

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS
ASSOCIATION
OF
NEW ZEALAND

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WILLIAMS BUILDING, WELLINGTON, ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 3RD AND 4TH MARCH 1975, COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH 1975.

PRESENT:

Messrs I. J. Dickinson (in Chair)
M. G. Stuckey
P. Berry
G. J. McKenzie
M. D. Haines

ALSO
PRESENT:

G. A. Beard (General Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Messrs D. Penrose
N. Stanton

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 2nd/3rd December 1974, which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Berry/Mr Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:

- 1) Re Amendments and Updating of Rules - It was noted that Mr Hardie-Boys the Association's Solicitor would attend the following day.

The Executive Committee considered the alternative courses available to it in the redrafting of the Rules which would become necessary following the introduction of the Hive Levy Scheme. The relationship between the Annual Meeting and Conference was also discussed.

- 2) Re Cadetship - Mr Stuckey reported that he had drafted a suitable article and was waiting to contact the Editor of Beekeeper about publication - noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Federated Farmers of N. Z. - replying to Association representations about the development of a sugar beet industry in the South Island.

Resolved:-

THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER BE REFERRED TO MR D. PENROSE WITH A REQUEST THAT HE CONTACT THE COMPANY BEING FORMED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE PROJECT AND REPORT BACK IN DUE COURSE.

INTRODUCTORY

The Association due to the change in the membership structure has now achieved a much sounder financial basis and consequently is able to operate to better effect in meeting the varied requests of the membership and Branches.

The Industry enjoyed a very good harvest in 1975 and a record production resulted.

The 1975 annual meeting and Conference of Branch Delegates was held in Timaru in late June and the business transacted covered a wide range of topics. The Conference was enhanced by the excellent arrangements made for visiting members by the host Branch, South Canterbury.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association may be achieved in two ways. For those beekeepers owning 50 or more hives the Hive Levy of 15 cents a hive applies and the revenue is paid into a Hive Levy Account held under the provisions of the Honey Marketing Regulations which are administered by the Honey Marketing Authority. For all levy payers membership of the Association is automatic.

In respect of those beekeepers operating fewer than fifty hives and also other persons who just wish to belong to the Association the annual subscription rate is \$7.50 per member.

In spite of reservations held by some in the Industry the Hive Levy was paid by all who were eligible and collection was achieved before December 31st 1975.

In respect of direct membership a great deal of endeavour was made to encourage beekeepers to join and the response has been excellent.

The combining of the membership fee and the subscription to Beekeeper plus making the financial year coincide with the calendar year have been supporting factors.

The Association also has a considerable overseas membership.

At 31 December the total membership numbered 732 of whom 296 were Hive Levy members and 436 direct members.

The disposition of members by Branches were as under:-

Far North	8	Nelson	51
Northland	42	West Coast	23
Auckland	108	Canterbury	76
Waikato	111	South Canterbury	25
Bay of Plenty	26	North Otago	21
Hawkes Bay	34	Otago	60
Central/Southern Hawkes Bay	8	Southland	45
South Western	94		

Hon Minister of Labour - re Agricultural Workers Act. A copy of the Ministers letter dated 28th January to Federated Farmers was referred on to the Association for its information.

The Executive Committee noted that further discussion would take place in due course - received.

From President to Honey Packers Association - re

- (a) Collective Pricing Agreement.
- (b) Hive Levy Regulations.

The Packers Association also extended an invitation to the President to attend a Canterbury field day on 14th March.

Resolved:-

THAT THE PRESIDENT ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE N. Z. PACKERS ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND THEIR FIELD DAY ON 14TH MARCH 1975.

Hon Minister of Agriculture - advising that he had concurred in the re-appointment of Mr J. W. Fraser to the Agricultural Chemicals Board for a three term commencing 1st April 1975 - received.

Federated Farmers of N. Z. - re Agricultural Workers Act, and replying to the Associations representation that a single Agricultural Employers Federation be set up as soon as expedient. Federated Farmers in their reply advised that they had noted the proposal and at an appropriate future date the question would be further considered - received.

A. M. Petilt - Farm Management Consultant - a copy of letter to Arataki Apiaries - re retention of bees in Coromandel area for pollination purposes - received and noted.

Draft of Circular to Branches re Annual Meeting and Conference

Mr McKenzie reported that the accommodation was now at the "Travelways" and the Conference venue at "Seven Oaks".

Matters pertaining to the Annual Meeting and Conference were discussed and settled as under:-

- 1) Guest Speaker - Referred to General Secretary to discuss with Minister's Office.
- 2) Invitation to Mayor and Mayoress of Timaru - Mrs Hervey to receive on behalf of Timaru Beautifying Society Association presentation.
- 3) Conference Folder - South Canterbury Branch to arrange; size of folder to be advised to General Secretary.
- 4) Annual Meeting to open 9.30 a. m. on the Wednesday with official speakers and adjourn at lunch.
- 5) Conference to open at 2 p. m.
- 6) Rule Change Recommendation -

Resolved:-

THAT A DRAFT RULE TO CHANGE THE BALANCE DATE FROM 30TH APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER, BE PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE.

(Minute Note:

This change is considered desirable when the Hive Levy is operative so as to keep the "income" and "expenditure" periods in the same period i. e. the calendar year)

7) Meetings of General Executive at Conference Time.

- a) Monday and Tuesday, commencing at 10a. m. Monday.
- b) Friday at conclusion of Annual Meeting for balance of that day.

Appointment of Returning Officer
Honey Marketing Authority Elections

The General Secretary drew attention to the need for the Association to make the appointment.

Moved:-

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY
MR G. A. BEARD BE APPOINTED
THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR
THE HONEY MARKETING
AUTHORITY ELECTIONS.

Palmerston North Public Relations Organisation re cost of folders for 1974. Conference. The Association had agreed earlier to meet \$125.00 (half) of the cost of the folders. This expenditure became necessary when the Company supplying the folders went into receivership.

Resolved:-

THAT NO FURTHER CONTRIBUTION
BE MADE.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - forwarding on a copy of the E. E. C. import conditions relating to honey.- received.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries re certification of Beeswax exports.

Resolved:-

THAT A COPY OF THE MINISTRY'S LETTER
BE MINUTED TO THE WAIKATO BRANCH,
MR MCKENZIE AND THE EDITOR BEEKEEPER.

Mr Norman Stanton - 10. 2. 1975 raising a number of points re Bee-keeper.

Arising:-

- a) Editors Phone Number - Now HSW(83) 63-336 Auckland.
- b) Journal subscriptions under Hive Levy Regulations.

The General Executive noted that all who pay the Hive Levy will automatically become members of the Association and have an entitlement to receive a copy of each issue of the Beekeeper.

c) Under 50 Hive Beekeepers

Moved:-

1. THAT ALL BEEKEEPERS WHO DO ^{NOT} PAY HIVE LEVY (I. E. BEEKEEPERS WITH FEWER THAN 50 HIVES) PAY A MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$7. 50 SUCH FEE TO CARRY AN ENTITLEMENT TO ONE COPY OF EACH ISSUE OF "BEEKEEPER".
2. THAT OVERSEAS JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS BE \$7. 50 PER ANNUM
3. THAT CASUAL COPIES OF BEEKEEPER BE DEBITED AT \$2. 50 EACH.

Mr Chairman/McKenzie
Carried

- d) THAT THE SIZE OF BEEKEEPER BE KEPT TO 48 PAGES PLUS 8 GREEN PAGES FOR BEGINNERS PLUS COVER.

Telegram ex West Coast Branch - advising the passing of Mr T. Holland.

Resolved:-

THAT A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE BE SENT TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MR T. HOLLAND.

Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - re Coromandel Restricted area.

This letter dated 12th December 1974 was in reply to the representations made personally by the President and Vice President on 3rd December.

Mr Barclay advised that he was not prepared to amend the Restriction Order - received.

Royal N. Z. Institute of Horticulture - attaching an account for \$13.00 covering the annual subscription.

Resolved:-

THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE.

Director - General of Agriculture - advising that it was not now proposed to proceed with the proposal to charge a honey grading fee. - received and noted.

Horticultural Producers Council - inviting the Association to be represented at a meeting in Hamilton on 28th February.

The President advised that it had not been convenient for anyone to attend the 28th February meeting but he felt the Association should take an active interest in the work of the Council.

Resolved:-

THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND THE COUNCIL ADVISED THAT THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES.

Minister of Science - re research into sweet clover.

Resolved:-

- 1) THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER BE SENT TO CATCHMENT BOARDS.
- 2) THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER BE MINUTED TO THE SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH AND THE EDITOR BEEKEEPER.

Memo to Branches dated 14th January re Conference Arrangements - received and noted.

- 1) THAT THE CONFERENCE VENUE WAS NOW THE "SEVEN OAKS" INSTEAD OF CHATEAU COMIDORE.
- 2) THAT THE ACCOMMODATION WAS NOW "TRAVELWAYS" INSTEAD OF CHATEAU COMIDORE.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - re Indiscriminate use of Sprays

Resolved:-

THAT A COPY BE SENT TO:-

- A) MR J. W. FRASER
- B) TO THE OTAGO BRANCH
- C) TO THE EDITOR BEEKEEPER.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - re Apiary Advisory Service in Hawkes Bay.

Resolved:-

THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER BE MINUTED TO THE HAWKES BAY BRANCH AND TO THE EDITOR BEEKEEPER.

(Minute Note: this letter was discussed with Messrs Watt and Smaellie when they met the Executive on the 4th March. It was noted that complaints about any aspect of the Apiary Advisory Service should be made in the first instance directly to the Regional Advisory Officer of the Ministry in each locality).

Secretary West Coast Branch - re life membership Mr T. Holland.

As advice had subsequently been received that Mr T. Holland had died the correspondence was received.

West Coast Branch re Beech Forests

Resolved:-

- 1) THAT THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET OUT IN THE BRANCH MEMORANDUM UNDER DATE OF 17TH FEBRUARY AND FORWARD THE SAME WITH SUPPORT TO THE VARIOUS MINISTERS CONCERNED.

- 2) THAT THE BRANCH BE REQUESTED TO KEEP THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

Auckland Tool and Guage Company re marketing of new 200 gram honey container - received and noted.

Under Secretary to Minister of Agriculture - advising in response to Association representations, that the Hive Levy regulations would be enacted as quickly as possible - received.

Mr Dudley Lorimer - returning thanks for the expression of appreciation for his services to the industry as an Executive member - received.

Memorandum to President from General Secretary
re Association's Finances - also present Mr John Read, Accountant to Pork Industry Council.

The General Secretary advised that the current finances of the Association were in a serious state and unless revenue was forthcoming from some source, the activities of the Association would have to be phased down.

A draft budget for the ensuing year was tabled and it was clear that the need to enact the Hive Levy regulations was urgent if the Association was to avoid going into recess.

The General Executive considered all aspects of the matter and noted that the most critical period was between now and the end of June.

It was also noted that until the Hive Levy regulations were passed it would not be possible for the Executive to arrange bridging finance.

It was duly resolved:-

- 1) THAT A CASE BE STATED TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY FOR AN ADVANCE ON THE HIVE LEVY ACCOUNT AS SOON AS THIS IS PRACTICABLE.
- 2) THAT THE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY , MR B. G. BARCLAY BE ADVISED OF THE POSITION.
- 3) THAT ANY INTERIM ^{ACTION} THAT MAY PROVE NECESSARY BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO SETTLE.

Ministry of Agriculture - forwarding copy of the report of the proceedings of the Taupo Seminar - received.

CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE
DECEMBER 1974 MEETING

A schedule of the accounts paid since the December 1974 meeting and represented by cheques numbered:-

- 1) from 814 to 837 - \$1993. 96 (December)
- 2) from 838 to 846 - \$1554. 62 (January)
- 3) from 847 to 866 - \$1342. 47 (February)

was tabled and confirmed on the motion of Messrs McKenzie/Berry.

Meeting with Messrs Watt and Smaellie - Ministry
of Agriculture and Fisheries

The Chairman in welcoming Messrs Watt and Smaellie said the General Executive was pleased to have the opportunity of discussing a number of questions that had arisen in recent months.

1) Re Composition of Restricted Area Advisory Committee

Mr Watt advised that this was a matter for the Minister to finally determine and the Association should make its view known to the Minister accordingly (refer to later minute).

2) Re Departmental Circulars

In response to an enquiry, Mr Watt agreed that there was no reason why general circulars to Apiary Instructors and Beekeepers should not be supplied to the Association's office.

3) Indiscriminate Use of Sprays

This question was discussed at some length and it was noted that early advice to the local Ministry office was essential in effecting better supervision and control.

4) Re Advisory Services

It was emphasised that any complaints about the service should firstly be directed to the local Regional Advisory Officer.

Messrs Watt and Smaellie were thanked for making time available to attend the Executive meeting.

RESTRICTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A letter from the Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture dated 18th February 1975, replying to the Association's letter of 23rd December 1974 on the subject was duly tabled and read to the meeting.

The Under-Secretary indicated that it was his intention to establish the Committee as an Advisory Committee constituted under Section 13 of the Ministry Act 1972.

The Executive Committee after considering the comments of the Under-Secretary about the composition of the Association's representatives on the Committee decided that the proposals as advanced were quite unacceptable.

It was duly resolved:-

THAT THE UNDER-SECRETARY BE ADVISED:-

- A) THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH DEPT TO BE RETAINED ON THE COMMITTEE.
- B) THAT THE ASSOCIATION BE REPRESENTED BY THREE BEEKEEPER MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WHOM TWO SHOULD BE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE.

(C) THAT THE ASSOCIATION NOT SUPPORT A ROTATIONAL SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(D) THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CHAIRMAN'S RIGHT TO CONVENE MEETINGS IT BE PROVIDED THAT ANY TWO MEMBERS MAY REQUISITION A MEETING.

RULES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC

In attendance Mr M. Hardie Boys, Solicitor to the Association.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Hardie Boys to the meeting and said the Executive Committee wished to discuss with him in general terms Rule changes consequential upon the passing of the Hive Levy regulations.

In the course of discussion, the following points were specially noted:-

- 1) The dual membership system that would apply - i. e. the over 50 hive group via the Hive Levy Regulations and the under 50 hive group via direct membership.
- 2) Delegates voting at the Conference and in some instances at Annual or General Meetings.
- 3) The organisation of and the relationship between the Annual Meeting and the Conference.
- 4) The Weighted Voting system in general.

It was agreed with Mr Hardie Boys that the General Executive would in due time develop a lay draft of the revised Rules and then discuss the same with him.

Mr Hardie Boys then left the meeting.

HIVE LEVY REGULATIONS - RE TRANSLATION OF VOTING ENTITLEMENTS.

The General Executive considered the most appropriate voting entitlement system having regard to the desirability of keeping in line with Authority's voting system.

It was moved that provision be made in the new or revised Rules for the following:-

Members with:-

- a) 1 to 50 Hives - 2 Votes
- b) plus 1 vote for each 25 hives in excess of 50 hives, with a maximum at 2500 hives and over of 100 votes.

Mr Chairman/Berry
Carried

HIVE LEVY REGULATIONS - CONSIDERATION OF
REVISED DRAFT

In attendance Mr Don Hayman, Ministry of Agriculture.

The draft which has been made available for circulation prior to the meeting was tabled for discussion.

The following points emerged:-

- 1) THAT THE AMOUNT OR HIVE LEVY SUM SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A JOINT ASSOCIATION/ AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATION.
- 2) THAT THE LEVY FOR 1975 BE 15 CENTS A HIVE.

In general, the General Executive was in agreement with the draft as tabled - the target date for gazetting was 22nd March with April 1st, as the operative date.

CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING
PAPERS

It was duly resolved:-

- 1) THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY PREPARE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.
- 2) THAT PRESIDENT PRESENT AN ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.
- 3) THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE INVITED TO PRESENT REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING:-
 - A) MR E. SMAELLIE - SUPERINTENDENT BEE-KEEPING.
 - B) MR T. PALMER-JONES-SCIENTIFIC REPORT.
 - C) MR J. W. FRASER - ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD.
 - D) LIBRARIANS REPORT - MR C. DAWSON.
 - E) CHAIRMAN HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY.

It was further resolved:-

THAT THE AGENDAS FOR BOTH THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE CONFERENCE BE SETTLED BY THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE
ASSOCIATION JOURNAL THE BEEKEEPER

A letter dated March 1st from the Editor, Mr N. Stanton was tabled, it was noted:-

- 1) THAT THE FEBRUARY ISSUE WAS WELL ADVANCED.
- 2) THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE OF 48 PAGES PLUS 8 GREEN PAGES.

The General Executive discussed the whole question of the Journal, including costs, size and the availability dates. It is now apparent that the costs of producing a journal are escalating at a rate that must cause concern to the Association under the existing system of finance.

It was duly moved:-

- 1) THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT MEETING BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY TO CONSIDER AND THAT THEY BE AUTHORISED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.
- 2) THAT THE LETTER FROM THE EDITOR DATED MARCH 1ST 1975 BE RECEIVED AND THE CONTENTS NOTED.

McKenzie/Haines
Carried

BASE PRICE FOR HONEY - 1975 SEASON

The President reported that in company with Mr Russell Poole, the Authority Chairman, they had waited upon Mr Bruce Barclay on 17th February, to discuss aspects of the Base Price arrangement for honey.

Following this meeting, Mr Poole had drafted a joint confirming letter which had later been sent to Mr Barclay. A copy of this letter was tabled and elaborated upon by the President.

Following general discussion, it was moved:-

- 1) THAT THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE CONFIRM THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND THAT THE TERMS AS SET OUT IN THE JOINT LETTER DATED 18TH FEBRUARY 1975 SENT TO MR BARCLAY BE ENDORSED.
- 2) THAT THE AUTHORITY BE ADVISED THAT THE PROCEDURE IN RESPECT OF THE BASE PRICE FOR HONEY BE BASED ON A BACKGROUND REPORT PREPARED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES PRIOR TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NOVEMBER MEETINGS SO THAT A JOINT POLICY APPROACH CAN BE MORE READILY DETERMINED.

(Minute Note: It was felt desirable that a decision on the Base Price be reached before the end of December each year).

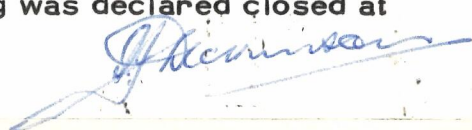
Stuckey/McKenzie
Carried

MINUTES OF 1974 ANNUAL MEETING

Resolved:-

THAT THE POSITION BE CHECKED WITH MR NEALE, AND THAT MEANTIME THE PRESIDENT CONFER WITH MR PENROSE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF NOTES OF THE MEETING.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 4.35 p. m.



MINUTES AND NOTES OF THE 1974 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE FITZHERBERT MOTOR INN MEETING ROOM, PALMERSTON NORTH ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 17th, 18th AND 19th JULY 1974 COMMENCING AT 9 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 17th JULY.

PRESENT: The President, Mr I.J. Dickinson (in Chair), the members of the General Executive and fifty-nine members of the Association and visitors.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Eric Neal, General Secretary and the General Secretary elect, Mr G.A. Beard (Thursday only).

CONFERENCE PRAYER: The Conference Prayer was read to Conference members.

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO PALMERSTON NORTH AND OPENING OF CONFERENCE:

The President welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Palmerston North, Mr and Mrs Brian Ellwood and invited the Mayor to address members and declare the Conference open.

(Minute Note: The full text of Mr Ellwood's address was published in "Beekeeper".)

At the conclusion of Mr Ellwood's address a vote of thanks was moved by Messrs Rowe/Bromwell and carried by acclamation.

USE OF TAPE RECORDERS AT MEETING: Resolved

"That the use of tape recorders be allowed."

SCRUTINEERS: Resolved

"That Messrs Rowe and Walton be the Conference/Annual Meeting scrutineers."

TIMEKEEPER: Resolved

"That Mr C. Bromwell be timekeeper."

ADDRESS BY MR BRUCE BARCLAY: - Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

Mr Barclay was welcomed to Conference by the President.

The text of Mr Barclay's address to Conference was later published in the "Beekeeper".

At the conclusion of Mr Barclay's address the President proposed a vote of thanks which was carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr Dickinson in presenting his report made copies available to members. The report, following presentation was made available to the Editor "Beekeeper" for publication.

It was duly resolved "That the President's Report be received."

BEREAVEMENTS: The Conference stood as a mark of respect to the memory of the following:

Messrs Roy Patterson (Life Member)

J.B. McKissack

D. Kettle

A. Lyall

BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 30th 1974:

The General Secretary presented the Annual Accounts of the Association for the year ended 30th April 1974.

It was duly moved by Messrs Penrose/De Wit

"That the Annual Accounts of the Association for the year ended 30th April 1974 as tabled, be received and adopted."

(Minute Note: An audited copy of the above accounts is appended to these minutes.)

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE
HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

The Chairman of the Authority, Mr Russell Poole, presented the annual report of the Authority to Conference. At the conclusion of his report Mr Poole answered questions from members on a number of aspects of Authority operations.

REPORT AND MINUTES OF 1973 ANNUAL
MEETING AND CONFERENCE:

Resolved

"That the minutes of the 1973 Annual Meeting and Report of the 1973 Conference as set out in the August 1973 "Beekeeper" be confirmed as a true record of the Business of those meetings."

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 1975: Moved Messrs Penrose/De Wit

- (1) "That the membership subscription be increased by 50 per cent.
- (2) That the subscription allocation to branches be 10 per cent of the subscription rate.
- (3) That the above (1) and (2) proposals be effective from May 1st 1975."

On being put the motion was declared carried by 30 votes to 25 votes.

NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN BY MR ECROYD: Resolved

"That Mr Ecroyd's notice of motion be placed on the Order Paper."

RESCINDMENT OF MOTION ENDORSING REMIT NO. 6: The motion that the resolution to rescind Remit 6 be on the table was carried.

The following morning it was moved

"That Remit 6 passed by the Annual Meeting the previous day be rescinded."

Penrose/Jenkins Carried

(Minute Note: This was in effect notice of motion No. 2.)

NOTICES OF MOTION FROM CONFERENCE FLOOR:

NO. 1: "That the levy scheme agreed to between the N.B.A. and the H.M.A. as outlined in the President's Report be discussed and voted upon at this Conference."

NO. 2: Re Members Smoking in Conference: Moved by Mr A.W. Hansen

"That in the interests of the elimination of pollution which is affecting us all adversely, smoking which is also a source of annoyance to many of us, be discouraged in the Conference room during Conference hours."

The motion on being put was declared carried.

INDUSTRY LEVY SCHEME: The President ruled that Remits 17, 8, 21 and Notice of Motion No. 1 be discussed together up to the voting stage.

It was then moved

- (1) "That Remit No. 21 be voted upon first (i.e. following general Conference debate).

Whalley/Berry

Carried

(2) "That Conference agrees on the basis of discussion as set out in 9F."

Berry/Jenkins

Carried

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS 17 & 18: A lengthy debate took place on the remits which related to the 1973 Industry Levy Scheme.
The debate closed on the motion of Messrs Lorimer/Robinson.

CONSIDERATION OF REMIT NO. 21: Mr P. Berry introduced the proposal for a Hive Levy which was debated at length.

The debate brought out the following points:

- (1) That the Hive Levy would supplant the Seals Levy.
- (2) That the revenue from the Hive Levy would be applied to:
 - (a) Financing the N.B.A.
 - (b) Covering expenses relating to the non trading activities of the H.M.A.
 - (c) Providing a fund to be used for equilisation when necessary.

The reworded Remit read:

"That this 1974 Conference support the proposal that a Hive Levy should be implemented in place of the Seals Levy and that the income received from the Hive Levy be applied to the following purposes:

- (a) The financing of the operation of the National Beekeepers' Association
- (b) Meeting non-trading administrative expenses of the H.M.A.
- (c) Providing a fund for price equilisation purposes."

Berry/Stuckey

Carried 11 votes to 4

Poll Vote - 1343 for 591 against.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1: This motion was moved Ecroyd/Penrose and declared lost on a poll vote of 554 for and 1426 against.

Messrs Poole/Glass moved an amendment to the motion "and that Remit 21 aspassed be rescinded" but this was declared lost by 12 votes to 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4: (ex Mr Ecroyd)

"That Conference record its sincere appreciation of the efforts of the Executive Committee and the President in particular for their endeavours during the year in the interests of the beekeeping industry particularly in the face of the Association's financial difficulties."

Poole/Blair

Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 5:

"That this Conference is very concerned that some form of levy should be brought into being as a matter of urgency and that Conference wishes the Executive to act on any decision made at this Conference in respect of this question at the earliest available opportunity."

This motion was put and carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3:

"That the South Canterbury Branch host the 1975 Conference."

On being put the motion was declared carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS:

Remit No. 1 - Re 1973 Remit No. 6 - Otago Branch: This remit was carried but was later rescinded by Conference.

Remit No. 2 - Re Sectional Sub-Committees: The remit was amended to read

"That this Conference considers the time opportune for the formation of sub-committees representing sectional interests as may be deemed necessary."

Moved Dickinson/Lorimer and carried.

Remit No. 3 - Re Rule 18 (A) - Withdrawn.

Remit No. 4 - Re Rule 28(EE) and Rule 18(b): The remit was amended to read:

Rule 28(EE): "On a poll each delegate shall have one vote for full dollar of annual subscription of financial members present in person or by proxy at the Branch meeting empowering the delegate and that both majority and minority votes be recorded in the delegates votes at Conference."

Rule 18(b): "That six members comprising the General Executive shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by financial members present at the Annual Meeting, such election to be conducted under a preferential voting system."

The Remit was moved Messrs Dickinson/Penrose and carried.

Remit No. 5 - Re Voting at Conference - Withdrawn.

Remit No. 6 - (ex Canterbury) Re Voting: The Remit read

"That delegates only vote on remits that have been discussed at Branch level and that any subsequent notices of motion put before Conference a vote will be taken from all financial members present."

Moved Cattermole/Hunt and carried 8 votes to 7 votes and on a poll 1170 votes to 638 votes.

Remit No. 7 - (ex Auckland): The Remit read

"That the voting results in a delegates poll be shown on a blackboard detailing how each branch voted showing both the affirmative and negative votes cast."

Moved Stuckey/Blair and carried by 10 votes to 5 votes.

Remit No. 8 - (ex Auckland): The remit was amended to read

"That the incoming Executive approach Federated Farmers for the Association to form a Beekeepers Section of that organisation."

Moved Stuckey/Blair and carried by 20 votes to 5 votes.

Remit No. 9 - Re Recognition of N.B.A. as Principal Industry Organisation

Lost.

Remit No. 10 - (ex Canterbury) The remit read

"That the members of the N.B.A. may, on request, be supplied at cost with circulars and correspondence normally sent to branches, presidents, secretaries etc."

Moved Carterwell/Hunt and carried.

Remit No. 11 - (ex Waikato) Withdrawn.

Remit No. 12 - (ex Waikato) The amended remit read

"That the H.M.A. investigate and evaluate the relationship of the grading system to the payout with the view to improving the payment for darker honies."

The remit on being put was declared carried.

Remit No. 13 - (ex Hawkes Bay) The remit read

"That this Conference considers that in view of the H.M.A.'s bouyant financial state, it should pay the whole of the rail freight to depot instead of only part as at present."

Moved Berry/Ashcroft and carried.

- Remit No. 14 - (ex South Canterbury) The amended remit read
"That the N.B.A. make a grant of \$1,000.00 to the D.S.I.R. for research into the development of Sweet Clover."
Moved Cloake/Lorimer and carried.
Poll Vote - 1260 for and 464 against.
- Remit No. 15 - (ex South Canterbury) The remit read
"That the advice note sent to producers who supply honey to H.M.A. advising receipt and payment be more detailed and include such information as: each separate extraction number; the date of receipt at the depot of each extraction; the number of containers in each extraction; the total weight of each extraction together with any other information as may be necessary for the proper records of the Authority and to enable the supplier of the honey to be able to check with his records; also the grade certificate to show such similar information."
Moved Cloake/McKenzie and carried 8 votes to 6 votes and on a poll 1066 votes to 708 votes.
- Remit No. 16 - (ex Southland) Re Supplies of Sugar: Withdrawn
- Remit No. 17 - (ex South Western)
- Remit No. 18 - (ex Canterbury)
- Remit No. 19 - (ex Waikato)
- Remit No. 20 - (E.J. Whalley)
These remits were all withdrawn.
- Remit No. 22 - (ex Nelson) Re Payment of Subscriptions in Certain Circumstances. Withdrawn.
- Remit No. 23 - (ex Hawkes Bay) The remit read
"That Conference strongly urge the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to re-appoint a local Apiary Instructor for the Hawkes Bay District."
Moved Berry/Ashcroft and carried.
- Remit No. 24 - (ex South Western) Re Standard Interpretation of Regulations. Withdrawn.
- Remit No. 25 - (ex Otago) The remit read
"That the N.B.A. seek to have the Ministry of Agriculture take more positive steps to control the use of sprays and pesticides and that public notice be given when permits are to be issued to persons using sprays or substances toxic to bees, under Clause 35 of the Apiaries Act."
Jenkins/Heinman Carried
- Remit No. 26 - (ex Canterbury) The remit read
"That the National Beekeepers' Association express their support to Federated Farmers to have a sugar refinery established in the South Island thus making the South Island less dependent on the North Island."
Moved Mr Cattermole and carried.
- Remit No. 27 - (ex South Canterbury) The remit read
"That this industry strongly oppose the Government's proposed Superannuation Scheme."
Moved Cloake/Croft and carried.
- Remit No. 28 - (ex Otago) The remit read
"That the N.B.A. seek clarification of the position of self-employed beekeepers in respect of loss of earnings with regard to the Accident Compensation Act."
Moved Jenkins/Heinman and carried.

Remit No. 29 - (ex South Western) The remit read

"That Conference urges that beekeepers be kept fully informed of honey price movements and any Government regulations related to the packing and sale of honey by quarterly notice in the N.Z. "Beekeeper"."

Moved Whalley/Robinson and carried.

Remit No. 30 - (ex South Canterbury) The remit read

"That Conference recommend to the Inland Revenue Department that Hive Returns are no longer necessary."

Moved McKenzie/Cloake and carried.

Remit No. 31 - (ex Otago) The remit read

"That the N.B.A. press the Government to declare wasps a noxious animal."

Moved Jenkins/Heineman and carried.

Remit No. 32 - (ex Otago) - re Farm Bikes - Withdrawn

Remit No. 33 - (ex Otago) - re Importation of Honey Cartons - Withdrawn

Remit No. 34 - (ex Bay of Plenty) - Re Importation of Honey Containers - Lapsed

Remit No. 35 - (ex Auckland) The remit read

"That this Association support the Federated Farmers in their opposition to the proposed compulsory Farm Workers Union."

Moved Stuckey/Blair and carried.

Remit No. 36 - (ex Nelson) The remit read

"That this Conference is concerned at the low price offered for honey classified as honey dew, and that a more realistic price be offered to producers."

Moved Croft/Berry and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Moved

"That Messrs H.M. Lewis, Chartered Accountants, Lower Hutt be re-appointed Auditors to the Association."

Haines/McKenzie Carried

GENERAL SECRETARY ELECT: The President took the opportunity during Conference to introduce Mr G.A. Beard of the Pork Industry Council who would assume secretarial responsibility at the end of August.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 1974/75: The General Secretary assumed the Chair and invited nominations. Moved Morris/Robinson that Mr I.J. Dickinson be president of the Association for the ensuing term and there being no further nomination Mr Dickinson was duly declared re-elected unopposed. Mr Dickinson resumed the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT: Two nominations viz Messrs D. Penrose (Heineman/Broadley) and P. Berry (Poole/ECroyd) were advanced. As a result of a ballot Mr P. Berry was declared elected Vice President of the Association for the ensuing term.

ELECTION OF FOUR MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(1) North Island As a result of a ballot Messrs M.D. Haines and M.G. Stuckey were duly declared elected.

(2) South Island Messrs D. Penrose and G. McKenzie being the only nominations they were duly declared elected.

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS: It was moved Messrs Glissold/Glynn that Mr J. Fraser be elected a life member of the Association. Carried.
It was moved Messrs Lorimer/Dickinson that Mr Trevor Palmer-Jones be elected a life member of the Association. Carried.

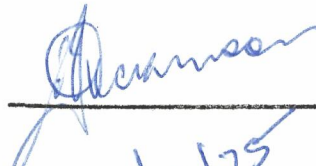
PRESIDENT'S HONORARIUM: Moved Berry/Jansen

"That the President's Honorarium be increased from \$120 per annum to \$500 per annum. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) President's Thanks to Delegates and Members. The President before closing the Annual Meeting and Conference thanked delegates and members for their attention and co-operation in getting through the Agenda.
- (2) Thanks to President. Messrs Ashcroft/Broadley moved a vote of thanks to the Chair which was carried by acclamation.
- (3) Thanks to Host Branch. Mr Whalley moved on behalf of Conference a vote of thanks to the Chairman and members of the South Western Branch for the excellent arrangements made for Conference. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Annual Meeting and Conference was declared closed at 3.17 p.m.



Chairman
25/6/75

Date



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1974

<u>1973</u>		
2,012	Subscriptions - Remitted by Branches)	3,303.82
396	- Direct Members)	
4,000	Grant from H.M.A.	4,000.00
96	Commission	45.87
42	Interest	118.11
375	Journal Income - Advertising	199.99
351	- Subscriptions	1,135.71
754	Donations	53.00
1,121	Branch Balances remitted to National Secretary	-
180	Seminar Profit	-
9,327	<u>Total Receipts</u>	8,856.50
Less		
2,608	Administration fee	4,438.50
	Bad Debts	378.75
100	Audit Fee	135.00
396	Conference Expenses - Accommodation	481.79
500	- Travel	113.61
73	- Hall Hire & Sundry	136.22
222	Executive Meetings - Accommodation	588.79
780	- Travel	1,374.03
96	- Sundry	113.74
112	Insurances - Public Liability - Members	78.75
450	Journal - Printing	953.61
481	- Editor's Honorarium	273.13
345	- Sundry	560.36
205	Legal Expenses	50.00 Cr
602	Postages and Tolls	494.51
120	President's Honorarium	120.00
499	Printing and Stationery	980.26
84	Travel Expenses - other meetings	542.30
32	Sundry	37.06
30	Dopreciation	9.00
7,785		11,759.41
1,542	Net Surplus 1973/Net Deficit 1974	2,902.91



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 1974

<u>1973</u>	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>	
2,755	These totalled at 1/5/73	2,397.21
250	Plus Travel Bursary Fund	250.00
433	Library Fund	433.01
157	Seminar Fund	337.23
3,595		3,417.45
1,720	Less Branch balance written off '73	-
1,875		3,417.45
1,542	Plus surplus of Income over expenditure 1973	
	Less surplus of Expenditure over Income 1974	2,902.91
3,417		514.54
	These are represented by:	
1,902	Bank of New South Wales	1,652.70
288	P.O.S.B. Timaru	297.05
798	Sundry Debtors	742.97
129	Subscriptions in arrears	657.50
557	Deposit with M.A.C.	-
3,674		3,350.22
448	Less Sundry Creditors	410.00
	N.A.C. Overdrawn	735.10
	Income in advance	1,333.33
	Subscriptions in advance	160.50
	Provision for Bad Debts	378.75
3,226		3,017.68
	<u>Net Current Funds available</u>	332.54
	Other assets are:	
100	Library and Blocks	100.00
91	Filing Cabinets and plates at cost	82.00
3,417		514.54

To the Members of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand
(Incorporated)

I have examined the books and accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 April 1974. I have obtained all the information and explanations as required by me, but, due to members calculating their own subscriptions on a non confirmed basis of the number of hives owned I am unable to confirm that all subscriptions due to this Association have been collected. Proceeds of the Seminar were remitted to the General Secretary after deducting expenses. I have not examined the details of this operation but have only noted that the net proceeds have been accounted for. Apart from these two reservations, in my opinion proper books of account have been kept and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account have been drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association.

Lower Hutt, 25th June 1974

N. Ryder-Lewis
 N. Ryder-Lewis
 Chartered Accountant

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM FEDERATED FARMERS, TIMARU ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND FRIDAY THE 23RD, 24TH AND 27TH JUNE 1975 COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 23RD JUNE.

PRESENT: Messrs I.J. Dickinson (in Chair)
D. Penrose
M. Haines
M. Stuckey
G. McKenzie
P. Berry

ALSO PRESENT: G.A. Beard. (General Secretary)

WELCOME TO MEMBERS:

The President in welcoming members to the last meeting in the current Executive's term said he felt a great deal had been achieved in the year and the changes initiated would carry benefits to the whole Association membership.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS:

Messrs S. Lyttle and M. Cloake attended and reported on the different arrangements that had been made for the Conference. They advised that a flat rate registration fee of \$5 per head would be made and this would cover the cost of the meeting hall as well as morning and afternoon teas.

Following the Conference the South Canterbury Branch would submit an audited statement of Conference income and expenditure.

It was duly resolved:-

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESS TO MESSRS LYTTLE AND CLOAKE THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND THAT THEY BE REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO THE SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH APPRECIATION FOR THE SPLENDID ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCE.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting as circulated and with the following amendments viz:-

- Ref. (a) page 4 resolution (c) insert word "NOT" after word "DO" in first line.
- (b) page 6 under heading - Memorandum to President re Association's finances - resolution (3) add in word "ACTION" after word "INTERIM" in first line.

were confirmed on the motion of Messrs Berry/Haines.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Hon. Minister of Agriculture - acknowledging the Association's representations re rebate of Budget increase in petrol costs.

Resolved:-

THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND THE ACTION TAKEN CONFIRMED.

Conference Correspondence - A number of inward and outward letters relative to Conference were noted and received.

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries - forwarding report on Taupo Seminar and also submitting a copy of the statement of income and expenditure. A cheque for \$114.30 was enclosed.

Resolved:-

THAT THE REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS BE RECEIVED.

Mr D. Hoole, Papanoa - re Hive Levy and membership of Association. - Referred to General Secretary for attention.

Outward to Minister of Agriculture - re progress on amendments to Noxious Weeds Act.

The Executive noted that the Amendments would go to a Committee and the Association would be kept advised. Received.

Cadet Scheme - Several letters re Scheme.

The President in commenting pointed out that it was essential that at least six producers be available to accept cadets otherwise the Scheme could not function.

It was resolved:-

THAT A POINT BE MADE OF THIS REQUIREMENT IN THE AUGUST "BEEKEEPER".

Sugar Beet Development Committee Ltd - Mr Penrose reported in depth on his investigations and discussions with the Chairman of the Development Board of Directors, Mr F.W. Newton.

The President thanked Mr Penrose for his comprehensive survey of the position and said it was clear that it would now be up to beekeepers to financially support the Company if they wished to have a South Island Beet Sugar supply.

It was then moved:-

THAT THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMEND TO THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP THAT THEY INDIVIDUALLY TAKE UP SHARES IN THE SUGAR BEET DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Penrose/Haines
Carried.

Alex Harvey Industries Ltd - replying to Waikato Branch enquiry about packing of honey tins. - received and noted. (A copy of the letter had been sent on to the Waikato Branch.)

Waikato Branch - expressing opposition to the use of Industry funds for loans to beekeepers. - The General Secretary had referred the matter on to the Honey Marketing Authority for consideration. - Noted and confirmed.

Westland Branch

Replies ex Ministers - re Westland Lowland Forest areas. It was noted that the Westland Branch had been kept informed of the replies received to the Association's representations. - received.

Under-Secretary to Minister of Agriculture - re Apiaries Advisory Committee

The Under-Secretary suggested that the Committee comprise

- (a) an officer of the Ministry as Chairman
- (b) one member of the Executive Committee of the Association
- (c) two members who owned substantial apiaries in the Restricted

The Executive Committee gave careful consideration to the matter of Committee composition and matters related thereto.

It was duly resolved:-

- (1) THAT MR BARCLAY BE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TWO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO ARE TO BE SUBSTANTIAL PRODUCERS IN THE RESTRICTED ZONE REGIONS BE APPOINTED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION.
- (2) THAT ALL APPOINTMENTS BE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.
- (3) THAT AS FAR AS MAY BE PRACTICABLE THE ASSOCIATION BE ADVISED BEFOREHAND OF THE INTENTION
 - (a) THAT AN AREA OR REGION IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL RESTRICTED AREA
 - (b) THAT AN AREA IS TO BE DECLARED A RESTRICTED AREA.

From President re Basis of Voting for H.M.A. Members - The President elaborated on the views he had expressed to the Ministry when the Hive Levy provisions were included in the amended Honey Marketing Regulations.

The Executive Committee discussed the matter in depth and it was duly moved:-

THAT THE BROAD POLICY ON THE BASIS OF VOTING FOR HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NEW REGULATIONS BE ACCEPTED.

Berry/Stuckey
Carried.

Honey Marketing Authority - Elections advice to General Secretary in his capacity as Returning Officer.

It was noted

- (a) that H.M.A. members R.F. Poole and B.W. Forsyth would retire in 1975 and Messrs Ecroyd and Bartrum in 1976. - noted.

Arataki Apiaries - re Hive Levy collection form. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that approximately \$21,000 had been paid to the H.M.A. in Hive Levy. received.

Federated Farmers - Agriculture Committee - advising that the Annual Section Conference would be held in Queenstown on 24/25/June. - received.

It was duly resolved:-

THAT THE PRESIDENT OR HIS NOMINEE REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION ON THE AGRICULTURE SECTION OF FEDERATED FARMERS.

Deputy Director (Horticulture) of Advisory Services Division Minister of Agriculture - forwarding on copies of circulars issued by the Ministry relevant to the declaration and administration of restricted zone regions.

The Executive Committee noted with pleasure that copies were now being supplied to the General Secretary.

N.Z. Insurance Group - replying to query raised by Mr J.W. Barber.

As a consequence of the relevant correspondence the Executive Committee gave careful consideration to the value of the Public Liability Scheme presently operated under Association sponsorship with special reference to its value now that Accident Compensation was operative and also the administration costs involved.

It was duly moved:-

THAT THE PRESENT POLICY ARRANGEMENT BE DISCONTINUED
AND THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT EACH BEEKEEPER MAKE
HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE
COVER.

McKenzie/Haines
Carried.

Ministry of Agriculture - Wallaceville Research Centre - forwarding
on 75 copies of Mr F. Clinch's paper to Conference. received.

Ministry of Agriculture - forwarding on enquiry from French beekeeper
seeking position in New Zealand. Referred to Editor Beekeeper.

Mr John Doube, Morrinsville - re market value of hives.

Resolved:-

THAT THE INFORMATION SOUGHT BE SUPPLIED AS AGREED.

Palmerston North Public Relations Office - re 1974 conference folder
costs. It was noted that the mater was now closed.

Membership Apimondia - The President tabled correspondence he had
received from the Secretary-General Apimondia.

It was duly resolved:-

THAT THE ASSOCIATION APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Penrose/McKenzie
Carried.

Mr B.G. Douglas, Farnworth, Australia - advising his intention to attend
Conference - received.

Mr Don Appleton, England - thanking the Association, branches and
beekeepers generally for the assistance and hospitality extended during
his five month visit to this country. received. A copy of Mr Appleton's
letter has been referred to "Beekeeper".

Mrs Enid Holland - thanking Association for its message of condolence.
- received.

North Otago Branch - recommending Association Life Membership for
Mr Ivor W. Forster.

Resolved:-

THAT A FAVOURABLE RECOMMENDATION BE MADE TO CONFERENCE.

Southland Branch - submitting a Life Membership recommendation - received.

Canterbury Branch - suggesting that provision be made for the acceptance
of Bee Clubs as affiliated members of the Association.

Moved:-

THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CONFERENCE THAT BEE CLUBS
IF INCORPORATED BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE SAME
BASIS AS FOR UNDER 50 HIVES MEMBERS.

Penrose/Haines
Carried

(Note: It was agreed that Messrs Penrose and Stuckey should present
the recommendation to Conference.)

Mr P. Berry - raising points relative to remits 27(a) and (b).

The Executive Committee agreed upon the re-wording of the Executive Committee remits.

Auckland Branch - submitting statement of accounts for year ended 30/4/75 - received.

FUTURE PRODUCTION AND EDITORSHIP
OF "N.Z. BEEKEEPER":

The President reported on the discussions held with Wellington based Agencies who had expressed interest in producing "Beekeeper". A cost analysis received from the present Editor, Mr N. Stanton, was also tabled.

The Executive considered the whole question at length and resolved as under:-

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO CONFERENCE:

- (1) THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO ISSUE A QUARTERLY INDUSTRY MAGAZINE: FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ASSOCIATION RETAIN A SUITABLE AGENCY TO PRODUCE AND PUBLISH THE JOURNAL.
- (2) THAT HAVING REGARD TO THE LOCATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE, A WELLINGTON BASED PUBLISHER BE RETAINED.
- (3) THAT THE SELECTION OF A SUITABLE COMPANY BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- (4) THAT IT BE NOTED THAT THE COST OF PRODUCING A MAGAZINE OF LIGHTER QUALITY STANDARDS WILL COST MORE THAN AT PRESENT: HOWEVER IN CONSULTATION WITH PUBLISHING COMPANIES THE RETURN FROM ADVERTISING IS LIKELY TO BE ENHANCED.
- (5) THAT IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ENDORSED IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A NEW JOURNAL FORMAT.

(NOTE: ANY NEW PUBLISHING ARRANGEMENT WOULD OPERATE FROM NOVEMBER 1975 FORMAT.)

UNDER 50 HIVE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION:

Moved:-

THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE UNDER 50 HIVE MEMBERSHIP GROUP FOR 1975 (I.E. 1/5/75-31/12/75) BE AT THE RATE OF \$7.50 PER ANNUM.

Berry/McKenzie
Carried.

(Minute Note: (a) This means that for the part year 1/5/75-31/12/75 this group of members will pay \$5.

(b) This membership will carry the right to one copy of each issue of "Beekeeper".)

It was then further moved:-

THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO CONFERENCE THAT THE 1976 SUBSCRIPTION FOR UNDER 50 HIVE MEMBERSHIP BE \$9 PER MEMBER.

Penrose/McKenzie
Carried

CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BRANCHES:

It was resolved:-

- (1) THAT THE CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BRANCHES FOR THE 1975 PERIOD 1/5/75-31/12/75 be \$2.50 PER BRANCH MEMBER.
- (2) THAT THE CAPITATION ALLOWANCE FOR 1976 BE \$2.50 PER BRANCH MEMBER: THIS CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN MARCH 1976 IF THIS IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE FOLLOWING AN EXAMINATION OF BRANCH ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1975.

GROUP MEDICARE PROPOSAL:

The relevant correspondence was tabled.

It was duly moved:-

THAT MEMBERS BE MADE AWARE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MEDICARE HEALTH PLAN AND THAT BRANCHES BE ADVISED OF DETAILS OF THE PLAN.

McKenzie/Stuckey
Carried

ASSOCIATION FINANCE:

- (1) HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY advising basis on which advance of \$5000 was made available - received and noted.
- (2) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET for financial year ended 30 April 1975.

The audited accounts were tabled and received.

- (3) 1975 BUDGET - The draft budget was considered and amendments agreed. It was agreed that the revised draft be presented to Conference.
- (4) ADMINISTRATION FEE - Pork Industry Council.

It was resolved:-

THAT A DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PORK INDUSTRY COUNCIL BE ARRANGED IN SEPTEMBER.

CONFERENCE AGENDA TO BRANCHES:

Resolved:-

THAT IN FUTURE EACH BRANCH BE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NUMBER OF COPIES NEEDED WHEN THEY ADVISE THEIR BRANCH REMITS.

COST OF PRODUCTION: The Executive Committee discussed the general question in detail and considered whether it would be practical to establish a schedule of cost movements in the principal cost items.

It was duly resolved:-

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAKE NO PARTICULAR ACTION AT THIS TIME.

N.Z. BEEKEEPER In attendance, Mr Stanton, Editor "Beekeeper".

Mr Stanton reported on current production and presented a statement of costing. In his report Mr Stanton recommended that advertising rates should be increased by 25 per cent.

The Executive Committee then discussed with Mr Stanton the recommendations it proposed to submit to Conference in respect of the future production of the journal, together with the principal reasons in support of these recommendations. The matter was left on this basis.

ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSES OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE OR RELATED ORGANISATIONS:

The Executive Committee considered whether or not it should meet expenses of persons who represent it on outside bodies who attend and submit reports to Conference.

It was duly moved:-

- (1) THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES OR ORGANISATIONS BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE A WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR IT TO BE CIRCULATED WITH THE CONFERENCE AGENDA.

Stuckey/Penrose
Carried

- (2) THAT THE ATTENDANCE OF ANY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES AT CONFERENCE OR OTHER ASSOCIATION NOMINATED MEETING BE RE-IMBURSED FOR THE EXPENSES INVOLVED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT.

McKenzie/Haines
Carried

MESSAGE EX MR CHRIS DAWSON - via Mr Kevin Ecroyd

Mr Dawson sent a message of good wishes to Conference from Papua-New Guinea beekeepers.

Resolved:-

THAT THE MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO CONFERENCE.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE - EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Resolved:-

THAT THE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE AT THE RATE OF 10 CENTS PER KILOMETRE WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 1ST 1975.

EXPORT OF BEES - Mr M. Haines

Mr Haines advised that there appeared to be undue problems in securing permits to export bees, due to disease certification.

Resolved:-

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY MAKE APPROPRIATE ENQUIRIES AND REPORT.

MEETING WITH HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

The General Executive met with the Authority at 3.30 p.m.

The following matters were discussed.

- (1) Hive Levy Administration: It was noted that the Hive Levy Form was in triplicate and one copy could be released to the Association as payment was made.

The Authority had sent out 300 Hive Levy Demands and to date 209 had been returned.

It was agreed that a list of the outstanding demands be supplied to the Association for checking and co-operation in achieving payment. It was further noted that July 15 was penalty date.

- (2) Re "Beekeeper" : The meeting noted that the Authority would no longer be involved in meeting any costs relating to the journal and that it would not be its official organ.

The question of the 1975 \$1000 Authority allocation was left to the respective officers to check.

- (3) Hive Levy Rate for 1976 : The Authority questioned the need for a joint meeting prior to the estimates being submitted to the Minister. The non trading administration expenses were being kept separate from trading operational costs.

It was mutually agreed that the offices of both bodies confer at the appropriate time and formulate an appropriate submission.

- (4) Base Price for Honey: It was mutually agreed that it would be useful to make the necessary recommendation prior to the holiday break.

The meeting also discussed producers' costs and the need for a cost of production survey. The problems involved in such an exercise were recognised: a senior Ministry official was of the view that such a survey would achieve very little. The practicability of setting a cost index covering the principal production cost items was also discussed.

It was agreed that the presentation of the Base Price submission continue on the same joint basis as that now operating.

The question of the Authority resuming the function and responsibility for setting the Base Price was discussed at some length and the Authority indicated that it would further examine its approach to the question.

- (5) Seals Levy - Winding up Arrangement: It was noted that the Account could well be in debit when refunding was complete.

- (6) Authority Annual Grant to Association - \$4000. The Authority raised the question as to whether the Association should refund 5/12th of the payment i.e. \$1667 on the basis that the Hive Levy operated from 1 April 1975. It was noted that the payment was on an annual basis and therefore could be applied as the Association considered appropriate.

The point was taken that the Audit Office may need to examine whether a refund was due to the Authority.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m. with appreciation being expressed of the value of such a discussion.

APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

Before adjourning the meeting until Friday the President thanked all members for their contribution during the year and especially thanked Messrs Penrose and Haines who were not seeking re-election.

The meeting then adjourned until 1.35 p.m. on Friday, 27 June 1975.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The President welcomed Messrs Robinson and Glissold to the meeting and expressed the hope that both would have an enjoyable term of office.

It was then moved:-

THAT A LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS BE SENT TO
MESSRS HAINES AND PENROSE ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR SERVICES
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr Chairman/Stuckey

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM CONFERENCE:

- (1) Re Budget Increase in Petrol Costs: The Executive considered further action that could be taken in support of the case already put forward to Government.

It was agreed that in a further submission the following points be emphasised.

- (a) The value of pollination to agriculture in general.
- (b) The effect of migratory beekeeping.
- (c) The incompatibility of using Rural Transport Operators.
- (d) The effect on honey prices.
- (e) The need for vehicles to be fitted with special mechanical aids.
- (f) The greater involvement of larger commercial honey units - which in turn means more widespread servicing.
- (g) The use of transport in beekeeping is similar to land ownership in other branches of farming.
- (h) The need to transport Hive Blowers.

It was duly resolved:-

- (1) THAT A FURTHER SUBMISSION BE MADE TO GOVERNMENT.
 - (2) THAT A REQUEST BE MADE FOR THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TO RECEIVE A SUPPORTING DEPUTATION.
 - (3) THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE SUBMISSIONS SENT TO GOVERNMENT.
- (2) Re Future Production of the Journal: The President gave a background report to the Committee in order to acquaint the newly elected members of the factors taken into account in the Executive's recommendation to the Conference.

After a full discussion and re-appraisal of all the relevant factors involved it was resolved:-

- (1) THAT THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO PRODUCE A JOURNAL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AND THAT FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ASSOCIATION RETAIN A SUITABLE AGENCY TO PRODUCE AND PUBLISH THE JOURNAL.
- (2) THAT A WELLINGTON BASED AGENCY VIZ. AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION ASSOCIATES BE RETAINED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR QUOTATION DATED 28 APRIL 1975.
- (3) THAT A NEW FORMAT BE ADOPTED BUT THE PRESENT "BEEKEEPER" COVER APPROACH BE RETAINED.

- (4) THAT THE SIZE OF THE JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PUBLISHER WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD PREFER THE PRESENT SIZE UNLESS THE PUBLISHER FEELS THERE WOULD BE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES IN CHANGING TO A LARGER SIZE.
- (5) THAT THE PRINTING OF "BEGINNERS' NOTES" ON COLOUR PAGES BE OPTIONAL.
- (6) THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT APPLY FROM AND INCLUDE THE NOVEMBER 1975 ISSUE.
- (7) THAT MR NORMAN STANTON BE ADVISED THAT HIS CONTRACT WITH THE ASSOCIATION WILL TERMINATE FROM THE COMPLETION AND POSTING OF THE AUGUST ISSUE.
- (8) THAT MR STANTON BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH TO HEAD OFFICE, ALL BLOCKS, PLATES AND SUNDRY EQUIPMENT, AND ALSO ANY COPIES OF MATERIAL PUBLICATIONS ASSEMBLED OR HELD BY HIM ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION.

APIMONDIA: Offer of Mr K. Ecroyd to represent Association in Glenoble at the August/September Congress:

Resolved:-

THAT THE OFFER OF MR KEVIN ECROYD TO REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION AT THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESS IN FRANCE BE ACCEPTED AND THAT AN APPROPRIATE LETTER OF ACCREDITATION BE SENT TO THE APIMONDIA SECRETARIAT WITH A COPY TO MR ECROYD.

Mr Chairman/McKenzie
Carried

RULES - ALTERATIONS - General Review:

Resolved:-

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY PRODUCE AN "EXPOSURE DRAFT" FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THAT IF NECESSARY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT DISCUSS THIS DRAFT WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING.

1975 CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BRANCHES:

It was resolved:-

THAT THE CAPITATION ALLOWANCE TO BRANCHES FOR THE EIGHT MONTH PERIOD 1 MAY 1975 - 31 DECEMBER 1975 BE AT THE RATE OF 50 CENTS PER UNDER 50 HIVE MEMBER AND 1 CENT PER HIVE FOR HIVE LEVY MEMBERS.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REMITS:

RE REMIT NO. 6: Re Honey Containers - metric weights and size of containers.

In presenting the remit to the appropriate Government agency it was agreed that the difference in displacement between honey and jam be emphasised.

RE REMIT NO. 7: Resolved:

THAT ACTION BE HELD OVER MEANTIME.

RE REMIT NO. 9: Re Gift Parcel Scheme.

Resolved:-

THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE H.M.A. FOR CONSIDERATION.

RE REMIT NO. 10 (c): Resolved:-

THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE H.M.A.

RE REMIT NO. 13: Referred to General Secretary and Publisher.

RE REMIT NO. 15: Resolved:-

THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE H.M.A. WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

RE REMIT NO. 17: Resolved:-

THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN.

RE REMIT NO. 19: Referred to September meeting.

RE REMIT NO. 20: Resolved:-

(1) THAT THE REMIT BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER OF FORESTS FOR HIS CONSIDERATION AND THAT THE LEATHERWOOD FOREST PROTECTION IN AUSTRALIA BE CITED IN SUPPORT.

(2) THAT MR H. CLOAKE BE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY BACKGROUND NOTES.

RE REMIT NO. 21: Referred for further consideration at September meeting.

RE REMIT NO. 22: Referred for further consideration in September - meantime Department of Health to be asked to comment.

RE REMIT NO. 23: Sugar Prices - referred to September meeting.

RE REMIT NO. 24: Resolved:-

THAT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS ACCORDINGLY.

RE REMIT NO. 25: Referred to September meeting.

RE REMIT NO. 26: Balance date for Association accounts - Conference endorsement noted.

RE REMITS NOS. 27 & 28: Noted.

RE REMIT NO. 30: Referred to General Secretary.

RE REMITS NOS. 31, 32 & 33: Referred to Ministry of Agriculture for comment.

RE REMIT NO. 35: Re 1976 Conference.

Resolved:-

THAT THE WAIKATO BRANCH BE ADVISED THAT MR ROBINSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO LIAISE WITH THE BRANCH ON THE 1976 CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved:

THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 17TH AND 18TH SEPTEMBER 1975 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON THE 17TH.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.00 p.m.

J. Robinson
17. 9. 75.

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WILLIAMS PARKING CENTRE WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 17TH AND 18TH SEPTEMBER 1975 COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 1975.

PRESENT: Messrs I.J. Dickinson (in Chair)
P. Berry
G. McKenzie
M. Stuckey
E.R. Robinson
A. Glissold

ALSO PRESENT: G.A. Beard (General Secretary)

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on June 23, 24 and 27 1975 which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of

Messrs McKenzie/Stuckey

MATTERS ARISING FROM
MINUTES:

- (1) CADET SCHEME: Moved

THAT UNTIL THERE IS EVIDENCE OF A MUCH GREATER DESIRE ON THE PART OF MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE CADET SCHEME THE MATTER BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.

Mr President/Robinson

Carried

- (2) EXPORT OF BEES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM: The General Secretary reported that the matter had been advised to the Director Horticulture who was making representations via New Zealand House, London. Mr Haines had also been in correspondence with the office. Noted.
- (3) H.M.A. GRANT AND SEALS LEVY ACCOUNT: Referred to General Secretary to discuss with Mr Wicht in Auckland.
- (4) APPLICATION FOR PETROL TAX EXEMPTION: It was noted that no further advice from Government was available.
- (5) METRIC HONEY CONTAINERS: (Remit 6) The President reported on a telephone discussion he had had with Labour Department Officers on the subject and it was resolved to invite Mr Church of the Department to attend the meeting the following day.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH:

- (a) Re Spraying: Resolved:

- (1) THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE BE REQUESTED TO SEND A REMINDER TO AERIAL SPRAYING FIRMS REMINDING THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE REGULATIONS.
- (2) THAT THE ASSOCIATION WRITE TO THE AERIAL SPRAYING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION AND HELP IN ENSURING THAT THEIR MEMBERS CONFORM TO THE REGULATIONS.

- (b) Re Supplies of Paraffin Wax: Resolved

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY WRITE TO THE SHELL OIL AND MOBIL OIL COMPANIES ENQUIRING ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY AND SUPPLY OF PARAFFIN WAX.

- (c) Re Shortage of Nails: Resolved

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIES ENQUIRING THE REASONS FOR APPARENT SHORT SUPPLY.

- (d) Re Removal of Vipers Bugloss from County Council Noxious Weed Schedules: Resolved

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY WRITE TO THE COUNTIES ASSOCIATION SEEKING THEIR SUPPORT.

MR RYDER-LEWIS - Association Auditor: Reporting on the 1974/75 Audit inspection. No adverse comment was made. Received.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

MR B.G. BARCLAY - Under-Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture - Re payments from the Hive Levy Account and procedure to be followed in fixing Hive Levy. Received and noted.

OUTWARDS LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO MESSRS HAINES & PENROSE; Noted and confirmed.

COPY OF DECLARATION OF RESULT OF H.M.A. ELECTION: Received.

MR R. DAVIDSON: Requesting copy of H.M.A. election roll.

The Executive considered the whole question of making available lists of the members of the Association made up at one date in the year.

It was duly moved

- (1) THAT A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY BEEKEEPER OR TRADER AT A COST TO BE DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE EXECUTIVE.
- (2) THAT A COPY OF THE LIST OF MEMBERS BE SUPPLIED TO EACH BRANCH ON A RESTRICTED RELEASE BASIS.
- (3) THAT THE CHARGE FOR THE LIST OF MEMBERS BE \$10.

Robinson/McKenzie
Carried

HON. MINISTER OF FORESTS: Acknowledging conference remit on Westland Forest utilisation. The Executive Committee noted that Mr H. Cloake had made available the Leatherwood Forest report. Received and further reply awaited.

OUTWARD LETTER TO MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY: Requesting that Propulus and Pollen be added to the schedule of products eligible for Export Incentive tax. Reply awaited.

OUTWARD TO MR CHRIS DAWSON: Conveying Conference good wishes. Confirmed.

N.Z. SUGAR COMPANY: Re availability of bagged sugar in Otago region. Received with copy to Editor.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Re pricing of H.M.A. Honey on local market.

The General Manager's reply was tabled, fully discussed and received.

Resolved

THAT A COPY OF THE REPLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND THE SOUTHLAND BRANCH.

It was further resolved

- (a) THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY ENQUIRE FURTHER ABOUT THE TRADING ARRANGEMENT WITH A SOUTH ISLAND WHOLESALE/RETAILER AND REPORT BACK.
- (b) THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CASE TO THE TRADE PRACTICES COMMISSION ON UNDULY LOW RETAIL PRICES FOR HONEY ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH PRACTISE IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY INTEREST.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS: Re 40 mile restriction on cartage of bulk honey (ex Conference). The Minister advised that the matter was presently under study by a Special Committee but an early decision was unlikely. Received.

OUTWARD TO LABOUR DEPARTMENT: Re Metric Weight Divisions for Honey Containers (ex Conference remit). Refer later minute on discussion with Mr Church.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Re Bulletin. The Ministry advised that the Bulletin Beekeeping in New Zealand would be available mid September.

A revision of the Bulletin converting weights to metrics is presently being undertaken. Received - copy to Editor.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Replying to remits 31, 32 and 33.

- (a) Remit 31 re infra red and microwave for melting beeswax.

The Ministry advised that the results of current research should be advised to the industry later this year.

- (b) Remit 32 re training of Advisory staff.

The Ministry advised that the Conference proposal was unpractical and that an Instructor was presently being sought.

- (c) Remit 33 re collaboration between Research and Advisory sectors of the Ministry.

The Ministry advised that the present basis of inter-sectional collaboration would continue.

Resolved

THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: Re disease that may be carried by wasps (ex Conference).

The Department advised that a further reply would be available shortly.

Received and noted.

OUTWARD TO HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Forwarding on remits Nos. 9, 10C, 15A and 17. Reply awaited.

MR HARRY CLOAKE: Forwarding on report on Leatherwood forest protection.

It was noted that the Association's submission to the Minister of Forests had been supported with a copy of the report. Received.

OUTWARD TO MR ARCHER: DUNEDIN: Re Medicare. Confirmed.

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT BRANCH: Re Editor. Resolved

THAT THE VIEWS OF THE BRANCH BE NOTED.

OUTWARD TO HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Advising a list of beekeepers who owned 50 or more hives who had not been included in the Hive Levy Demand schedule. Noted.

COMMERCIAL CASE COMPANY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Re Beekeeping Equipment. Reply confirmed.

MR J.R. BARBER: Forwarding an obituary for Mr Desmond Williams for publication in the "Beekeeper". Noted and referred to Editor.

SECRETARY APIMONDIA: The General Secretary reported that the Association was now a member of Apimondia. A Congress Agenda was received.

MR K. EVERETT: Lake Waitaki. Re Conference registration fees and Conference venue. Resolved

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY SEND A SUITABLE REPLY TO MR EVERETT AND THANK HIM FOR HIS INTEREST AND CONCERN.

MR M.F. CLARKE: Re Under 50 Hive Subscription. Received.

FEDERATED FARMERS: Acknowledging Mr Dickinson's appointment to the Agriculture Produce Section. Received.

MR N. STANTON: Letter to Chairman and General Secretary re handing over arrangements. Received and noted.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Forwarding

(a) Current Price List - received.

(b) Circular re standardised drums etc. Received.

MR B.G. BARCLAY - Under-Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture:

Mr Barclay wrote on 22 August suggesting that one member of the Advisory Committee be a member of Executive and two beekeepers be appointed from an area adjacent to or likely to be affected by a restriction order.

The President and Vice President with the General Secretary met Mr Barclay and discussed the membership question with him. On returning to the meeting it was duly resolved

- (1) THAT MR E.R. ROBINSON BE THE NOMINEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- (2) THAT MESSRS B. FORSYTH AND P. BERRY BE THE TWO MEMBERS RECOMMENDED TO MR BARCLAY FOR APPOINTMENT
- (3) THAT THE TERM OF THE TWO APPOINTEE MEMBERS BE FOR TWO YEARS.

RESTRICTED AREA POLICY: The question of the basis on which a decision to declare an area to be a Restricted Area for beekeeping was fully discussed by the Executive Committee before the President, Vice President and General Secretary met with Mr Barclay and officers of the Ministry and Health Department.

It was accepted as policy that restrictions should apply to Comb Honey.

The discussion with Mr Barclay revealed that in respect of extracted honey it could well be difficult to detect toxin and/or determine the level of toxicity in a sample of extracted honey. However it was clear that the Apiaries Act did give the Minister of Agriculture an unqualified right to declare any area a restricted area if he thought it was likely to be a source of toxic honey.

On returning to the meeting the question of future Association action was fully discussed and considered. It was recognised that a much deeper appraisal of extracted honey produced in the areas in question was desirable and it was duly resolved to recommend to the Ministry

THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BE REQUESTED TO SET UP COLONIES OF BEES ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS IN THE RESTRICTED AREA, AND EXTRACT THE RESULTING HONEY IN ONE HONEY SHED, SO THAT THE MONITORING OF THE EXTRACTED HONEY PRODUCED IN THE AREA CAN BE ARRANGED ON A BASIS LIKELY TO GIVE A MORE RELIABLE INDICATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY TOXICITY.

BASIS OF VOTING FOR HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Robinson advised that the Waikato Branch had expressed concern at the non-supplier voting entitlement as it applied to Authority elections now that the voting qualification was based on Hive Levy payments.

After consideration of the points advanced by Mr Robinson it was resolved

THAT THE WAIKATO BRANCH BE ADVISED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DOES NOT SHARE ITS VIEWS ON THE QUESTION.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH PORK INDUSTRY COUNCIL: In attendance - Mr R.A. Oliver, Deputy Chairman Pork Industry Council.

The basis of the arrangement was discussed informally with Mr Oliver. The President indicated to Mr Oliver that the Association was very satisfied with the arrangement and recognised that the Council would be entitled to recovery increases in keeping with salary and other cost movements.

Mr Oliver expressed pleasure that the arrangement was working out satisfactorily and thanked the Executive for seeking a discussion on the matter.

1976 ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:

Mr Robinson as the Liaison member reported that the Wairakei Hotel Conference Room had been booked for the 28/29/30 of July 1976.

The Executive noted the Conference Hall and Accommodation costs and decided to ascertain whether more economical facilities were available in Taupo. It was duly resolved

- (1) THAT THE CONFERENCE DATES BE JULY 28/29/30 1976.
- (2) THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY MAKE ENQUIRIES IN TAUPO OVER THE WEEKEND AND ADVISE MR ROBINSON ACCORDINGLY.
- (3) THAT IF AN ALTERNATIVE DATE BE NECESSARY IT BE THE SAME DAYS IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

BRANCH CAPITATION ALLOWANCE 1975:

The President reported that the decision taken in Timaru in some haste appeared too generous and it was desirable that it be reviewed.

The Executive noted that the capitation allowance to Branches would be set annually and because of the altered basis of membership it was not easy to decide upon an equitable figure for 1975. An analysis indicated that a basis of 50 cents a member plus 1 cent a Hive was too high and should be altered. It was duly moved

THAT THE CAPITATION ALLOWANCE FOR 1975 BE 50 CENTS FOR UNDER 50 HIVE MEMBERS AND $\frac{1}{2}$ CENT PER HIVE FOR HIVE LEVY MEMBERS.

Glissold/Robinson
Carried

BUDGET FOR PERIOD 1/5/75 - 31/12/75:

A revised Budget for the eight months of 1975 was tabled. The Budget envisaged a transfer from the Hive Levy Account of \$12,550. This allowed for a carry forward total of \$3000 which was essential to cover the Association's expenditure in the early period of 1976.

The question of the Hive Levy for 1976 was then examined and it was agreed that the Association's call on the account in 1976 should be proportionate to the 8 month Budget for 1975. This would require a transfer of close to \$19,000. It was duly moved

- (1) THAT THE 1975 BUDGET BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED.
- (2) THAT THE 1976 HIVE LEVY ACCOUNT TRANSFER BE ASSESSED ON A BASIS PROPORTIONATE TO THE 1975 8 MONTH BUDGETED SUM.

Mr President/Glissold
Carried.

(Minute Note: It was left to the General Secretary to discuss the matter with the General Manager of the Authority on 24 September.)

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY 1975: A schedule of payments made in July 1975 (there were no payments in August) was tabled.

It was moved

THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE IN JULY AND REPRESENTED BY CHEQUE NUMBERS 897 TO 915 INCLUSIVE BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED.

Robinson/Berry
Carried

DRAFT OF PROPOSED RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

A discussion draft prepared by the General Secretary had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The President suggested that the draft be considered clause by clause and amendments noted. This course was adopted.

The principal sections of the draft proposed

- (1) That there be two classes of membership "Ordinary" (Under 50 hives and non beekeepers) and "Commercial" (Hive Levy Payers).
- (2) That the Executive Committee be elected by Postal Ballot.

- (3) That the term of office be two years with 3 members retiring annually (two in one Island and one in the other).
- (4) That the Chairman of the Executive be the President and the Vice Chairman the Vice President.

It was also noted that one objective was to simplify the Rules and to make them less involved.

It was duly resolved

- (1) THAT A LAY DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED RULES BE PREPARED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO BRANCHES IN REASONABLE NUMBERS.
- (2) THAT BRANCHES BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT AND ADVISE THEIR COMMENTS BY THE 20th OF NOVEMBER 1975.
- (3) THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO BRANCHES THAT THEY INVITE THEIR NEAREST EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO ATTEND THE BRANCH MEETING AT WHICH THE RULES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED.

FUTURE PRODUCTION OF BEEKEEPER: In attendance Mr Trevor Walton editor designate.

The President welcomed Mr Walton to the meeting and said he hoped the Association with him and A.P.A. would be a mutually happy one.

Mr Walton then tabled a full report on his proposals for the future production of "Beekeeper".

The format and size of the journal was discussed in detail and with the help of dummy alternatives. Type style, front cover, advertising rates, frequency and dates of issue were also examined and discussed.

It was duly resolved

- (1) THAT THE SIZE AND FORMAT OF "BEEKEEPER" BE A4.
- (2) THAT THE COLOUR OF EACH ISSUE BE A TONE OF A BASE COLOUR WITH THE ISSUE MONTH IN BOLD TYPE.
- (3) THAT THE PUBLICATION DATES BE THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER, MARCH AND JUNE.
- (4) THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR COPY BE ONE MONTH AHEAD OF PUBLICATION.
- (5) THAT THE ADVERTISING RATES BE \$80 PER PAGE WITH A LOADING OF \$20 FOR BACK OR INSIDE FRONT COVER WITH A HALF PAGE RATE OF \$50: AND THAT FOR BEEKEEPERS THE RATE BE \$50 A PAGE, \$30 A HALF PAGE AND \$15 A QUARTER PAGE AND \$2 A COLUMN INCH.

It was further resolved

THAT THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY MR WALTON BE RECEIVED AND THAT HE BE THANKED FOR THE DETAIL SUPPLIED.

HONEY CONTAINERS - METRIC SIZES:

In Attendance Mr Church, Weights and Measures Division, Department of Labour.

The President welcomed Mr Church to the meeting and thanked him for making his time available. The purpose of the discussion was to consider the Conference remit on the metric sizes of honey containers.

Mr Church detailed the background to the decision to adopt the 900 gram pack and said while it had been accepted at the time because of carton production reasons it was not a desirable situation. There was a suggestion that the carton manufacturing difficulties may not now be as great a problem. The desirability of working in multiples of 1kg above 500 grams were many.

A significant point to arise out of the discussion was that Imperial weights could still be used.

The Executive discussed a number of related matters with Mr Church before he retired from the meeting.

It was then resolved

THAT A LETTER BE ADDRESSED TO MESSRS FRANK WINSTONE LIMITED ENQUIRING WHETHER THERE WERE NOW ANY REASONS WHY A 1KG HONEY CARTON COULD NOT BE MARKETED.

CONSIDERATION OF REMIT NO. 19 - EXPORT OF HONEY BY PRIVATE PACKERS:Correspondence Tabled:

- (a) Letter from Association to H.M.A. 14/8/75 seeking confirmation that Packers had offered honey overseas at rates below Authority quotations.
- (b) H.M.A. letter to Director-General.
- (c) Copy of Packers Association letter to Minister re Remit 19. (Via President)

The matter was the subject of very full consideration and it was duly resolved

- (1) THAT THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY BE INVITED TO PREPARE A PAPER OUTLINING AUTHORITY ATTITUDE AND POLICY ON THE QUESTION OF PRIVATE PACKERS BEING LICENSED TO EXPORT HONEY: IT BE NOTED THAT IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE AUTHORITY'S FUNCTION TO GRANT SUCH LICENSES.
- (2) THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE AUTHORITY BE INVITED TO MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN WELLINGTON ON DECEMBER 3/4.
- (3) THAT IT BE RECORDED THAT THE LETTER WRITTEN BY THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE QUOTING A CONFERENCE RESOLUTION WAS IN THE VIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE AN EXTREMELY PREMATURE MOVE AND ONE NOT LIKELY TO ASSIST IN THE PROPER EVALUATION OF THE MATTER.

REMIT 23 - RE SUGAR PRICES: It was resolved to hold over the following resolution to the December meeting.

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEES NO BASIS ON WHICH IT COULD DEVELOP A SUCCESSFUL CASE IN SUPPORT OF A SUBSIDY ON SUGAR USE IN THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

REMIT 25 RE MARGINS: Resolved

THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN.

REMIT 7 RE RESTRICTED AREAS: Resolved

THAT BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION THE RESULTS OF OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENT BE AWAITED.

M.R.P. SCHEME:

Mr Stuckey raised the question and indicated that he felt the Executive should lend its support in opposing the proposed Government measures.

The Executive noted that the Minister had only that day indicated that the plan would proceed with effect from 1 October.

It was resolved

THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE GROCERS FEDERATION COMMENDING THEM ON THEIR STAND IN THE MATTER AND OFFERING SUPPORT IN ANY NEW PROPOSALS TO OPPOSE THE M.R.P. PROPOSAL.

TAX INCENTIVE: Expansion of Honey Production via new purchased hives.

Mr McKenzie instanced examples where made up new hives on the Apiary received some tax deduction assistance whereas new hives bought from a Manufacturer of Hives carried no tax allowance entitlement.

Resolved

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY MAKE ENQUIRIES AND REPORT BACK.

GROUP BUYING OF APIARY REQUISITES:

The subject was briefly discussed and it was decided to take no further action in the matter. The use of existing co-operative agencies was commended.

EQUILISATION ACCOUNT: The Executive discussed the question but reached no firm decision. The purpose in establishing an equalisation fund was not clear although it was recognised that there could be a need for the industry to regularly contribute to such a fund.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON DECEMBER 3 and 4 1975 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 3RD.

The meeting was declared closed at 5 p.m.

.....Chairman

3.12.75
.....Date

MINUTES OF THE 1975 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (INC) HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM "SEVEN OAKS" TIMARU ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 25th, 26th and 27th JUNE 1975, COMMENCING AT 9.35 A. M. ON WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE.

PRESENT:

The President Mr I. J. Dickinson (in Chair), the members of the General Executive, and forty-eight members of the Association, including delegates from fourteen branches.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr Russell Poole, Chairman and Mr Curtis Wicht, General Manager, of the Honey Marketing Authority, Mr J Watt, E Smaellie, D Hayman and P Clinch from the Ministry of Agriculture, G. A. Beard, General Secretary, Mr Norman Stanton Editor "Beekeeper" and many other visitors.

OPENING PRAYER:

The President read the Opening Prayer to the Conference.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES, MEMBERS AND OTHER VISITORS TO THE CONFERENCE:

The President in welcoming all present to the Conference said it was his third conference and he had thoroughly enjoyed his term as the Associations President. He wished all a most enjoyable and useful conference.

WELCOME TO TIMARU:

His Worship the Mayor of Timaru, Mr C. R. Hervey thanked the Association for the opportunity to welcome members to Timaru and said he was pleased to be able to extend to the Conference the facilities Timaru had to offer. Mr Hervey expressed the hope that the Conference would be a success and that the industry would gain much from the deliberations of the next three days.

The Lady Mayoress was then invited to accept from the Association a tree for planting in a Timaru park.

Mr Gavin McMenzie proposed the vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress which was carried by acclamation.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE BY MR B. G. BARCLAY – Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Hon Minister of Agriculture.

The President welcomed Mr Barclay to the Conference and thanked him for his co-operation during the past year.

Mr Barclay then addressed the Conference – full report in the August 1975 issue of Beekeeper.

Mr Barclay answered questions from the floor of Conference on the progress of the Cost of Production survey, the increased petrol tax, Restricted area administration.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE:

The President then presented his 1975 address to Conference. Copies were then distributed to Conference. (Note:- the address will be published in Beekeeper).

A number of questions arising from the Presidents report were raised and discussed.

A motion to receive the Presidents report was put and carried by acclamation.

ADDRESS BY MR RUSSELL POOLE – Chairman of Honey Marketing Authority.

In his address Mr Poole reviewed the Authorities trading year and this was followed by a question and answer session relating to the Basic Price procedure, the revised Honey Marketing Regulations and the Hive Levy provisions, overseas sales policies. The report was received with acclamation.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE:

Apologies were sustained in favour of Messrs Dawson, Heinman and Whalley.

OBITUARIES:

The passing of the following members was recorded - Messrs T. Holland, E. D. Williams and J. Fergusson.

TIMEKEEPER:

Resolved:- "THAT MR P. LYTLE BE THE CONFERENCE TIMEKEEPER".

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:

Resolved:- "THAT MESSRS C. WICHT AND P. CLINCH BE THE CONFERENCE SCRUTINEERS".

SPEAKING TIMES:

Resolved:- "THAT THE MOVER OF A RESOLUTION BE ALLOCATED 5 MINUTES AND ALL OTHER SPEAKERS 3 MINUTES. "

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE ON AGRICULTURE CHEMICALS BOARD - MR J. W. FRASER:

Mr Fraser presented his report and answered questions relating thereto. A vote of thanks to Mr Fraser for his report which was carried by acclamation.

LIBRARY REPORT: - MR C. DAWSON.

Mr Mervyn Cloake presented the Library Committee report in Mr Dawsons absence. The Conference received the report and recorded its thanks and appreciation to the Chairman and members of the Library Committee.

MINUTES 1974 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE:

The minutes of the 1974 Annual Meeting and Conference were tabled and received on the motion of Messrs Lorimer/Robinson.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1 MAY 1974 - 30 APRIL 1975:

Copies of the report were distributed and received.

THE 1974-75 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1975:

The General Secretary presented the Accounts and answered questions relating thereto.

The Accounts as presented were adopted on the motion of the President/Mr G. McKenzie.

BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD 1 MAY 1975 - 31 DECEMBER 1975:

The Budget was presented and received.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 1975:

It was duly moved:-

"THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR NON HIVE LEVY PAYING MEMBERS BE AT THE RATE OF \$7.50 PER ANNUM."

Mr President/Penrose.

Carried.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR 1976:

It was moved:-

"THAT THE 1976 SUBSCRIPTION FOR NON HIVE LEVY MEMBERS BE EQUIVALENT TO THE SUM PAID BY A 50 HIVE LEVY MEMBER IN HIVE LEVY".

Ecroyd/Robinson.

Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF BEE CLUBS, HOBBIST CLUBS AS MEMBERS:

A motion to accept these kinds of Clubs as members was lost.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

The President indicated that the Executive wished to favourably recommend Mr Ivor W. Forster for Association Life Membership.

Mr Winslade duly moved and Mr Bartram seconded a motion in support and both spoke of the long and outstanding service Mr Forster had rendered the Association, its members and the industry over a very long period. Many other members spoke in support and the motion was carried with prolonged acclamation.

Mr Forster suitably replied and thanked the Association for the honour it had bestowed upon him. He valued the honour very greatly and thanked Conference and the Association for conferring its highest award to him.

SMOKING IN CONFERENCE:

It was resolved:-

"THAT THERE BE NO SMOKING DURING BUSINESS SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE".

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS SUBMITTED BY BRANCHES:

Remit No 1 - Waikato
Remit No 2 - Hawkes Bay
Remit No 3 - Nelson
Remit No 4 - Southland

All the above remits were withdrawn following explanation and discussion.

Remit No 5 - Nelson.

The remit read :-

This Conference recommends that the M. A. F. design and publish a pamphlet on how to locate wasp nests by tracking wasps, and suggests that local beekeepers or others interested be informed, so that the nests may be destroyed. This pamphlet be circulated to schools throughout N. Z.

Moved:- Higgins/Cropp and carried unanimously.

Remit No 6 - Hawkes Bay

The remit read :-

That this Association requests the Government to amend the weights and measures metric packages notice 1974 to provide that the permissible net weights of honey (except in the comb) be 250g, 500g, 900g, or multiples of 500g.

Moved:- Ashcroft/Gordon and carried.

Remit No 7 - Auckland.

The remit read :-

That this Conference along with farmers in the Coromandel area are extremely concerned that pollination of pastures is being seriously affected and that considerable honey is being lost to the economy. And that this Conference requests Federated Farmers support in ensuring a speedy and satisfactory conclusion to these problems.

Moved:- Messrs Stuckey/Blair and following discussion carried.

Remit No 8 - Waikato.

The remit as amended read:-

That all beekeeper members of the Restricted Zone Committee be beekeepers in the North Island.

Moved:- Messrs Robinson/Broadley and carried on a poll by 2019 votes to 1585 votes.

Remit No 9 - Auckland

The remit as amended read :-

That this Conference request H. M. A. to re-introduce the Gift Parcel Scheme if economically viable.

Moved:- Messrs Gavin/Haines.

Mr Poole reported that the Authority had decided to re-introduce a Gift Scheme. The remit was put and carried.

Remit No 10 a- Waikato.

The remit read :-

That the H. M. A. start advertising immediately in colour on T. V. in a good time slot. With a large crop in N. Z. and very little overseas markets more advertising should be done.

Moved:- Messrs Robinson/Broadley.

The remit was fully debated by the Conference while Mr Wicht outlined the Authority's policy in the matter.

On being put the Remit was declared lost.

Remit No 10b - Auckland.

The remit read :-

That this Conference recommends the H. M. A. advertise all its packs on the local market so as to extend the sale of honey in New Zealand.

Moved:- Messrs Stuckey/Penrose.

On being put the remit was declared lost by 1911 votes to 1592 votes.

Remit No 10c - South Western.

The remit read :-

That Conference strongly urges the H. M. A. to ask for greater promotion at Government level of honey sales for export.

Moved:- Messrs Bromell/Roberts.

The remit was duly carried.

Remit No 10d - North Otago.

Withdrawn.

Remit No 11 - Southland.

The remit read :-

That the H. M. A. discontinue the use of used containers for export.

Moved:- Messrs Glissold/Booth.

On being put the remit was declared lost.

Remit No 12 - Waikato.

The remit read :-

That this Conference urge H. M. A. to become a fully active member of the N. Z. Packers Association and endeavour to work in harmony with producers and packers alike.

Moved:- Messrs Mr President/Jenkins

On being put the remit was declared lost by 1796 votes to 1322 votes.

Remit No 13 - Hawkes Bay.

The remit as amended read :-

That the N. B. A. be requested to publish in each November journal the current prices for honey and any subsequent changes in following journals.

Moved:- Messrs Ashcroft/Gordon and carried.

Remit No 14 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That voting for the H. M. A. member be on the following basis:

- a) 1 vote per 50 hives - maximum 50 votes.
- b) 1 vote for each tonne of honey supplied to H. M. A. - maximum 50 votes.
- c) Maximum of 100 votes for any one producer.

Moved:- Messrs Cloake/Bartram.

The remit was the subject of a very full debate by Conference. On being put a Poll was called and the remit was duly declared lost by 1961 votes to 1582 votes.

Remit No 15a - Southland.

The remit read :-

That the H. M. A. revert to the former method of payment on delivery and grading.

Moved:- Messrs Glissold/Booth and carried on a poll by 1623 votes to 1406 votes.

Remit No 15b - Auckland.

The remit read :-

A supplier vote. That for every ton of honey supplied to the Authority there should be an extra two votes with a maximum of fifty.

Moved:- Messrs Stuckey/Blair.

The remit was debated in some depth and on being put to a poll was declared lost by 2225 votes to 1160 votes.

Remit No 16 - Waikato.

Withdrawn.

Remit No 17 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That this Conference discuss the future supply and storage of honey drums intended for the suppliers to the H. M. A. and any recommendations brought down be noted by the H. M. A. members for reference when considering future container policy.

Moved:- Messrs Cloake/McKenzie

The remit was deferred to lie upon the table to the following day.

When the Conference resumed its consideration of the remit it was debated in detail with an explanation being given by Mr Poole.

The remit on being put was declared carried.

Remit No 18 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That honey which has a colour reading of 15mm or less but delicate for flavour qualifies for 100 points for payout purposes.

Moved:- Messrs Cloake/Cloake and on being put was declared lost by 1872 votes to 1639 votes.

Remit No 19 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That in view of the efforts being made in N. Z. and the difficulties being experienced overseas by the H. M. A. with regard to selling honey, the time is now ripe for the N. B. A. to make a recommendation to the Minister concerned, to licence Packers to export honey in retail containers subject to quality and source control and subject to minimum price provided that, if it is deemed necessary by the Authority, it is possible for the H. M. A. or its servant or agent to physically inspect any packages or documents concerned at the exporters expense.

Moved:- Messrs Bromell/Roberts.

The ensuing debate indicated a good deal of support for the principle of the proposal and after being put to a poll vote, was declared carried by 2682 votes to 936 votes.

Remit No 20 - West Coast.

The remit read :-

That the Forest Service, in formulating a policy for indigenous cutover, take into consideration the apiarists that are dependent on the retention of natural forest cover for their industry.

Moved:- Messrs Buchanan/Higgins and carried.

Remit No 21 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That the definition of a "hive of bees" for the purpose of the Hive Levy be more precisely defined.

Moved:- Messrs M. Cloake/M. McKenzie and carried on a poll vote by 2112 votes to 1435 votes.

Remit No 22 - Otago.

The remit read :-

That Executive be asked to approach the Department of Health to enquire if any research has been done on the disease and bacterial load carried by wasps. If no investigation or research has been done, then representations be made to implement this research immediately as we consider wasps to be not only a danger to the honey industry but also a health hazard as well.

Moved:- Messrs Jenkins/Foote and carried.

Remit No 23 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That the Executive take the necessary action to endeavour to have sugar available to beekeepers at a cost less any tax it may bear or at a subsidised price.

Moved:- Messrs M. Cloake/Robinson and carried.

Remit No 24 - North Otago.

The remit as amended read:-

That the N. B. A. ask for the railways restriction of 40 miles on 44 gal. drums of liquid honey to be lifted permanently.

Moved:- Messrs Lawrie/Winslade and carried.

Remit No 25 - South Canterbury.

The remit read :-

That the N. B. A. investigate the retail and wholesale price margins on honey with a view to reducing them thereby increasing the price paid to the producer.

Moved:- Messrs M. Cloake/G. McKenzie and carried on a poll by 2040 votes to 1507 votes.

Remit No 26 - Executive Committee.

The remit read :-

That the balance date of the Association be 31 December.

Moved:- Messrs Mr President/Robinson and carried.

Remit No 27 (a) - Executive Committee.

The remit read :-

That as the basis of membership qualification has now been changed this Annual Meeting authorise the Executive Committee to draft a new set of Rules governing the membership functions and operations of the Association.

Moved:- Messrs Mr President/Penrose and carried.

Remit No 27 (b) - Executive Committee.

The remit as amended read :-

That prior to the new Rules being registered the Executive Committee circulate the same to all Branches for their information and comment and that when the final draft has been settled a special General meeting be convened on a delegate basis.

Moved:- Messrs Mr President/Robinson and carried.

Remit No 28 - Executive Committee.

The remit as amended read :-

That a Capitation Allowance be paid to each constituent Branch on a basis to be determined by the Executive Committee - for 1975 the capitation payment be assessed at \$2. 50 for each member of the Branch as at 30/4/75 and in the 1976 year it shall be \$2. 50 based on membership at 31/12/75 and subject to adjustment by the Executive Committee.

Moved:- Messrs Mr President/G. McKenzie and carried.

Remit No 29 - Waikato.

The remit read :-

The N. Z. Beekeepers Association requests the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries to establish experimental apiaries to scientifically test and prove the honey gathering ability of the various strains of bees as bred by the commercial Queen raisers in N. Z. When the various strains have been tested and have proved their ability as producers, Queens raised from them be sold to Queen raisers as breeder Queens to the benefit of beekeepers throughout N. Z.

Moved:- Messrs Robinson/Tuck and lost.

Remit No 30 - South Western.

The remit read :-

That Conference expresses strong disapproval to Government for the delay in the publication of the booklet "Beekeeping in New Zealand" and urges that steps be taken immediately to have this printed and made available for purchase.

Moved:- Messrs Bromell/Broadley and carried.

Remit No 31 - South Canterbury.

The remit as amended read :-

That research officers of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be requested to carry out experiments to ascertain the practicability of using infra-red and microwave for the melting of beeswax and honey and the results be published in the N. Z. "Beekeeper" as soon as possible.

Moved:- Messrs M. Cloake/Bartram and carried.

Remit No 32- Southland.

The remit read :-

That the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries employ an extra man to be trained as an Apiary Instructor, so that a trained man is available to fill a position which becomes vacant.

Moved:- Messrs Glissold/G. McKenzie and carried.

Remit No 33 - Waikato.

The remit read :-

That Conference expresses its concern that the outstanding contribution made by Mr Ivan Forster to the honey producing industry may be placed in jeopardy as a result of his retirement. We therefore ask the Assistant Director of Horticulture to make a statement on the Ministry's plans to carry on the good work achieved by Mr Forster.

Moved:- Messrs Lorimer/Broadley and carried.

Remit No 34 - Northland.

The remit read :-

That this Conference consider changing the date of Conference to some time in May.

Moved:- Messrs Gavin/Haines and lost.

Remit No 35 - Waikato.

The remit read :-

That Waikato be host and Taupo be the venue for the 1976 Conference.

Moved:- Messrs Lorimer/Robinson and carried.

Remit No 36 - Otago

Withdrawn.

Additional Remit

The remit read :-

That this Conference request the Executive Committee to approach the Hon Minister of Finance and ask that Beekeepers be granted a rebate on petrol used in their trucks for Apiary work in line with rural transport operators.

Moved:- Messrs Robinson/Tuck.

The remit brought forward general support and a request for urgent action to be taken.

The remit was duly carried.

RESEARCH PAPERS TO CONFERENCE:

Mr Pat Clinch presented a paper reviewing the research work carried on during the year by the Apiculture Section, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre.

At the conclusion of his address Mr Clinch answered many questions from the Conference membership.

A vote of thanks to Mr Clinch moved by the President was carried by acclamation.

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE FROM - Apiary Section, Ministry of Agriculture:
Mr Eric Smaellie.

Mr Smaellie presented and elaborated upon the sections report and answered questions on several topics raised in the report.

A vote of thanks to Mr Smaellie was carried by acclamation.

FUTURE EDITORSHIP AND PUBLISHING ARRANGEMENTS FOR N. Z. BEEKEEPER:

The President on behalf of the Executive Committee presented a statement to Conference. (Note: This statement was notified to Conference on the first day and placed on the Notice Board).

The President on behalf of the Executive gave a background report on the matters leading up to its recommendation to Conference.

The President then indicated that he proposed to allow a general discussion on the question without a motion being before the meeting so as to afford members full freedom in presenting their views.

This course was followed and members speaking in support of change as well as in support of the status quo were advanced. The Editor, Mr Norman Stanton, was also afforded opportunity to report fully on the circumstances surrounding production difficulties experienced over the past year.

At the end of the debate it was duly moved by Messrs Jensen/Robinson:-

THAT THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FURTHER CONSIDER THE PUBLICATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR "N. Z. BEEKEEPER" AND MAKE A DECISION HAVING REGARD TO THE CONFERENCE VIEWS AND OTHER PRODUCTION FACTORS.

The motion on being put was duly carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Election of President:

Before vacating the Chair Mr Dickinson thanked the Executive for its wholehearted support, the membership and the General Secretary and his staff for their contribution to the working of the Association.

The General Secretary assumed the Chair and invited nominations.

Moved:- Messrs Winslade/Robinson: that Mr I. J. Dickinson be President for the ensuing year and there being no further nomination Mr Dickinson was duly declared re-elected unopposed. On resuming the Chair Conference responded with supporting acclamation.

Mr Dickinson thanked Conference for its renewed vote of confidence and said he would do his best to further the interests of members and the industry.

Election of Vice-President:

Moved:- Messrs Roberts/Morris: that Mr P Berry be Vice-President for the ensuing year and there being no further nominations Mr Berry was duly declared re-elected unopposed.

Election of Four Members to Executive Committee:

North Island:

Mr M. Haines indicated that he was not seeking re-nomination.

The following were nominated :-

Mr M. Stuckey - Penrose/Jensen.
Mr R. Robinson - Haines/Broadley

and there being no further nominations Messrs Stuckey and Robinson were duly declared elected.

South Island:

Mr D. Penrose indicated that he would not seek re-nomination.

The following were duly nominated :-

Mr H. Glissold - Bartram/G. McKenzie
Mr G. McKenzie - Winslade/Glass

and there being no further nominations Messrs Glissold and McKenzie were duly declared elected.

All members elected extended thanks to Conference.

Appointment of Auditor:

It was moved:-

THAT MR RYDER-LEWIS BEING AVAILABLE FOR RE-APPOINTMENT BE AUDITOR TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1975.

Robinson/Roberts
Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1) Definition of Hives:-

Conference agreed that Branches and members should submit suggestions to the Executive Committee with a view to trying to find a more acceptable definition.

2) Re - Handling of Conference Business and especially Remits on Delegate Vote Basis:

Mr Ecroyd said he was concerned that Conference debate often had little effect on Branch directives given to delegates; the whole question should be examined to see if some more democratic system could be devised. Mr Berry said the system was basically sound although it seemed that a number of quite routine or non-principle issues were being decided on a delegate vote basis.

There was support for a classification of remits for delegate voting. No recommendation was forthcoming.

3) Conference Registration Fee:

Mr Ashcroft sought clarification as to whether a Conference registration fee was to become a permanent fixture for conference arrangements.

Mr Lytle reported on the action line followed by South Canterbury and the advantages to all parties accruing from a registration fee: it was a system that could be recommended to host branches.

Vote of Thanks to Host Branch:

Mr Percy Berry on behalf of the Conference expressed the pleasure of all to the South Canterbury Branch for the excellence of the arrangements made for the Conference. Mr Berry then moved that a vote of thanks be recorded to the President and Executive of the South Canterbury Branch and this was carried by acclamation.

Vote of Thanks to Chair:

Mr Penrose moved that Conference record its appreciation to Mr Dickinson for his able and fair handling of the Conference Agenda. Carried by acclamation.

The Conference was duly declared closed at 12.20 p.m.

Percy Berry
28-7-76

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, WILLIAMS PARKING CENTRE WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 3RD AND 4TH DECEMBER 1975 COMMENCING AT 9.45 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 3RD DECEMBER 1975.

PRESENT: Messrs I.J. Dickinson (in Chair)
P. Berry
G. McKenzie
M. Stuckey
A. Clissold
R. Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: The General Secretary Mr G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MEETING:

Before taking the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed members and it being the final meeting for 1975 thanked all for their support and hoped that 1976 would be a most successful one for all.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 17th and 18th 1975 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Stuckey/Berry.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) Re PRICE CUTTING: A general discussion ensued on this topic and Mr Berry reported that the matter was being further studied by the H.M.A.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OUTWARD CIRCULAR TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND REPLIES RE 1976 HIVE LEVY RATE:

The Executive noted that in the letter to the Minister it had been indicated that the objective should be to ensure the Hive Levy Account remained in balance: if necessary a 1 cent increase would be supported. The Executive noted that it was unlikely that the Hive Levy Account would go into debit balance in 1976 although the position could well be marginal.

Resolved

THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT IN THE MATTER BE CONFIRMED.

MR J.R. BARBER, PIO PIO: Drawing to the Executive's notice the difficulties that could be encountered in tracing stolen hives. Mr Barber suggested that a national system of Hive Identification could be desirable.

The Executive considered that the question of hive thefts was still at a low level and therefore it would be difficult to justify a national hive identification system.

It was considered prudent for beekeepers to place an ownership identification mark on their hives so as to make recognition easier.

Resolved

- (1) THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO MR BARBER THAT HE CONSIDER A SYSTEM OF HIVE IDENTIFICATION and
- (2) THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE EDITOR FOR APPROPRIATE ATTENTION.

MR T. HERMAN, WAIPU: Advancing a proposal that the question of the Association establishing local Co-operative Honey Extracting Companies be considered.

Received and noted.

OUTWARD TO H.M.A. RE EXPORTS BY PRIVATE PACKERS: It was noted that the H.M.A. had deferred consideration of the question until early 1976.

Executive members expressed concern at the deferment of the consideration until the early months of 1976 and it was duly resolved

THAT THE GENERAL MATTER BE RAISED IN ANY JOINT DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH H.M.A.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM RE CAPITATION PAYMENTS TO BRANCHES: It was noted that the principal instalment had been paid and that the second and final payment would be made before the end of December. Noted.

UNDER SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising the membership of the Apiary Advisory Committee. It was noted that one of the Executive's nominees Mr R. Robinson had been accepted for appointment.

Resolved

THAT THE EXECUTIVE REPLY CONCURRING IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY: Supplying details of the February Short Course "Introduction to Beekeeping". Received.

SHELL OIL COY:

MOBIL OIL COY: Replying to Association's enquiry that supplies of paraffin wax were difficult in some areas.

Both Companies were at a loss to understand why any supply problem should exist and had had no indication of such supply problems.

Received and noted.

LAMNEI PLASTICS LTD, LOWER HUTT: Expressing interest in producing 2kg containers suitable for honey. The company also wished to place an advertisement in "Beekeeper". Received and noted.

DIRECTOR ADVISORY SERVICES DIVISION M.A.F.: Advising the outcome of official enquiries made in London about procedures relating to the importation of bees into the U.K.

The reply set out the requirements in detail and also gave a clear statement that the rules were applied equitably to all supplying countries including Canada.

It was noted that a copy of the letter had been referred on to Mr M. Haines who first raised the matter.

Received.

COUNTIES ASSOCIATION: Re Noxious Weeds Schedule. It was noted that the Association would be dealing with the matter on the 5th December. Received.

FRANK WINSTONE LTD: Replying to Executive's enquiry about the possibility of the firm producing 1kg cardboard containers.

It was duly resolved

- (1) THAT THE VERY HIGH CAPITAL COSTS INVOLVED IN INSTALLING A 1KG DIE BE NOTED.
- (2) THAT THE ASSOCIATION WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR (WEIGHTS AND MEASURES) ADVISING THAT FROM ENQUIRIES MADE THE PRODUCTION OF 1 KG HONEY CARTONS WOULD NOT BE VIABLE AT PRESENT.

- (3) THAT IT BE NOTED THAT IT IS STILL LEGAL FOR BEEKEEPERS TO USE IMPERIAL MEASURES.
- (4) THAT THE MATTER REST ON THIS BASIS MEANTIME.

HONEY BOOK - EVA CRANE: It was noted that the book was now available. at \$15.

Resolved

THAT A SUITABLE NOTE BE PLACED IN THE MARCH "BEEKEEPER".

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Forwarding on hive holding statistics. Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that at the Association's request it had asked its District Offices to check out the local use of sprays likely to be harmful to bees. Received.

Mr McKenzie reported on particular situations that had arisen in South Canterbury. Received.

MESSRS BEARDS AND BEES - (U.S.A. BEEKEEPER): Advising that a projected visit to New Zealand had been deferred for a time. Received.

Arising from this letter was a request for the Metrication specification of beekeeping equipment. - Referred to General Secretary for attention.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: 18th NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER. Received.

WALLACEVILLE RESEARCH PAPER - AN ALL SEASON BEEHIVE ENTRANCE - I.W. Forster

Resolved

THAT A COPY BE REFERRED TO THE EDITOR AND THAT COPIES BE SUPPLIED TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

N.Z. POST OFFICE: Advising procedure re public inspection of Rolls used in H.M.A. Elections. Resolved

THAT THE ADVICE BE RECEIVED AND THAT IT BE NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ROLLS IS TO BE EXAMINED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER.

MR MICHAEL STUCKEY: Raising question of redress where the land on which apiaries are located is sold without the knowledge of beekeepers and loss of hive ownership can arise.

The need for beekeepers to place a post in an apiary indicating ownership and address of contact was stressed. The question of the need for a simple form of contract was also raised and discussed.

Resolved

THAT MR STUCKEY PREPARE A SUITABLE ARTICLE FOR THE "BEEKEEPER" AND THAT IF POSSIBLE HE OBTAIN A SUITABLE CONTRACT FORM.

LETTER TO MR BRUCE FORSYTH: It was reported to the Executive that Mr Bruce Forsyth was extremely ill in hospital. Resolved

THAT A SUITABLE LETTER BE SENT TO MR FORSYTH.

OUTWARD TO HON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Submitting Association's budget for 1975 and 1976 in support of contributions ex Hive Levy Account. Noted and confirmed.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Replying to Executive's request that a meeting with the Chairman and General Manager be arranged as a preliminary to the determination of an Association policy in respect of exports by Private Packers.

The Authority in its reply indicated that it intended to examine the matter early in 1976.

Executive members expressed some concern at the delay in dealing with the matter and felt that this might well be an influence in the final decision.

The letter was duly received.

OUTWARD TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Forwarding on schedule of H.M.A. election expenses.

The General Secretary advised that a reply would be forthcoming shortly. Noted.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

MR PAT CLINCH, M.A.F.: Re disease carried by wasps.

Neither Department was aware of any research work that established that wasps did carry disease into hives. Resolved

THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY PURSUE AND REPORT BACK.

SOUTHLAND BRANCH: Re grading system. A letter received by the President from Donaldson Apiaries was also tabled.

A number of points arose -

- (a) The point at which the honey changed ownership.
- (b) The need for the regulations to be updated, noting that the present regulations had not been revised for 25 years.
- (c) The need for a triplicate copy of the grade note to go direct to the producer/vendor.

It was resolved

THAT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BE REQUESTED TO INITIATE ACTION TO HAVE THE HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS 1950 REVISED AND UPDATED.

LAKE VIEW HOTEL/MOTEL, TAUPO: Advising accommodation details for the 1976 Conference. It was also noted that the deposit for the Taupo Senior Citizens Hall had been paid. Noted.

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH: Forwarding schedule of Conference expenses and enclosing a cheque for \$140.06 being the credit balance in their Conference Account.

The President and members of the Executive all expressed appreciation of the wonderful effort made by the South Canterbury Branch in organising the 1975 Conference and for achieving such a satisfactory financial outturn.

It was duly resolved

- (1) THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH COMPLIMENTING THEM ON THEIR 1975 CONFERENCE ORGANISATION AND ALSO THE EXCELLENT FINANCIAL RESULT ACHIEVED.
- (2) THAT A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BE ESTABLISHED AND THE \$140 EX THE 1975 CONFERENCE BE CREDITED TO THAT ACCOUNT.

METRIC ADVISORY BOARD: Requesting that all advertisements be in metric terms.

Resolved

THAT THE METRIC ADVISORY BOARD'S REQUEST BE
ADOPTED AND THE EDITOR BE ADVISED.

MR L.N. VAN STURMER: Re Indiscriminate use of Sprays. Resolved

THAT MR VAN STURMER'S LETTER BE REFERRED TO MESSRS
WATT AND SMAELLIE FOR INVESTIGATION AND COMMENT.

GENERAL SECRETARY, APIMONDIA: Advising that Association's application for
membership had been ratified. Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that the publication date for the booklet
"Beekeeping in New Zealand" would not be before November 30th 1975.

Resolved

THAT THE DIRECTOR HORTICULTURE BE ADVISED THAT THE
ASSOCIATION IS CONCERNED AT THE CONTINUING DELAY IN
THE PUBLICATION OF "BEEKEEPING IN NEW ZEALAND."

DEPARTMENT OF INLAND REVENUE: Replying to Association's request for
clarification on tax allowance for purchased madeup hives. It was resolved

THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER BE SUPPLIED TO THE EDITOR
AS WELL AS TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

MEMO TO MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Re H.M.A. draw on Reserve
Stabilisation Fund. It was noted that the draw on the Fund was \$90,000.
Received.

OUTWARD TO DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY: Requesting that propulus and pollen
be included in list of products eligible for export incentive. A reply is
awaited.

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH: Re supplies of nails and paraffin wax.

In considering these matters the need for Branches to
check the factual situation was noted. Received.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Forwarding copy of Schedule of Conditions of Supply
for 1976 season. Received.

PROPOSED NEW RULES

Written comments on Lay Draft No. 2 were received from the Hawkes Bay, South
Western, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago and Southland Branches.

A report prepared by the General Secretary summarising the different points
raised by branches was tabled and used as the basis of the consideration.

The following points were noted.

- (1) Re Shareholders of Companies. Executive decided that an explanatory
note be added to the membership rule making it clear that Companies
and Partnerships were legal entities and if participating shareholders
(other than the nominee of the Company) wished to have membership rights
then they would need to join the Association as ordinary members.
- (2) Subscription Rate; It was noted that with the annual accounting year
and hive levy year on a calendar year basis it was not convenient to
await a Conference decision in the matter; and accordingly the present
drafting should be retained.

- (3) Clause 8, Page 3: The clause did not suggest any cancellation of membership merely that a member be suspended from meetings. Resolved

THAT THE CLAUSE BE DISCUSSED WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S SOLICITORS.

- (4) Life Membership of Branches: A proposal that provision be made for a suitable clause was not supported.

- (5) Term of Office and Retirement Order: Resolved

(a) Resolved THAT PROVISION BE MADE FOR TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH ISLAND TO RETIRE IN ALTERNATE YEARS.

(b) Moved Mr Chairman/Robinson and resolved

THAT THE NEW RULES PROVIDE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM FOR OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(c) Moved Mr Chairman/Robinson and resolved

THAT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS BE BY POSTAL BALLOT.

- (6) Casual Vacancies - Page 4, Clause 7: It was decided to accept the words "election year" in place of the word "term" in this clause.

A proposal that casual vacancies be filled by the next highest polling candidate posed problems and with an election being conducted each year, any one appointed to fill a casual vacancy would occupy such office for a temporary period only.

- (7) Clause 7(F): Most branches sought redrafting. It was resolved to confine this clause to grants-in-aid which would eliminate lending to members etc.

- (8) Annual Meeting and Conference:

(a) It was decided to set out more clearly the respective functions of the Annual Meeting and the Conference of Delegates.

(b) Voting by show of hands at Annual Meeting and Conference in the first instance.

It was considered that the Chairman or any member or delegate could so request under normal meeting procedure and also that to make such a provision mandatory was too restrictive.

- (9) Page 6, 3a IV - new Clause: It was decided that provision should be made whereby Conference could introduce a remit. A Clause permitting such a course was agreed to providing that not more than two delegates objected to the course of action: in such determination each delegate to have one vote.

- (10) Page 7, Clause 3: Add words "and conduct" after word "procedure".

- (11) Page 7 (1): Re Notice of Meetings. Agreed to amend "to Chairman and Secretaries of branches and in such other manner as may be expedient and convenient". (this will remove requirement to notify all members.)

- (12) Page 7 (2): After word President "or his deputy".

- (13) Page 8 (i): Add words "or Remit Meeting".

- (14) Page 8(J) (b): Add after words "25 hives" "or part thereof".

(15) Page 8 (K): Resolved

THAT THE CLAUSE BE REWORDED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A MEMBER MAY WITHHOLD HIS VOTE(S) AT A BRANCH REMIT MEETING AND PASS THIS VOTE(S) TO THE DELEGATE TO USE AS HE (THE DELEGATE) CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(16) Re Postal Poll of Members: Add word "delegates". Also provide that the Executive may also submit policy questions to a postal vote of Branch delegates.

(17) Page 9 (2): Add provision to carry out a Postal Poll of Delegates in respect of Rule changes.

GENERAL MATTERS:

- (1) Proxy Votes at Branch Annual or Remit Meetings: Provided the proxy is in writing then acceptable.
- (2) Re Special Meetings of Association: That the provision be checked out with the Solicitor.
- (3) Quorum Executive: Agreed that it be four members.
- (4) Re Proposal that a member be entitled to reserve his vote at a Branch meeting and exercise the same at the Delegates Conference:

This request was considered in depth but it was considered an extremely difficult procedure to operate. Also the effect on the whole delegate system based on affirmative/negative vote recording could be undermined. It was duly moved

THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE PROPOSAL.

Robinson/Stuckey
Carried.

(Minute Note: It was considered that this general question would be better pursued via a Conference Remit.)

(5) It was duly resolved

THAT A NEW DRAFT BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION'S SOLICITOR WITH A COPY TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO ADOPT NEW RULES:

Resolved

THAT BRANCHES BE ADVISED THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS DELEGATES IF ANY BRANCH SHOULD SO WISH.

(Minute Note No. 1: This offer is made so that no Branch need be without representation at the Special meeting.)

(Minute Note No. 2: It will be competent for any member of the Association to be present and participate in the Special Meeting.)

DATE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT NEW RULES: It was moved

THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION BE CONVENED AND HELD IN WELLINGTON ON THURSDAY THE 24TH MARCH 1976 COMMENCING AT 10 A.M.

ACCOUNTS: In attendance Mr C.J. Read, Accountant.

A statement of expenditure covering the period August 1st to October 31st 1975 and covering cheque numbers 916 to 930, 931 to 935, 936 to 967 and 968 to 971 totalling \$4741.43 was tabled for discussion and explanation.

It was duly moved that the payments totalling \$4741.43 represented by cheques 916 to 971 inclusive as presented be confirmed.

Robinson/McKenzie

Carried.

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 1976: It was moved

THAT THE 1976 SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS
BE \$7.50.

Clissold/Robinson

Carried.

1976 BASIC PRICE FOR HONEY:

In a general discussion on this subject it was noted that the H.M.A. did not propose to take any specific action until early in the New Year when the new Minister has taken up his post.

Executive members considered that increased production costs should be reflected in an increased price for honey on the local market, and also that a more vigorous export selling policy should be pursued.

The Chairman reported that he had begun the task of establishing a schedule of the principal cost items and these should be taken into account in any price adjustments.

It was duly moved

- (1) THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY THAT A JOINT HONEY PRICING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF TWO MEMBERS OF EACH BODY (I.E. THE RESPECTIVE CHAIRMEN AND THEIR DEPUTIES) PLUS APPROPRIATE STAFF BE SET UP AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

Mr Chairman/Stuckey

Carried

- (2) THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SEEK AN EARLY DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY IN CHRISTCHURCH THAT EVENING.

Clissold/Robinson

Carried.

(Minute Note: Mr Dickinson was able to arrange and have a discussion with Messrs Poole and Ecroyd that evening as indicated. Mr Berry was indisposed and was not available to travel after the Wellington meeting.)

THE "BEEKEEPER" In attendance Mr T. Walton, Editor.

RELATED CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Mr Ivor Forster thanking the Association for the Life Membership honour bestowed upon him. A copy of this letter had been referred to the Editor. Received.
- (2) Winstones Ltd. Advising that they would continue to support the Journal meantime. Received.
- (3) Messrs Alliance Bee Supplies - Mr K. Ecroyd. Advising his concern at the increased advertising rates.

Mr Walton pointed out that the Company had been able to achieve a concessional rate which covered five issues up to the end of 1976.

It was duly resolved

THAT THE PRESENT CONCESSIONAL RATE AVAILABLE TO MESSRS ALLIANCE BEE SUPPLIES BE NOT DISTURBED MEANTIME BUT THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW THE MATTER IN JULY 1976 AS TO THE 1977 CONTRACT AND ADVERTISING RATES.

(4) Beginners Notes: President's memo to General Secretary.

Mr Walton advised that due to a situation beyond his control the Beginners Notes had had to be left out of the December issue. However arrangements to include such notes in future issues would be arranged. Noted.

GENERAL:

(a) Re Copy of Beekeeper H.M.A. Resolved

THAT THE H.M.A. BE PLACED ON THE FREE LIST FOR A COPY OF EACH BEEKEEPER.

(b) Payment for Articles. Moved

THAT THE EDITOR HAVE A DISCRETION TO EXPEND UP TO \$50 PER ISSUE FOR SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES (EXCLUDING BEGINNERS NOTES).

McKenzie/Robinson

Carried.

(c) Copies of December 1975 Issue. The Editor tabled copies of the December 1975 issue and it was resolved

THAT THE EDITOR BE COMPLIMENTED ON THE STANDARD AND QUALITY OF THE PUBLICATION.

(Note: The Editor in returning thanks indicated that there were a number of production aspects to be remedied and most if not all would be attended to before the next issue.)

PETROL PRICE:

The General Secretary advised that the Minister of Transport had set up a Special Committee comprising representatives of the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Federated Farmers to report as to how some relief from petrol price increases could be given.

Federated Farmers were acting for all farming groups in the matter and to date had declined to confer with particular industry organisations.

The Chairman said he felt the Beekeeping Industry had a strong case for special treatment and he was concerned that a corporate arrangement could see them achieving or accepting a lesser degree of relief. Also the lack of communication was a matter of concern.

It was duly resolved

THAT THE ASSOCIATION WRITE TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT REQUESTING A REPLY TO ITS SPECIAL CASE REPRESENTATIONS AND ADVISING THAT WHILE IT HAD NOTED PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO SET UP AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE IT HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED IN RESPECT OF THE MATTER. FURTHER THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO RE-REPRESENT ITS CASE FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.

PRICE STABILISATION LEVY:

The Executive noted that H.M.A. recourse to reserves in the trading year ended 31 August 1975 had amounted to over \$90,000.

Accordingly it seemed appropriate that the industry give some consideration to a long term pricing system. It was also noted that by joint agreement between the H.M.A. and the Association a stabilisation levy of up to 5 cents a hive could be operated.

The matter was debated ~~in depth~~ and it was duly moved

- (1) THAT THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDS THAT THE QUESTION OF THE STABILISATION LEVY BE A MATTER FOR INDUSTRY CONSIDERATION DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1976, and
- (2) THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECORD ITS SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR A STABILISED HONEY PRICE TO BE OPERATED IN HARMONY WITH THE BASIC HONEY PRICE SYSTEM.

Mr Chairman/Robinson

Carried.

SUGAR SUPPLIES AND COST:

Mr McKenzie in raising the topic pointed out that sugar was now a major item in production costs with prices doubling in recent years. In his view 10 cents a lb related to current honey prices was an economic price for beekeepers to pay.

Other factors making beekeeping more reliant upon sugar was the very effective noxious weed control policies which had drastically reduced the availability of scrub sources of nectar.

It was noted that about 1000 tons of sugar was used annually in the industry. A case could be ecompassed within any general aid to farming policies. In the case of beekeeping such aid would apply only to commercial beekeeper members of the Association i.e. over 50 hives.

It was duly moved

THAT A CASE FOR A SUBSIDY ON SUGAR USED BY COMMERCIAL BEEKEEPERS BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT.

McKenzie/Clissold

Carried.

LOW MEMBERSHIP BRANCHES:

The Executive noted that three branches were down to fairly low membership basis. It was resolved

THAT THE BRANCHES CONCERNED BE ADVISED THAT NEW RULES WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP OF TEN MEMBERS AND THAT IF A BRANCH IS UNABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS LEVEL IT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR RECOGNITION BEYOND THE 1976 CONFERENCE.

RESTRICTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Executive discussed a number of aspects of the question and it was decided to confirm the membership as put forward by the Minister.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 24RD 25TH AND 26TH MARCH 1976 COMMENCING AT 10A.M. ON THE 23RD.

(Minute Note: The Special Meeting of the Association is to be convened in Wellington for Thursday 24th March 1976.)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting by extending seasons greetings to all: the meeting was thereupon concluded at 4 p.m.

Robinson
24-3-76