdrew and the meeting adjourned at 5.p.m.

RESUMPTION: The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 1st March.

CONFERENCE PRAYER: Mr McFadzien had given notice of motion with regard to the prefacing of conference sessions with a brief form of prayer. He had previously circulated his written views on this subject and he withdrew from the meeting to enable the Executive to have a free discussion on the matter. At length it was RESOLVED unanimously (Fraser/Bray) "that this Executive supports in principal the opening of annual conferences of the Association with prayer and further that the form of prayer submitted by Mr McFadzien be adopted."

TRANSPORT OF LIQUID HONEY: Correspondence arising from the Conference Resolution in regard to this topic was reviewed and Mr J.K. Bray advised on recent developments in railways department policy concerning restrictions on road transport operators. ~~xxxxxx~~  
~~Railways Department making objection to road operators.~~  
He advised that the Railways Department was now making no objection to road operators acquiring licences for the carriage of honey in liquid form and the Executive considered that no further action was necessary.

SEALS LEVY ON HONEY PACKS EXCEEDING 10LBS. WEIGHT:

SEALS LEVY ON ADVERTISED HONEY HOUSE SALES: The Minister of Agriculture's refusal to accept Conference recommendation on these matters was considered. At length it was RESOLVED (Bray/Fraser) "that the General Secretary reiterate the industry's wishes and the reasons therefore to the new Minister of Agriculture and that we press for an amendmant to the Seals Levy Regulations in the manner requested by conference."

COLLECTION OF LEVY IN HONEY PACKED IN METAL CONTAINERS: The Secretary read correspondence which had passed between the Manager of the Honey

Marketing Authority and Messrs J. Gadsden & Co Ltd. concerning the Authority's proposals for checking on Seals Levy evasion. At the request of the Manager of the Authority the General Secretary had also written to the firm supporting the Authority's request that cannister manufacturers supply the Authority with a return of stock supplied to producers. Agreement was expressed with the action taken in this matter.

OWNERSHIP OF HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY BUILDING AND ASSETS: Mr Bray drew attention to the conference resolution which had been passed in this regard and discussion ensued on the further action which should be taken by the Executive. Finally it was RESOLVED (Fraser Bray) "that the Secretary write to the Minister of Agriculture reminding him of the previous Minister's promise to advise Government views on the conference proposal and asking for a reply at the earliest possible date."

APPLICATION OF HORMONISED FERTILISER: Developments following the passage of the conference resolution on this subject were also reviewed and the Executive expressed satisfaction that the Agricultural Chemicals Board had set up a special technical committee to investigate the matter thoroughly. Mr Lorimer advised that the conditions in his area where heavy applications of this fertilizer had been carried out were found to be now not nearly as serious as had been anticipated.

ARTIFICIAL QUEEN REARING AND NEW STRAINS: RESOLVED (Fraser/Lorimer) "that the Department of Agriculture be asked to enlist the assistance of the Department of Agriculture in Australia to carry out a comparative testing of the value of hybrid queens being used in that country and of New Zealand bees being exported and be used in that country to establish whether the new strains being developed by artificial breeding in Australia were proving superior to New Zealand stocks." It was suggested however, that before this action was taken the General Secretary communicate with some of the Australian beekeepers using New Zealand stocks to ascertain whether there were reasonable grounds for asking the Department to initiate the programme set out in the above resolution.

PIARIES REGISTRATION FEE: This proposal was considered at some length before general agreement was expressed with the proposal in principal. Finally it was RESOLVED (Fraser/Bray) "that the General Secretary enquire from other similar primary produce bodies who operate a registration fee all relevant details including:

- (1) the set-up and basis for the charge.
- (2) How levied and by whom and how collected.
- (3) What difficulties are experienced in collection and what is the effectiveness of the scheme etc.

CONFERENCE VENUES: RESOLVED (Fraser/Bray) "that while the Executive has considered conference's recommendation to the effect that every alternate conference should be held in Wellington on the grounds of that city's central geographic position it is of the opinion that this point is outweighed by more important factors and accordingly it is the Executive's view and intention that conference be held alternately in each island at centres to be decided upon by the Executive from year to year."

HONEY CROP SURVEY: In line with conference's request it was decided to once again try to ascertain more correctly the volume of honey production throughout the Dominion by conducting a survey amongst commercial producers. Minor amendments to the form of questionnaire used on the last occasion were agreed to and it was decided that the questionnaire will appear in the May 1961 issue of the "New Zealand Beekeeper".

DISCUSSION WITH H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVES: The Chairman and Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority, Messrs G.E. Gumbrell and C. Gosse attended the meeting at this stage and presented members with copies of the submissions which the Authority intended to make to the Ministers of Marketing and Agriculture on the following day. General discussion ensued on problems likely to be associated with price decontrol and other topics of mutual interest before Messrs Gumbrell and Gosse retired from the meeting.

H.M.A. ELECTIONS - REGULATIONS: Attention was drawn to the extreme delays which had occurred following the last election of the Honey Marketing Authority which had seriously impeded the work of the incoming Authority



in finalising the payments to producers for the previous seasons crop and fixing of the conditions of supply for the coming seasons crop. This and other anomalies in election procedures were ventilated at some length and it was finally RESOLVED (Fraser/Jay) "that an approach be made to Government to have the Honey Marketing Authority regulations concerning elections amended to provide (a) a more wide spread distribution of the roll of electors for inspection by producers prior to the elections and (b) a shortening of the period during which voting may take place from one month to two weeks".

STATE ADVANCES FINANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS: The Secretary read correspondence which had passed between himself and the Minister of State Advances in the above connection. The attitude which he had conveyed to the Minister on behalf of the Executive was endorsed.

HONEY ADVERTISING: Correspondence in reply was read from the Minister of Health advising that the Department would not welcome any efforts on the part of the Association to claim medicinal values or therapeutic qualities for royal jelly. Also the Department did not favour the claiming in advertising of any nutritive value in honey. The correspondence was received.

CROP FAILURE-GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE: Correspondence from the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Finance in the above connection was received. It was advised that the only assistance given by Government under Drought Area Relief was a tax concession in the spreading of producers' incomes over a period of years for averaging purposes. Decided no further action be taken.

AERIAL HIVE RECOGNITION: Correspondence from the Director of Civil Aviation conveying proposals for the painting in a distinctive colour of hives, enabling their ready identification from the air, was received. It was considered that the suggestion was impracticable but it was decided that the attention of producers be drawn, per the of the journal, to the difficulty of air-work operators in identifying hives from the air.

1961 CONFERENCE: RESOLVED (Fraser/Jay) "that the 1961 Dominion Conference of the Association be held in Nelson. General Secretary to attempt

resurrect interest in the area prior to conference."

JOURNAL PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION: A report was tendered by the Editor, Mr J. McFadzien on the above subject. Members expressed their satisfaction with the manner in which the Journal was being produced and conveyed to Mr McFadzien their continued appreciation of his services.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE: In the absence of a financial statement and records of membership the General Secretary gave a verbal appraisal of the position as he saw it. It was expected that the financial year would close without loss.

ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION: RESOLVED (Fraser/Lorimer) "that the Executive recommend to Conference a change in the constitution of the Association to provide for an Executive consisting of one Executive Member from each island, a Vice-President, President and Immediate Past President."

ENDORSEMENT OF H.M.A. CANDIDATES: Previous notice having been given it was RESOLVED (Fraser/Bray) "that the resolution passed on 28th July 1960, relating to the endorsement of members of the Executive as candidates for the H.M.A. be and is hereby rescinded".

GENERAL: Correspondence was received from Mr A. Bates expressing appreciation at his election to life membership.

West Coast Branch wrote expressing dissatisfaction over the restriction placed on Senior departmental officers preventing their attendance at branch meetings. Decided to suggest to the Branch that they channel future requests through the General Secretary where they desire an officer to address them on a particular subject of concern.

Mr Bray advised that the health of his father, Mr W.B. Bray had further deteriorated and that he was now more or less confined to his home. Members felt it was a great pity that all of Mr Bray's experience and knowledge of the industry's early days in this country may in a few years be lost to all record and it was RESOLVED "that the General Secretary write to Mr Bray expressing the Executive's sympathy in his illness and suggesting that he could render the industry a service by publishing memoirs of the early days in New Zealand Beekeeping and offering the assistance of the Association in their compilation".

The meeting terminated after brief discussion of other general topi

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Date.....

J. P. Barber

Chairman.....

24th July 61