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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
IN THE BOARD ROOM, PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11TH FLOOR,  
DALMUIR HOUSE, 114 THE TERRACE, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY  
AND WEDNESDAY 17 AND 18 MARCH, 1987, COMMENCING AT 10.04 AM

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PRESENT: Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair  
Messrs I Berry, K Herron, A D Lorimer,  
G White

In attendance: Mr G M Reid, Senior Apiculture Advisory  
Officer

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received  
from Mr D Ward

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held 9/10  
December, 1986, having been circulated,  
were taken as read and the President  
authorised to sign them as a true and  
correct record, after noting the following  
amendments :-

1. Page 6, item 3 - Public Relations

"D Bates" should read "Allan Bates"

2. Page 8 - Branch Matters - amended  
to read :

"Mr Lorimer in commenting on the inter-  
Branch network indicated that, in his  
opinion, it was more desirable for  
Branch newsletters to go to neighbouring  
Branches than for total distribution  
to all Branches".

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Mr White reported that the document  
quantifying the national value of beekeeping  
had now been prepared and was currently  
being typed.

It was agreed that this be circulated  
to the Executive with the request that  
comments be forwarded to Mr White within  
ten days - the Executive at the same  
time to advise as to the distribution  
list for the document.

Mr White indicated that Mr Matheson  
had agreed to annually update the statistical  
information in the document.

The Executive recorded its appreciation  
to the members of the Ministry who  
had contributed to the preparation  
of the document.

2. The President reviewed correspondence  
to and from the DSIR concerning the  
biological control of gorse.
3. It was noted that no response had been  
received from the Pesticides Board  
concerning the availability of Mirex.

The President reported on his conversation with Dr Barry Donovan relative to the wasp parasite and it was agreed that if boxes of the parasite were to be made available to the Association these would be distributed one each to MAF Advisory Officers (excluding Canterbury) and two to the Honeydew Association.

ADVISORY:

1. The meeting noted the report of Mr Reid, covering the following :

1. Position Ruakura : Apiculture
2. Pollination 1986/87
3. Bidmead v Matheson & Attorney General
4. Obituaries
5. Contact List Apicultural Staff
6. Permit System - Upper Waitaki Riverbed
7. Proposed Changes to the Apiaries Act Disease Schedules
8. MAF Business Units

2. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report of 14th January 1987 concerning rule changes relative to Honorary Membership and it was decided that no changes should be made to Rule 22, that clarification should be sought concerning Rule 24, and it was further agreed that the document be forwarded to the Solicitors for an opinion and then presented to the Annual General Meeting.

3. The meeting deferred consideration of registration fees for all beekeepers until later in the day.

4. The meeting had considered earlier under Mr Reid's report, the Ruakura Bee Scientist proposal.

5. The President reported on correspondence from Dr Denis Anderson concerning the availability of funds for the technician and the President indicated that he had discussed this matter with the Chairman of the Trustees.

6. The meeting was advised of the concern expressed by the Honeydew Association relative to the Conservation Bill but it appeared that their concerns were unfounded.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.18 for lunch with Mr Eric Millar, Chief Executive of the Market Development Board, and Mr Ian Lamb of Tactical Marketing Ltd., and reconvened at 2.22 p.m.

ADVISORY cont.

7. Mr Reid gave a brief review of the restructuring process currently being undertaken by the advisory services.

8. General discussion took place concerning the Health Department involvement related to pesticides and Mr Reid indicated

that the Health Department would be continuing to analyse honey at retail level but on a user/pay basis.

9. The President reported on telephone discussions with Mr Wallingford concerning the Receivership for New Zealand Queen Bee Holdings.

10. Mr Reid reported that a notice had been sent with all hive registration forms drawing the attention of beekeepers to the diagnostic service provided at Glenfield.

11. The meeting considered a paper from the New Zealand Queen Bee Breeders Association concerning the quarantined introduction of Carniolan stock to New Zealand, and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the Industry Conference.

12. The meeting then discussed the stance to be taken by the President and the Vice President at their discussions later in the day with the Under Secretary relative to the registration fee for all beekeepers.

PLANNING MEETING:

Subject to availability, it was agreed that the Planning Meeting be held at Flock House on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 4,5,6 May. The proceedings to commence with an Executive Meeting starting at 3.00 p.m. on Monday for approximately one hour and that the meeting would conclude on the Wednesday at approximately 12.30 p.m.

Due to the unavailability of Flock House it was agreed that the dates of the meeting be 27, 28, 29 April.

In addition to the Executive and representatives of the Advisory Service, it was agreed that invitations be extended to Messrs Wallingford and Peter Bray.

Adjournment:

1. The President indicated that the minutes of the Certificate in Beekeeping Course Committee meeting of 13 October had now been received, but these matters had been discussed at the December Executive meeting.

The President indicated that it was now necessary to approach the Authority for Advanced Vocational Awards for the revalidation of the Certificate, and a draft presentation had been prepared by the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic. This was approved by the Executive

and the Executive Secretary was requested to advise Mr Wallingford accordingly.

2. The meeting considered the President's draft letter to the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture concerning the National Diploma and this was approved for sending, subject to amendment.

3. Mr Lorimer reported that he had responded to the Vocational Guidance Centre of the Department of Labour concerning the beekeeping cadetship.

4. The meeting considered the letter of 23 February 1987 from the Board of Management, Telford Farm Training Institute, regarding apiculture training, and following consideration of the questions raised, it was agreed that the President visit the Institute to explain the Association's attitude to matters raised.

5. The meeting noted the report of Mr Roberts concerning the audio visual material and it was agreed that this be placed on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting at Flock House.

MARKETING:

1. The President reviewed, for the benefit of the meeting, the contents of the Executive Secretary's memo of 13th January.

2. The Executive considered that it was unable to meet the cost of purchasing the market research information obtained by the Co-op.

3. It was noted that Canterbury had agreed that the seminar for 1987 should be run by the NBA and the topic would be marketing. The Executive Secretary was authorised to liaise with Professor Bridges concerning the format.

4. The President undertook to liaise with Mr Peter Bray and the Canterbury Branch concerning the arrangements for Conference.

5. Mr Herron undertook to produce a market report as soon as possible.

6. The meeting noted the information from the Statistics Department concerning exports.

7. The meeting noted the correspondence to and from HM Customs and the New Zealand Queen Bee Breeders Association relevant to statistics of exports.

8. Mr White reported on the problems being experienced with the printer who had admitted responsibility for the misprinting of the recipe pamphlets but, as yet, had not rectified the situation.

9. Mr Berry reported on suggestions from Mrs Ashcroft concerning additional promotional material and it was agreed that 30 T-shirts be purchased for re-sale at Conference.

Mr Berry also undertook to discuss with Mrs Ashcroft any concerns that she may have regarding GST and the accounting for sales.

10. It was agreed that additional copies of the GATT study "Honey Study of Major Markets" not be purchased.

11. It was agreed that the investigation of possibilities for inclusion of New Zealand honies in overseas promotions be discussed at the May Planning Meeting.

12. The meeting noted the Market Development Board's Japan Honey Market Survey.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. Mr White reported that the revision of the AQS handout pamphlet had not been completed pending the quantification of value of beekeeping report, but now this had been finalised he could attend to the matter.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to MAF concerning the statistics relevant to intercepts.

2. It was noted that material had been sent to Branches concerning the awareness campaign.

3. The President referred to promotional pamphlets prepared by the British Columbia Honey Producers Association and the New Zealand Queen Bee Breeders Association and it was agreed that the Executive give consideration to a similar pamphlet at the planning meeting.

4. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the Community Colleges listed in Mr Wallingford's submissions to ascertain whether they would be prepared to take out a subscription for the "Beekeeper".

5. The President summarised, for the information of members, the "Bee Briefs" article for the current journal.

Mr Berry reported that he had still to complete the article on cost savings, for inclusion in the "Beekeeper".

The President commented on problems being experienced by the editor with typesetting.

FINANCE:

1. Statement of cheques paid December 1986 to February 1987, being nos. 559837 to 559880, 559761 to 559780 inclusive totalling \$63095.88, was noted and the payments approved.

2. The Executive Secretary tabled the financial statement for the 12 months ended 31 December 1986 and these were approved, subject to audit.

3. The meeting considered the financial statement for the 1986 Conference, indicating a surplus of \$169.93 and the meeting recorded its appreciation to the Waikato Branch for their arrangements for this Conference.

4. The meeting approved the change of Rules to meet the requirements of the Inland Revenue Department, for presentation to the Annual Conference.

5. It was noted that there were still two unpaid Hive Levies for 1986, both of which were currently with the Solicitors.

6. The meeting considered two requests for deferment and these were approved, subject to payment no later than 30th June 1987 and inclusive of penalty interest.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.18 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 12.54 p.m.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

1. The meeting reviewed, in committee, applications for financial assistance from the Industry trusts.

2. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the June "Beekeeper" advising of applications for the September period.

3. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the Trustees requesting that the Executive be advised when the repayment arrangements with the Co-op have been resolved, so that the Industry Conference can be informed.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board  
Mr Berry reported that the Board had met last week and drew to the attention of members the legislative changes which had enabled users to import pesticides direct for their own use from recommended countries, and the Board's concern that the packaging lacked the warnings normally printed on such packages.

The Board had also considered correspondence relative to increased pesticide damage in large farming areas.

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2. Federated Farmers.  
Nil report.

3. Library Committee  
The meeting received a report from the Librarian and noted in particular his concern relative to overdue books. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the Branches involvd seeking their assistance in obtaining return of the books.

4. Apiary Advisory Committee  
Nil report.

BRANCH MATTERS:

1. The Executive Secretary indicated that a report concerning Branch capitation grants and subscriptions had still to be completed and would be available for the July meeting. It was noted, however, that Branches experiencing financial difficulties could apply to the Executive for a special grant.
2. The President requested the Executive to give consideration to possible membership for associated groups, such as the Queen Breeders, Pollination, etc.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The meeting noted that approval had been given for the use by the NZ Beeswax Processors Ltd., of the NBA stylised bee logo.
2. Grasslands Division, DSIR, concerning biological control of hawkweed. It was agreed that this be referred to all Branches with a request that if they have any comments these be forwarded to the Executive Secretary by 24 April, so that an industry response can be considered at the planning meeting.
3. DSIR Entomology Division concerning field release of the wasp parasite, and it was left to the President to discuss with Dr Donovan the Association's decision made earlier in the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The draft Annual Report was approved, subject to the inclusion of an appreciation to the staff.

GENERAL:

1. General discussion took place concerning the availability of members for nomination, and Mr Ian Berry indicated that he would not be seeking nomination this year.
2. It was noted, for the information of members, that the Conference this year was one week earlier than normal.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- a) 27,28,29 April - Planning Meeting, Flock House
- b) Monday, 13 July, in Christchurch - Executive members to assemble on Sunday, 12 July.

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CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 3.24 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT FLOCK HOUSE, BULLS, ON MONDAY 27 APRIL, 1987, COMMENCING AT 3.10 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair  
Messrs I Berry, K Herron, A D Lorimer,  
D Ward

In attendance:

Mr G M Reid, National Apiculture Advisory Officer; Messrs Ted Roberts and Andrew Matheson, Apiculture Advisory Officers, and, by invitation, Messrs Peter Bray and Nick Wallingford.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and sustained from Mr G White

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held 17/18 March, 1987, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following corrections :

page 1, item 2 - Matters Arising - should read :

"The biological control of broom" (not gorse)

page 3, item 10 - Advisory, should read:

"That the diagnostic service provided at Lynfield" (not Glenfield)

page 6, item 1 under Reports was amended to read:

"Mr Berry reported that the Board had met last week and drew to the attention of members the legislative changes which had enabled users to import pesticides direct for their own use from recommended countries, and his concern that the packaging lacked the "Toxic to Bees" warnings normally printed on such packages."

MATTERS ARISING:

1. It was agreed that the quantification of the national value of beekeeping be deferred until the Planning Meeting.

2. The meeting noted the letter of 27th March from the Pesticides Board concerning the status of Mirex, and it was agreed that the Board be advised why the Association thought that Mirex was desirable, and Mr Reid agreed to provide suitable background information to the Executive Secretary for the letter to be sent.

3. The President enquired as to the present status relative to Queen Bee export statistics.

ADVISORY:

1. Mr Reid confirmed the appointment of Mark Goodwin as Scientist at Ruakura, and advised he would be taking up his appointment towards the end of June. He also confirmed that Anton ten Houten would be transferring to Ruakura.

It was agreed that Mr Lorimer be the executive's nominee on the MAF Research Management Committee, which was scheduled to meet on 23 July at Ruakura. It was intended that the committee would consist of Mr Goodwin, Dr Rod East, Murray Reid, Tony Lorimer and a representative from the Kiwifruit Authority.

a) Murray Reid indicated that the current exports of packaged bees appeared to be working well and also commented on possible future exports to the USA.

b) Indications were that there would possibly be a market for Australian exports to Canada in 1988.

c) Murray Reid reported on the discovery of *Tropilaelaps* mites in Papua New Guinea.

d) Noted that Professor Cameron Jay would be visiting New Zealand later this year for about two months.

e) Murray Reid commented on the problems relative to 1080 poisoning in the Bay of Plenty area.

f) General discussion took place concerning the provision of articles for the "Beekeeper" by Ministry staff.

g) Murray Reid commented on the changes within the Ministry and the establishment of the MAF Tech. Section, and MAF Qual. Section, and advised most advisory officers would fall within the latter group. Attempts were being made to have the apiculture advisory section recognised as a business unit.

h) The meeting was advised of the possibility of conducting a disease-a-thon based on the work undertaken by Mr Roberts in the Hawke's Bay area.

i) The meeting was advised that Mr Milnes of the Lynfield Diagnostic Service was planning to visit areas throughout New Zealand explaining the service. He had requested assistance from MAF AAO's and Branches in organising meetings to suit.

2. It was agreed that the matter of the funding of the Advisory Service be considered under Planning.

3. It was agreed that the Judgment of Judge F C Paterson in the matter of Bidmead v MAF be referred to the Editor for inclusion in the "Beekeeper".

4. The meeting considered the letter of 27 March from the DSIR relative to the biological control of broom, and it was agreed that before offering an opinion an invitation be extended to Dr Richard Hill to address the Conference on this topic.

5. It was agreed that an invitation be extended to Dr Barry Donovan to address the Conference re: the biological control of wasps.

6. The meeting considered a letter from the DSIR concerning the biological control of hawkweed and the Executive Secretary was requested to respond that the Association would like more time to consider the matter, and would arrange for the subject to be discussed at the July conference.

7. It was agreed that the matter of the proposed quarantine introduction of carniolan stock to New Zealand be discussed under Planning.

8. The meeting considered a letter from the DSIR concerning the field release of wasps and, after some discussion, it was agreed to reaffirm the decision taken at the March meeting - page 2 of the Minutes.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting recorded its appreciation to Mr Roberts for his report relative to material available for an audio visual resource collection, and it was agreed that this be discussed under Planning.

2. The meeting was advised that, to date, there had been no response to the Association's letter to the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture.

3. The President reported that he had discussed with Telford Farm Training Institute the matters raised at the last meeting, and also the subject of additional finance and possible validation of their training course.

4. Mr Wallingford confirmed that the validation of the beekeeping certificate had been forwarded to AAVA.

MARKETING:

1. The Executive Secretary reported that arrangements were now under way for research at Massey and Auckland Universities.

2. The meeting confirmed the action of the Executive Secretary in providing the information contained in the letter of the 8th December from Tactical Marketing for inclusion in the "Beekeeper".

3. It was agreed that the matter of the Conference Seminar be discussed under planning.

4. The meeting considered the enquiry from the Bay of Plenty Branch relevant to buying arrangements for liquid fine sugar and Mr Wallingford undertook to report back to the Branch that such arrangements had to be on a co-operative basis within Branches.

5. The meeting noted the honey export statistics for the period to the end of February 1987.

6. The meeting noted the market report No. 4 prepared by Mr Herron, and it was agreed that the Editor be asked to include a note in the "Beekeeper" that this was available on request. It was further agreed that the initial distribution list include copies to the MAF Advisory Officers.

7. The meeting was advised of the passing of the Weights and Measures Act 1987 which had revoked previous regulations and orders relevant to weights and measures, and it was agreed that the Editor be asked to make reference to this matter in the next "Beekeeper".

PUBLICATIONS:

1. It was agreed that the update of the AQS/NBA handout be considered under planning.

2. It was agreed that the NBA promotional pamphlet be considered under planning.

3. Members were unaware of response from Branches concerning the awareness campaign re: the danger to horticulture of bringing honey and bee products into New Zealand illegally.

The Executive Secretary sought guidance concerning the stocks of honeypot posters, and it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until it was able to ascertain Branch reaction to the awareness campaign.

4. It was agreed that Branches be reminded of the desirability of presenting Branch reports to conference, and the President and Executive Secretary to consider key issues which should be covered by the Branches in these reports.

5. The Secretary reported that complimentary copies of the "Beekeeper" had been sent to all the Technical Institutes and Community Colleges but, at this stage, there had been a nil response.

6. With regard to the Country Life Exhibition at the Michael Fowler Centre in September, it was agreed that this matter be referred to the Wellington Beekeeping Club on the basis that funding assistance would be provided by the Association, and possibly commercial sponsorship from Kintail and Arataki.

FINANCE:

1. Statement of cheques paid March/April 1987 being cheques nos 559781-559818 totalling \$38,553.92, was noted.

2. The meeting considered a letter from the Association's solicitors with reference to unpaid hive levies by K Bidmead, and it was agreed that further legal action be taken, subject to the cost not being unreasonable.

3. It was agreed that, in response to Mr Bush's enquiry, he be supplied with a copy of the Annual Report.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS: The Executive Secretary read to the meeting the letter of 25 March 1987 from the Chairman of Trustees relative to the activity for the year ended 31 December 1986, and also future commitments.

- REPORTS:
1. Pesticides Board - Mr Berry referred to the Minutes of the Pesticides Board meeting which indicated that the Board would bear in mind the matter of bee damage as a topic for their annual publicity campaign.
  2. Federated Farmers - Nil report.
  3. Library Committee - The President reported that some response had been achieved to the follow-ups concerning overdue books.
  4. Apiary Advisory Committee. Nil report.

BRANCH MATTERS: The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report of 23 April 1987, and it was agreed:

1. That the subscription for membership and the journal be increased to NZ\$20 as from 1st January 1988, and the following price differentials for the journal would apply for overseas subscriptions :

	<u>AIRMAIL</u>	<u>SURFACE</u>
Australia & S Pacific	US\$15	US\$13
N.America & Asia	US\$18	US\$13
S.America, Europe & Middle East	US\$20	US\$13

2. That the basic payment for capitation in 1988 be increased to :

Commercial members	1-19	\$150.00
	20-39	\$300.00
	40 & over	\$340.00

Plus an additional \$2.00 per "ordinary" member as per membership in December of preceding year.

CORRESPONDENCE: The meeting noted the requests received from the organisers of the Australian Bee Congress for papers for presentation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 July 1987 in Christchurch

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 10.01 p.m.

NOTES TO BE ATTACHED TO MINUTES 27/4/87

The following items arose during the Planning discussions on Tuesday and Wednesday 28 and 29 April 1987:

1. It was agreed that the Association should be officially represented by the President at the Australian Congress and that he be supported in presentation of a paper relative to the Association's planning activities. The matter of financial contribution to be considered at a subsequent meeting of the Executive.
2. The Executive Secretary reported on continuing problems relative to GST and the commission Agents, and it was agreed that this matter be discussed by the President, the Promotions Committee and Mrs Ashcroft and Mrs Chisnall at the Conference.
3. It was agreed that the September Executive meeting be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 8 and 9 September.
4. Mr Bray undertook to investigate and report on the costs and benefits relative to teletext, videotex, etc.

# JULY 87

## NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC. HELD IN THE AVON HOTEL, 356 OXFORD TERRACE, CHRISTCHURCH, ON MONDAY, 13 JULY, 1987, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 14 and 15 JULY, 1987

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PRESENT: Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair  
Messrs I Berry, K Herron, A D Lorimer, D Ward,  
G White

In attendance: Mr G M Reid, Senior Apiculture Advisory Officer, and for part of the meeting Mr A Matheson, A.A.O.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held 27 April 1987, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

### MATTERS ARISING:

#### 1. WASP CONTROL - MIREX

Mr Berry reported that the Pesticides Board had met the previous week. The meeting noted the letter from the Board relevant to the availability of Mirex through Rentokill. Mr Berry further indicated that advice from the Board would be available shortly as to the distribution arrangements, possibly through Mr Russell Berry.

The meeting was made aware that the MAF Apiculture Advisory Section was investigating a possible new development by Kiwi Care called Bug Bar.

#### 2. 1988 AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS

The President reported that he had sent off the pro forma paper "Progressive Planning Systems" in respect of the Second Australian and International Bee Congress, July 1988.

### CONFERENCE:

1. General discussion took place relevant to the arrangements for the seminar and the President indicated that he would approach Mr Wallingford to act as recorder for the morning session in respect of the introduction of new bee stocks to New Zealand.

2. The meeting was made aware of the unavailability of Professor Bridges and arrangements had been made for Dr Richard Buchanan to deputise.

3. The President summarised the list of persons presenting reports to the Conference.

4. The meeting considered recommendations in respect of Life Membership of the National Beekeepers' Association, and it was agreed to recommend to conference that Arthur Kevin Ecroyd and Jasper Knox Bray be made Life Members of the Association.

REMITTS: 1. The Executive indicated that it supported the Remit No. 1 from Northland.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Mr Matheson commented on the reprint of the AQS handout pamphlet which would be available for the Executive to consider later in the day, the material on the reverse had the approval of Mr Julian Brown (AQS), the cost was \$687 for 3,000 copies.

EDUCATION:

1. The President reviewed the situation in respect of correspondence and discussions with the RNZIH concerning their National Diploma of Apiculture, and indicated that Messrs Matheson and Wallingford would be attending a prescription committee meeting later in the day.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

2. Mr Matheson expressed his concern at the low professional standards being attained by the Editor of the Beekeeper and, in particular, his concern at the large number of proofing errors and the lack of adhering to the ground rules agreed with the Editor at the Greymouth Conference. It was agreed that the President and Ian Berry discuss this matter with the Editor during the Conference.

ADVISORY:

1. Mr Reid tabled a copy of his address to the Conference (copies of which are attached to the conference minutes - Appendix III).

2. Mr Reid tabled a draft contract for the provision of apiary inspection for the National Beekeepers' Association, and it was agreed that, if possible, this be discussed later during conference.

3. General discussion took place concerning the proposal that there be a representative of the Trustees of the NBA on the MAF Research Management Committee, and it was agreed that the Trustees be recommended not to take up the offer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12.35 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.35 pm.

CONFERENCE: 5. The Executive met with the Executive of the Queen Breeders Association until 2.15 pm discussing arrangements for the seminar, and procedural matters in respect of Remit 15.

6. The Executive noted the contents of Remits 2 and 3.

ADVISORY:

4. General discussion took place concerning the future funding of the advisory services, with particular relevance to the contents of Mr Reid's report. The Chairman indicated that he had received a letter from the North Otago Branch expressing concern that they were not being serviced. Mr Reid indicated that there was a need for the advisory staff to generate income and if this could be earned then services could be provided.



5) The Chairman reported that Drs Sutherland and Donovan would be meeting with the Executive after the seminar on Tuesday, and the matter of the release of the wasp parasite could be discussed then.

6) The meeting was made aware of a proposal from Mr Mark Schrader for an Association of Professional Apiculturists, i.e. those involved in research - and a meeting was scheduled for 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday evening - which the President had been invited to attend.

7) The meeting considered the letter from the Waikato Branch concerning 1080 poison and the Executive appreciated the way in which the matter had been raised, because of the effect in the market place. It was agreed to await further information which it was understood was being collected.

8) An enquiry from Dr Vizer of the DSIR Biotechnology Division concerning work on the aroma volatiles in honey, and it was agreed that a decision on this matter be deferred pending receipt of his paper which is to be published in the Journal of Apiculture Research.

9) Industry Plan

- a. The meeting was made aware that John Hickman, Director of Meteorological Service would be meeting with the Executive on Tuesday 8th September for lunch. Mr Berry made available some background notes for the meeting, and also made the Executive aware of publications available from the Met Service and the availability of a book "N.Z.Weather".
- b. It was noted that the Goal C objective 1 "To make a recommendation to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries regarding the importation of new bee stock" would follow after seminar and conference discussion.
- c. It was noted that Goal E Objective 2 "To have in place an operational bee disease inspection service by 30 August 1988" was at present under action.

MARKETING:

1. Mr Reid tabled the draft of the promotional pamphlet and provided costs relative to the production printed black on yellow.

ADVISORY:

10) Biocontrol of Heather

The meeting considered correspondence from the DSIR to Mr Ward and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Dr Timmins of the Department of Lands and Survey to seek clarification in respect of the introduction of a beetle to control heather.

- 11) A letter Sanders-Probel Technology seeking beekeeping data - agreed they be advised N.Z. does not have Varroa.

12) Mr Reid provided the Executive with complimentary copies (from Mr T Bryant) of financial monitoring reports

- a) Honey Producer 1986/7 - 1987/8
- b) Pollination 1986/7 - 1987/8

EDUCATION:

2. The meeting considered a request from the Board of Telford Farm Training Institute for financial assistance for the preparation of course material, following which it was agreed that the request be considered at the Executive September meeting when other applications were being considered for presentation to the Trustees for their November meeting.

3. The meeting noted the letter from Mr Roberts concerning his recommendations regarding the purchase of material for the audio-visual collection. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain if these could be made available for examination prior to purchase and, if not, a further decision to be made at the September meeting.

4. Industry Plan

a) Goal B, Objective 2 - it was noted that the matter of funding beekeeping training was to be considered later in the year.

b) The President reported on advice from Mr Wallingford that there had been 18 successful candidates in the Bay of Plenty Community College Training Scheme.

CONFERENCE:

7. The meeting considered Remits 4 - 15 and the following comments were noted :

Remit 7 - The meeting was made aware of media articles in the Hawke's Bay relevant to the release of bugs for the control of broom.

Remit 8 - contained an incorrect statement "that the funds had not been made available relevant to lack of funds"

Remit 9 - the Executive was not aware of any approach for assistance

Remit 10 - the President undertook to make conference aware of the need to frame remits as a recommendation.

Remit 13 - The Executive was made aware of the wider consequences of the provisions contained in this Remit.

Remit 14 - The Executive Secretary reported on discussions with the Chairman of the Trustees and it was agreed that arrangements be made to obtain an up-date from the Trustees.

The meeting noted late Remits from Auckland and the West Coast.

8. 1988 Conference - it was noted that Auckland Branch had offered to host this.

It was also noted that the Australian Conference was from 21-26 July and it was, therefore, tentatively agreed that the 1988 Conference be on Wednesday and Thursday 13 - 14 July 1988.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5.21 pm and reconvened at 8.40 pm in the meantime having met with representatives of the RNZIH until 6.15pm.

CONFERENCE: 10) The meeting noted the proposed rule changes relevant to taxation and honorary membership.

MARKETING: 2. The meeting noted the export statistics for the month of May 1987.

3. Mr Herron tabled a crop and market report No. 5 and it was agreed that this information should NOT be contained in the "Beekeeper".

The Executive Secretary to ascertain the distribution arrangements - it being understood that these would be distributed to all hive levy payers with more than 1000 hives.

EDUCATION: 5. The President reported on a press release drafted by Mr Wallingford relative to the Certificate Course, and the successful candidates named.

MARKETING: 4. Mr White reported that the recipes had been printed and distributed to the agents but it was noted that there was a pricing mistake in the "Beekeeper" and that the price for the recipe cards should be 20 cents plus G.S.T. (refer Minutes 10/12/86).

It was noted that the President, together with the Committee and the Executive Secretary would be meeting with the Commission Agents if at all possible straight after the seminar on Tuesday.

5. The Executive Secretary reported that research at Massey and Auckland Universities appeared to be progressing satisfactorily.

6. Mr White confirmed that the \$209 claimed by Lucas Printing was not to be paid.

7. The Executive Secretary reported on discussions with the Market Development Board concerning possible export developments.

8. Considerable discussion took place concerning pricing of honey on both the local and overseas markets.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

3. It was agreed that the USDA be advised that the Association was keen to continue receiving the World Sugar and Molasses Situation and Outlook, and it was agreed that this be circulated via the Executive.

4. It was agreed that the Association subscribe to the National Honey Market News USDA and this be made available on receipt to Mr Herron.

5. Industry Plan

a. It was noted that the matter of improved industry P.R. was under action.

b. It was noted that the updated AQS card had been discussed earlier in the meeting, as had the NBA promotional pamphlet.

6. General discussion took place concerning the proposal from Mr Matheson that the logo on the NBA letterhead be changed to incorporate the stylised logo.

7. The meeting was advised that the seminar to be held at the Michael Fowler Centre in September was not now proceeding.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10.00 pm and it was agreed that the meeting would reconvene at approximately 12.30 pm on Wednesday for a working lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 5.45 pm on Tuesday 14 July 1987.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

8. a) The Executive met with Ms J Ashcroft and J Chisnall to discuss arrangements in respect of the promotion material and it was decided that, in future, the Agents would order as and when required and be invoiced and pay accordingly. Bulk supplies to be retained, therefore, at Head Office.

b) It was agreed that recipe cards be donated for promotions at present being undertaken. It was suggested that in preparing the next set of recipes consideration be given to providing those suitable for microwave use, at the same time ensuring simplicity.

c) The matter of a video on demonstration techniques on how to use honey was also considered.

ADVISORY: 14. The Executive then met with Drs Arthur Sutherland and Barry Donovan to discuss the wasp control programme with particular reference to a future programme in the North Island. After some discussion the matter was left for further resolution.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6.10 pm and reconvened at 12.55 pm on Wednesday 15th July.

CONFERENCE: 10. General discussion took place concerning Remit 15 and Conference arrangements particularly with regard to the panel discussion and the decision to take the Remit directly after afternoon tea.

ADVISORY:

13. The President reported on attendance the previous evening at a meeting of interested parties for the co-ordination of research (NZAPA). It had been decided that :

- a) Mr Clive Vardy would co-ordinate a list of what research is at present being undertaken;
- b) the establishment of a panel of expert opinion to advise the NBA relative to requests for funding;
- c) the Association to review its present commitments and requirements in respect of research and the President undertook to prepare a draft document for consideration by Executive at its September meeting, the intention being to produce a final document so that the NZAPA could discuss it at the 1988 Conference.

REPORTS:

1. PESTICIDES BOARD

- a) Mr Ian Berry reported that importation of Mirex would not be allowed. It was further noted that Rentakill had a stock and Mr Russell Berry would be approaching them to ascertain its suitability, the quantity involved and methods of possible distribution.
- b) Mr Ian Berry indicated that the Pesticides Board had arranged for a poster relative to bee toxicity to be printed in the "Farm Equipment News" (85000 copies) with an overrun of 5,000 at an estimated all up cost of \$20,000.
- c) Mr Berry tabled a proposed advertisement for the "Orchardist" magazine, also relevant to bee toxicity at a cost of \$650 and it was agreed that this advertisement be placed but that, if possible, a contribution be obtained from the Pesticides Board towards the cost.

2. FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr White indicated that it appeared that Federated Farmers was changing its approach to national matters and in respect of the ACC submissions it was agreed that Mr White precis these for inclusion in the "Beekeeper".

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

It was noted that the librarian would be presenting a report to Conference.

The meeting was advised that a claim was to be lodged with the N.Z. Railways for the two lost videos.

4. APIARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil report.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1.56 pm and reconvened at 5.45 p.m.

MARKETING: 9. The Executive met with Mr Jeff Farrant of Chemiplas to discuss possible importations of white refined sugar. Mr Farrant outlined the proposals contained in his letter of 10 July 1987.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6.00 pm and reconvened at 4.37 pm on Thursday 16th July.

In attendance: Mr S H Young, newly elected Executive member.

FINANCE: 1. Statement of cheques paid April, May, June 1987 being cheques nos. 559819 - 559820 and 346781 - 346822 totalling \$27961.20 was approved

2. The meeting considered the proposal from the Pork Industry Board relative to the administration fee for the year commencing 1 January 1988 and it was agreed in line with their proposal that the fee paid to the Pork Industry Board be increased to \$27,500 as from 1 January 1988.

3. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report of 1 July 1987 detailing the cash outturn to the 30 June 1987, and the 1988 estimates.

It was noted that, in addition to the proposed increased levy a further levy would be required for the MAF Inspection Fee, and Mr Reid undertook to provide details of this to the Executive Secretary who would prepare a final report for the September meeting, together with submissions to the Minister for the increase in hive levy.

MARKETING: 10. Further to the discussions the previous day with Mr Farrant of Chemiplas, it was agreed that the proposals received from Chemiplas of 10 July 1987 be forwarded to Branches.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

9. Further discussions took place relevant to the promotion pamphlet and it was agreed that Mr Reid proceed with the printing of the pamphlet, it being understood that MAF would distribute at no cost to the Association, but at the same time the Executive acknowledged that there may be some variations within regions

CONFERENCE: 11. The Executive Secretary was requested to prepare for the September meeting (if possible) a review of the meeting arrangements for Executive and Conference.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

1. The meeting was made aware of an application from MAFTech Invermay concerning follow up research on the mellitiphis mite, and it was agreed that copies of this be circulated to Executive for consideration at the September meeting.

2. The meeting noted letter dated 17 June 1987 from the Chairman of Trustees in respect of grants made and declined.

GENERAL:

1. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the South Western Districts to ascertain the reasons for their request to change their name to Southern North Island.

CONFERENCE:

12. The meeting considered the Remits to Conference and it was agreed :

REMIT NO. 1 The Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a paper relevant to rule amendments to take into account this Remit.

REMIT NO. 2 It was agreed that the Executive would give further consideration to this matter and consider it again at the September meeting.

REMIT NO. 3 It was agreed that this Remit be referred to the Accident Compensation Corporation.

REMIT NO. 4 No action required by the Executive

REMIT NO. 5. Agreed to defer action on this Remit pending further discussions with the DSIR and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

REMIT NO. 6. The Executive Secretary to write to the Pest Destruction Council to ascertain the present status of wasps and what further action could be taken.

REMIT NO. 7. It was noted that no action was required meantime by the Executive but the matter should be continually reviewed, particularly in respect of the Environmental Impact Report due to be released in the near future.

REMIT NO. 8. The matter to be reviewed in the light of future developments.

REMIT NO. 9. It was noted that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries already had a list of projects and that, in addition, the matter was currently being reviewed by the NZAPA.

REMIT NO. 10. The Association had already quantified the value of beekeeping to the nation. Branches to also quantify their own contribution to the local scene.

REMIT NO. 11. Branches to be urged to quantify their own costs and benefits and to lobby their local regional office of the Ministry and local politicians .

REMIT NO. 12. Mr Reid undertook to ascertain lines of communication and responsibility and advise the Executive Secretary accordingly and, if appropriate, a luncheon meeting to be arranged for Wednesday 9th September.

REMIT NO. 13. Mr Lorimer was requested to ask the Waikato Branch to prepare submissions to the Ministry of Transport on behalf of the Association.

REMIT NO. 14. It was noted that advice was still awaited from the Trustees as to the outcome of their negotiations with the Co-op.

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REMIT NO. 15. It was noted that this Remit was to lie upon the table until the 1988 Conference.

REMIT NO. 16. Had not been accepted by Conference.

REMIT NO. 17. Noted

REMIT NO. 18 AND 19. Had not been accepted by Conference.

REMIT NO. 20. It was agreed to await reaction and developments in respect of Remit No. 21.

REMIT NO. 21. The President to ascertain from Dr Denis Anderson as to suitable persons who might be available to undertake such a job.

REMIT NO. 22. Noted.

APOLOGY: Mr Dudley Ward tabled an apology for the meeting 8/9 September.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 8/9 September, 1987.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 6.25 pm.



SEP 87

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
IN THE BOARD ROOM, PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11TH FLOOR, DALMUIR  
HOUSE, 114 THE TERRACE, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
8TH AND 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1987, COMMENCING AT 10.05 A.M.  
ON THE TUESDAY

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PRESENT: Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair  
Messrs. K Herron, A D Lorimer, G White, S Young

In attendance: Mr G M Reid, Senior Apiculture Advisory  
Officer, for part of the meeting  
Mr I Berry, NBA Pesticides Board representative,  
for part of the meeting.

WELCOME: A welcome was extended to Mr Stan Young  
attending his first meeting as a member  
of the Executive, and also good wishes  
were conveyed to Mrs Young for a speedy  
recovery from the recent tragic accident.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from  
Mr D Ward.

MINUTES:

1. The Minutes of the Executive meeting  
held 13, 14, 15 and 16 July, 1987, having  
been circulated, were taken as read,  
and the President authorised to sign  
them as a true and correct record, after  
noting the amendment to the date, i.e.  
1987, and the following comment relative  
to paragraph 4, page 2, under Publications  
and Public Relations :

"The Executive states categorically  
that the views expressed were those  
of Andrew Matheson, Apicultural Advisor,  
and are not necessarily those of the  
Executive. The Executive regrets any  
implied denigration of Mr Burgess and  
the Board of Burgess Media Services  
Ltd."

2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
and Conference of Branch Delegates held  
15 and 16 July, having been circulated,  
were taken as read, and noted as a correct  
record.

3. General  
Consideration was given to the lists  
of recipients of minutes, and also Life  
Members, and appropriate amendments  
were made.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1.a Availability of Mirex  
To be discussed later in the meeting  
when Mr Ian Berry would be in attendance.
- b Representation of NBA at the Australian  
Congress July 1988.

The President commented on his possible  
attendance at the Congress.

2. Review of meeting arrangements for Executive and Conference

The Executive Secretary's paper of 20th August was considered, and it was generally agreed that the whole concept of conference become a little less formal.

Considerable discussion ensued, and it was agreed that the Executive should assemble on the Saturday for meeting on the Sunday. The suggestion for a half-day to be set aside for special interest groups was favoured, and a suggestion also made that late remits only be accepted if relevant to something already being discussed.

Relevant to the items for discussion in the Executive Secretary's paper it was :

- a) Agreed that the 15 minute registration period on the Wednesday morning be dispensed with.
- b) Agreed that all sessions be started on time.

The suggestion was also made that a member of the Executive be available after each session to answer questions and thereby free the President and Executive Secretary for other necessary duties.

- c) Remit procedure - the Executive Secretary to review the remit procedure in the light of foregoing suggestion.
- d) Placing of least contentious remits to be considered at Executive meeting immediately before Conference.
- e) Agreed that a separate room be made available for the use of the Executive for the entire period.
- f) Executive to assemble on Saturday for meeting on Sunday and Monday, and special interest groups to be part of the conference which would be held over the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Remits

Further discussion ensued relative to remits, and it was agreed that the President and Executive Secretary continue to consider remits, and where two or more Remits are similar, the matter be pointed out to Branches with the request that similar Remits be allowed to be discussed concurrently.

- g) Noted, but preference of Executive was to meet on the Sunday rather than the Friday.
- h) The desirability to totally restructure Conference/AGM and make it a more progressive/ planning for the future type meeting, was noted.

3. South Western Districts - change of name.

Mr Young reported that it was felt the name "South Western Districts" did not necessarily indicate the correct location. After discussion it was agreed that, unless strong evidence to the contrary could be provided, there was little need to change the Branch name at this stage.

4. AGM and CONFERENCE

a) It was confirmed that the 1988 Conference be held Tuesday and Wednesday 12th and 13th July 1988. Recommended on this occasion there be no formal seminar.

Executive to assemble on Saturday 9th July and meet on Sunday 10th. Monday 11th to be set aside for special interest groups. Registration Monday night. Guest speakers to be fitted into allotted conference time.

Advice to go to Branches and special interest groups concerning this timing.

b) After consideration it was agreed that the original Conference Prayer be retained.

c) Change of Rules - Associate Membership

The Executive agreed with the suggested rule amendments relative to Associate Membership, contained in the Executive Secretary's memo. of 20th August.

d) ACC Levies. Letter from Accident Compensation Corporation dated 17 August 1987, outlining the review being undertaken by the Corporation was noted - the outcome of this review to be awaited.

e) Transport Law Reform Bill.

Mr Lorimer reported that Mr Russell Berry is currently investigating this matter.

f) Election of Honorary Members

It was agreed that initially honorary membership should be granted to all Apicultural Advisory Officers; Denis Anderson, DSIR Bee Pathologist; Mark Goodwin, MAF Scientist; and Dr Barry Donovan.

5. TRAVEL CLAIMS FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

Members submitting travel claims for attendance at Conference to be asked to forward tax invoice as registered GST persons, supported by photocopies of relevant travel tickets.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12.40 pm for lunch, which was attended by Mr John Hickman, Director, NZ Meteorological Services, who gave a general overview of the operation of the service, and agreed that a representative of the Met. Service have discussions with Mr Gavin White relative to the Association's requirements.

The meeting reconvened at 2.50 p.m.

ADVISORY: Consideration was held pending the attendance of Mr GM Reid, Senior Apicultural Advisory Officer.

- EDUCATION:
1. Visual Aids  
The President reported on a letter of claim written to the NZ Railways claiming for the lost videos, which it was hoped would be able to be replaced.
  2. Funding of Beekeeper Training  
General discussion ensued, during which the suggestion was made to investigate setting up a young beekeeper exchange scheme with overseas countries. (Item to be retained on Agenda).
  3. R.N.Z.I.H.Prescription Meeting  
A letter from the Bay of Plenty Community College, dated 6 August 1987, addressed to Mr Colin Moyle, was read to the meeting, as also was letter from RNZIH dated 7 September. The President agreed to respond to this letter.
  4. It was agreed that the President should attend the meeting on 14th October 1987 relative to the Bay of Plenty Community College Certificate in Beekeeping Course.

- MARKETING:
1. Honey Export Statistics  
Mr Herron reported on these statistics, commenting that it appeared honey exports were considerably reduced compared with last year.
  2. Crop and Market Report No. 6 was produced.  
It was confirmed that distribution of this report should normally be to Branch Secretaries, Advisory Officers, Commercial members with 1000 or more hives, and other hive levy payers on request. However, in view of current concerns for the coming season, it was agreed that Market Report No. 6 should also be distributed to producers with 500 or more hives.
  3. Massey and Auckland Universities - Market research results still awaited.
  4. Marketing Strategy for N.Z. - Marketing committee to be invited to attend December Executive meeting if reports from Auckland and Massey are available.
  5. N.Z.Food and Beverage Exporters Council - list of exporters to be forwarded as requested.
  6. Considerable discussion took place concerning the current pricing of honey on both the local and overseas markets, and it was agreed that the President and Mr Herron write an addendum to the Crop and Market Report No. 6 for distribution to hive levy payers with 500 or more hives.

- ADVISORY:
1. The meeting noted the report of Mr Reid covering the following :  
  
MAF Funding for Disease Surveillance 1987/88  
Apicultural Advisory Officers  
Ruakura Apiculture Research and Advisory Committee  
(RARAC)  
Report in the "Australian Beekeeper" June 1987  
Publicity Brochure  
Registration Fee NSW  
Wasp Parasites

MAF Funding for Disease Surveillance  
1987/88

The President reported on his meeting with Mr R.E.W.Elliot, Director, MAFQual, concerning the apicultural section, where it was advised that all surveillance and disease control work may come under the agricultural security section. At that meeting the importance of maintaining disease and quality control had been stressed.

Noted that Mr G M Reid was to have further discussion with Mr Elliot the following day.

RARAC

Mr Reid outlined the proposals presented by Dr Mark Goodwin.

Publicity Brochure.

It was noted that the subscription in the publicity brochure was incorrect - quoted as \$20.00 inclusive of GST, should be \$22.00 inclusive of GST. As brochures already despatched, agreed to accept the \$20.00 as full payment (i.e. \$18.18 subscription and \$1.82 GST). Future issues to be corrected.

Mr Reid's letter of 3rd September 1987 on Cost Recovery : Registration and Apiary Section, was then discussed at length.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5.45 p.m. and reconvened at 8.35 a.m. on 9th September.

ADVISORY contd.

Further considerable discussion took place concerning Mr Reid's letter of 3rd September (Cost Recovery, etc.) during which suggestions made were separate membership fee, journal subscription and hive levy, but no decisions were taken.

Pesticides Board

At this stage of the meeting Mr Ian Berry attended to report that he had written an article for the "Orchardist", a list of toxic sprays had been sent, and the "Dead Bees Do Not Pollinate" advertisement would also appear in the October issue of the "Orchardist". The Pesticides Board had agreed to meet \$350 of the total cost of \$650, with the NBA financing the balance.

Mirex - Mr Russell Berry had contacted Rentokil and a reply was still awaited.

Mr Ian Berry also reported on the continuing concern of direct imports from Australia in that they do not carry the necessary warning "Toxic to Bees" on the labels.

PROMOTIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Mr Berry required 2000 of the new recipes, providing the price was as before.
2. Mr Gavin White advised a further supply of "I Love My Honey" stickers was due

at Head Office (Secretary's note: these have arrived), and also that N.B.A. pens would be re-ordered.

ADVISORY contd.

Further discussion on the registration and apiary inspection cost recovery then took place concerning the need for clarification of the situation regarding membership of the Association as a separate item.

Also discussed was the possible change to the definition of a "beekeeper" as shown in the Hive Levy Act. Further suggestions made were :

- a) Basic fee for registration and disease inspection contract;
- b) Journal subscription included;
- c) Membership

Adjournment:

The meeting then adjourned at 10.05 a.m. for morning tea and discussions with Mr Michael Burgess, Editor of the N.Z. "Beekeeper", and re-convened at 10.50 a.m.

ADVISORY cont.

During further discussions re: cost recovery registration and apiary inspection, an appointment was sought with the Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries for later in the day. The matter of cost recovery was left in abeyance until the President and Vice President had had the opportunity to talk with the Under-Secretary.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon for lunch, during which Mr David Dobson, General Manager, NZ Pork Industry Board, was invited to attend to give guidelines on the approach to the Under-Secretary; confirmation having been received of appointment for 3.00 pm that day.

The meeting reconvened at 12.45 pm

FINANCE:

1. Statement of cheques paid July and August 1987, being cheques Nos. 346823 and 346862 totalling \$15057.04 was approved.
2. The meeting noted the financial statement of 1 September 1987 detailing the cash outturn to that date, and 1988 estimates.
3. R.W. Stiles Account - this matter had been resolved by Mr G White.
4. Review of Unpaid Hive Levies. Agreed that details be forwarded to Branch Secretaries, with the request that assistance be given to collect outstanding levies, or clarify present status, and the suggestion made that lists be read out to Branch meetings.

To be further reviewed at December meeting.

5. 1988 Hive Levy

It was resolved that in terms of making application for an increase in the hive levy for 1988, that this only take into account recouping the NBA costs at the present time. Application to be held until late October for further consultation with President.

ADVISORY contd. Notes for discussion with the Under Secretary were then decided.

PROMOTIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

3. In order to comply with requests from major advertisers it was agreed that the 1988 publication dates for the "Beekeeper" be February, May, August and November. Notice of this change to be contained in the December 1987 issue.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS: 1. The meeting reviewed, in committee, applications for financial assistance from Industry trusts.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2.50 p.m. when the President and Vice President, accompanied by Mr David Dobson, left for discussions of the disease inspection funding proposal with the Under Secretary.

Closure: The meeting re convened at 3.50 p.m. but, due to the immediate departure of Messrs [redacted] due to lack of a quorum.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8th and 9th, 1987.

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PRESIDENT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# DEC 87

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11TH FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, 114 THE TERRACE, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 8TH AND 9TH DECEMBER, 1987, COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M. ON TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

PRESENT: Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair  
Messrs K Herron, A D Lorimer, D Ward, G White, S Young

In attendance: G M Reid, Senior Apiculture Advisory Officer, and, for part of the meeting, Mr Richard Ivis, MAF

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Executive met with Ms Norrey Simmons and Mr Alan Emerson of Communications Trumps to discuss public relations the expertise and facilities which that company can offer. The Executive to further review the Industry's needs in the light of available finance.

MINUTES: 1. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held 8/9 September, 1987, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the President authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

The In Committee Minutes of that meeting were also confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: 1. Availability of Mirex. There was no further progress to report in respect of the availability of Mirex.

2. It was agreed to defer any decision in respect of funding of any official representation at the Australian Congress, July 1988

3. There was no further report concerning the effects of the Transport Law Reform Bill.

4. Industry Conference 1988 . Following the recommendation from the Auckland Branch, it was agreed that the industry conference be held at the Airways Motor Inn - the President to convey this confirmation to the Auckland Chairman.

5. Mr Reid indicated that some AAO's had not been receiving copies of the Executive Minutes.

FINANCE: 1. Statement of cheques paid in September, October, November 1987, being cheques nos. 346863-346890, and 357541-357557, totalling \$31,114.54 was approved.

2. The meeting noted the financial statement, being the report for the 11 months ended 30 November, 1987.

3. The meeting reviewed the list of unpaid hive levies as at 1 December 1987, and it was agreed that registered letters be sent to those on the list.

4. The Executive agreed that, where required to, the Association would meet the accommodation and travel costs of the National Apicultural Advisory Officer in attending Executive meetings.

5. The Executive Secretary reported on advice from the Ministry relative to the Association's request for an increase in the Hive Levy, indicating that because of the Ministry's dilatoriness an increase was not possible in terms of current legislation, and that the matter was being explored.



The Executive was subsequently advised, at lunch with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary, that the Ministry were exploring alternative mechanisms for putting the increased levy into effect, and would advise the Executive Secretary by Thursday 10th December as to the results of these explorations.

6. Further to the discussions at the September meeting concerning the amendments to definitions in the Hive Levy Act, it was agreed that this now be again pursued by the Executive Secretary.

ADVISORY:

It was agreed that consideration of advisory items be deferred until the following day.

EDUCATION:

1. It was agreed that no further action be taken meantime in regard to visual aids, but the matter be again reviewed at the next Planning Meeting.

2. Following general discussion concerning the funding of beekeeper training, Mr Reid undertook to discuss with Mr Roberts the possibility of producing a report detailing funds available from Trusts for educational purposes.

3. The President reported on the Annual Meeting of the Prescription Committee relevant to the Beekeeping Certificate Course held on 14th October at B.o.P. Polytechnic. He further reported that the course had received validation for a further 5-year period from the A.A.V.A.

4. The President advised that Mr Wallingford had responded to the Department of Labour's letter concerning their Vocational Guidance Service, and it was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Wallingford.

5. The meeting considered correspondence from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture concerning the prescription of the RNZIH Qualifications in Apiculture, and it was agreed that, in the light of the Executive stance in respect of this qualification, that approval be declined. The Executive Secretary to advise the Institute accordingly.

6. It was agreed that the Association accept the offer of the Board of Management of the Telford Farm Training Institute to be represented on their Bee Committee and, further, that the President be the appointee for the coming year.

7. The President advised the meeting that the 1987 Bursary Award for the Telford Farm Training Institute was Jonathan White, and that an application should be lodged with the Trustees for this Award.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1.00 pm for lunch and re-convened at 1.50 pm.

MARKETING:

1. The meeting considered the notes of the meeting held on 13th November, and it was agreed

a) That the market research committee should continue to operate with particular emphasis on prices and promotion;

b) That the industry should be involved in the IHEO (International Honey Exporters Organisation);

c) With regard to the other two proposals from the Committee

"That the NBA should provide an information and education source to assist co-operation in the market place, both within New Zealand and overseas"

and

"That the NBA and the Trustees look at the appointment of a part-time executive, duties to emphasise marketing"

it was agreed that these should be further considered, possibly at the 1988 Planning Meeting.

PLANNING MEETING:

As a result of the suggestion from the Marketing Meeting of 13th November - that a substantial review of the honorarium paid to the President should be undertaken - it was agreed by the Executive that a full review of the Association's administrative structure should be undertaken at the 1988 Planning Meeting, and it was further agreed that this be held at Flock House from 7 - 10 March, assembling for lunch on the Monday, dispersing after lunch on the Thursday.

It was further agreed that, in addition to the Senior Apiculture Advisory Officer, Mr Reid would also endeavour to have Messrs Matheson and Roberts in attendance.

It was further agreed that invitations be extended by the Association to Messrs Nick Wallingford and Peter Bray to attend.

MARKETING, contd.

2. It was noted that the development of a New Zealand marketing strategy had still to be pursued.

3. Mr Herron reported that a crop and market report had yet to be prepared, and he would endeavour to have one available early in 1988.

4. The meeting reviewed the export statistics for October 1987.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6.00 p.m. for dinner and reconvened at 8.30 p.m.

5. The meeting agreed to take no action relative to the publication "Rural New Zealand - What Next?"

6. The meeting considered the letter from the Waikato Branch regarding world honey prices, and it was agreed that this be discussed with the Under-Secretary the following day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. It was agreed to ascertain from AAO's whether they had a use for the honeypot posters and that any surplus copies be distributed to beekeepers with the next issue of the "Beekeeper".

2. The meeting noted the launch of the new national rural weekly tabloid "The Farmer" by Rural Press Ltd.

3. The meeting agreed to consider the matter of publications and the proposal from Communication Trumps at the March Planning Meeting.

4. The President advised the meeting of the report received from Jan Chisnall concerning promotion undertaken at the 1987 Conference, and it was agreed that this be drawn to the attention of the Auckland Branch and circulated

to other branches for information.

5. General discussion took place as to the desirability of a regular NBA Newsletter in addition to/or replacing, the "Beekeeper" and Mr Reid indicated that the Ministry would be placing a proposal before the Executive for the Ministry to edit either or both publications.

6. The meeting then considered two proposals from Messrs Wallingford and Matheson relative to industry promotion and public relations, and it was agreed that approval be given for the preparation of a draft of the profile document to be prepared at an estimated cost of \$400.

Further developments relative to the profile document and the brochure are to be considered at the March Planning Meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10.38 p.m. and reconvened at 8.41 a.m.

ADVISORY:

1. The meeting was advised that, apart from the letter of 10th September from the N.Z. Met Service, no further developments had occurred, and it was agreed that Mr White would pursue the matter by telephone with Mr Hickman.

2. Mr Ward advised the meeting that there appeared to be no further developments relative to the biocontrol of heather.

3. The President reported on correspondence to and from the DSIR in respect of the biological control of the german and common wasps.

4. Mr White reported on his attendance at the meeting to examine the wasp control problem and proposed research studies on the 21st August, and copies of the notes were made available to the Executive.

5. It was agreed that the request from the DSIR for funding for wasp research be considered at the March meeting - applications for Trust funds.

6. The meeting was made aware of the response of the Pest Destruction Council to the Association's request relative to Remit 6 from the 1987 Conference.

7. The meeting noted the minutes of the Advisory Committee of the Ruakura Apiculture Research and Advisory Unit of the 23 July 1987.

8. The President reported on his attendance at a Research Meeting held in Invermay on 16th September 1987.

He also commented on his discussions relevant to research with Mark Goodwin at Ruakura Research Centre.

9. The meeting noted the report of Mr Reid covering the following topics:

1. Staffing
2. Auckland District : Funding Apiary Inspection
3. AFB Situation
4. Canadian - US Border - Shut until January
5. Fresh Royal Jelly
6. NBA Brochures : Matheson/Wallingford (Goal D)
7. Market Access USA for Queen Bees
8. Queen Bees to Israel

The President reported on his meeting with the various MAF Regional Managers

10. The President advised that a report relative to research undertaken and being considered, had been prepared and was being circulated to members of N.Z. Association of Professional Apiculturists.

11. In considering Remit 12 - Compensation for Shifting of Hives - it was agreed that no further action be taken meantime.

12. Considerable discussion took place concerning the provision of Apiary Inspection by the Ministry for the Association, during which Mr Reid indicated the following information:

a) The cost of providing the register and an inspection service was approximately \$200,000, costed approximately 50:50. There were 7500 registered beekeepers of which slightly less than 500 had 50+ hives, and a further 150 (excluding staff) were involved in the industry full time.

At best the Ministry achieved a 10% inspection rate, therefore leaving 90% unserviced. The Ministry was, therefore, only providing an "insurance policy" and could not eradicate disease but only prevent it from spreading. However, the Minister had decreed that the provision and maintenance of the register is a requirement under the Apiaries Act and, therefore, is not a service.

Considerable discussion took place in respect of this matter, a decision being deferred until after the luncheon meeting with the Under-Secretary of Agriculture.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m. to lunch with the Under-Secretary, Mr Ralph Maxwell, and re-convened at 1.19 p.m.

Following further general discussion it was agreed that the NBA Executive would prepare further submissions on the basis of a base fee for those beekeepers with up to 50 hives, and those with more than 50 hives, with the possibility of a sliding scale, with Government funding to a level of 50% of the cost, in recognition of the national benefit provided by the industry and the advised Ministerial comment (5 February 1987).

The President reported that he had responded to the Northland Branch correspondence on this matter.

FINANCE:

7. 1988 Hive Levy. Following the discussions with the Under-Secretary concerning the Ministry's dilatoriness, it was agreed that the Association would stand firm, and also that the Association would explore every avenue to make the Ministry accountable for its lack of action.

ADVISORY:

13. The meeting noted the letter from the President to Dr Denis Anderson concerning the proposed consultancy visit of Dr Ben Oldroyd from Australia.

14. It was agreed that further consideration of Remit 20 - importation of Italian type queens - be deferred until after the visit of Dr Ben Oldroyd.

15. It was agreed that consideration of the biological control of hawkweed be deleted from the Agenda until the matter is raised again by the DSIR or other parties.

16. The meeting considered the letter from the Waikato Branch concerning representation on a DSIR Board and the Executive Secretary was requested to remind the Department of existing arrangements.

17. A request for funding from the DSIR Biotechnology Division relative to the combination of heat and time on aroma volatiles in honey - agreed that Dr Visser be advised that aroma is not a factor particularly in respect of exports.

18. The meeting was advised that there appeared to be nothing of obvious concern in the discussion papers related to environmental quangos and, therefore, there was no need for the Association to make any submissions.

19. The President reported that he will respond to the Under-Secretary's correspondence with G. Jeffrey of Mountain Beech Apiaries.

20. It was agreed that support be sought from the Kiwifruit Authority for the Association's submissions on disease control, after these have been forwarded to the Minister.

21. The meeting noted correspondence from Timberlands (Canterbury District) outlining proposals for apiary site licence contracts for the Canterbury area.

22. The meeting noted copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between MAF and Mark Goodwin and the two supporting Associations, and that this was acceptable to the Executive. It was agreed that the account be forwarded to the Trustees for payment.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

1. The meeting noted advice from the Trustees of grants approved at the September 1987 meeting.

It was agreed that, in the light of information now received, the request from MAFTech Invermay for a research grant on melliphitis mite be re-submitted, with a recommendation for approval.

2. The meeting noted advice from the Trustees that arrangements had now been completed for the terms of repayment of the loans to the Co-op, being quarterly payments of \$30,000 commencing 1 May 1987.

3. The meeting noted the December 1986 financial statements received from the Trustees relevant to the General and Charitable Trusts.

4. The Executive Secretary was requested to make further enquiries relative to the agriculture and marketing research development trust.

REPORTS:

a. Pesticides Board. Nil report

b. Federated Farmers. Mr White tabled papers received from Federated Farmers in respect of their proposal for tariff reform.

c. Library Committee. Nil report

d. Apiary Advisory Committee. Nil report.

INDUSTRY PLAN: It was agreed that Goal F, Objective 2, Improved Administration, be an item for consideration at the March meeting.

GENERAL: 1. The items raised by Mr Lorimer relative to the Constitution to be considered in the light of the outcome of the March Planning Meeting.

2. It was agreed that an invitation be extended to Dr Guilia Giordani to address the 1988 Conference and that the Association would meet any required travel and accommodation costs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7 - 10 March 1988 at Flock House, Bulls.

NOTE: Members to advise Mr Roberts of their travel arrangements.

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 3.32 p.m.

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