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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Conference Room, Flock House, Bulls on Monday and Thursday 12 and 15 March 1990 commencing at 2.14 p.m. on Monday 12 March.

- PRESENT: Mr A. McCaw (President in the Chair)  
Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, G. White  
and N. Wallingford.
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G.M. Reid National Manager  
Apicultural MAF, Mr S.C. Goodman  
Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts  
Executive Officer.
- APOLOGIES: An apology for absence due to ill health  
was received from Mr D. Ward.
- MINUTES:
1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 & 12 December 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
  2. The In Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 11 and 12 December 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING  
FROM THE MINUTES:
- With regard to the 1990 Conference in Rarotonga it was agreed that the Executive Secretary would liaise with the Waikato Branch to ensure the correct procedures with regard to the opening of Conference, Invitations to the local beekeepers and attendance by them at the conference.
- The meeting noted the letter from the Northland Branch concerning the decision with respect to the venue and the Executive Secretary was requested to respond.
- It was noted that the seminar in Rarotonga was to be organised by MAF.
- It was agreed that the Executive would review the format of its meetings during Conference at the May meeting but noted that it would meet irrespective on the Sunday morning prior to Conference. It

was agreed that the Waikato Branch be advised that the Executive would need a room and facilities right through the Conference.

It was agreed that the NBA would contribute \$100 toward the travel expenses for Branch delegates.

It was agreed that in view of the special circumstances (venue) of this conference the Executive agreed that it was unable to meet the cost of the attendance of the Editor in Rarotonga.

The President undertook to discuss with Mr Berry and Mr Beattie the inclusion of the Executive Officer as part of the NBA party.

PLANNING  
MEETING:

The President outlined for the benefit of members the proposed format for the Planning Meeting due to commence the following day.

ADVISORY AND  
RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted the report of the Manager (NABU) for this meeting in respect of:

Live Bee access negotiations : USA  
Access to Canada  
SI Apiculture Services Manager  
Organic Food Standards

2. It was agreed that the contract for provision of Apiary inspection by MAF be held over until the planning meeting.

3. The meeting noted receipt from the MAF of the summary of submissions on the review of the Animals Act 1967.

4. It was noted that the Commodities Levy Bill had not yet been finally drafted.

5. The meeting noted response from MAF Qual advising that the Primary Products Bill will contain regulations covering aspect of the current Apiaries Act not included in the Agricultural Security Act.

6. The meeting noted a copy of a letter of the 16 February 1990 from the Pest Management Services Limited with

regard to the possible control programme and Mr White undertook to continue liaison with Mr Bell in respect of this matter.

7. Mr Wallingford reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Ruakura Apicultural Research Unit.

The President reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Invermay Apicultural Research and Advisory Unit. The potential involvement of both institutes within the Emergency Response Procedures of MAF and the desirability of close liaison between these two units was noted.

8. The meeting noted the minutes of the meeting of the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee meeting of the 31 January 1990.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.45 p.m. for dinner and reconvened at 7.20 p.m.

GENERAL:

1. The meeting noted that Mr Ralph Maxwell the Under Secretary had agreed to have lunch with the Executive at its meeting in May.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

9. The President reported on a visit from Dr Oliver Sutherland, Assistant Director D.S.I.R. Plant Protection who had reported on the restructuring within D.S.I.R. involving the old Entomology Division.

The meeting considered a letter from Dr Sutherland relevant to the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee and it was agreed that an invitation be extended to D.S.I.R. to be represented on the Committee subject to them meeting their own expenses (as with other members) and that the nominee was acceptable to the NBA. This matter deferred until the May meeting.

10. It was noted that MAF were working on a set of standards which would form a basis for several industries, including apiculture.

11. Mr Wallingford reported that there had been no further development with respect to the financial monitoring

programme contemplated to be undertaken by the Bay of Plenty Branch.

12. Mr Gavin White reported that responses had been received from the Hawkes Bay, West Coast and Otago Branches with regard to the Code of Ethics. It was agreed that a reminder be included in the next issue of Buzzwords and the matter be again discussed at the May meeting.

13. It was noted that Mr Wallingford was drafting a questionnaire to be sent to members with regard to drug feeding, the contents of which would be part of the MAF report to Executive.

Mr Reid reported that the Ministry were making enquiries to obtain an as wide as possible base for the report.

FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATION:

1. The meeting noted the list of 1989 unpaid hive levies and action taken to date.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary produce a report with respect to the discontinuation of the supply of Buzzwords as it applies to ordinary members who have not paid their subscription.

2. The meeting considered applications with respect to deferred payment of hive levy.

3. It was agreed that the matter of improved branch administration be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

4. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for the period December 1989, January-February 1990 being cheque numbers 15389 to 15448 and totalling \$80,216.88.

5. The meeting noted the draft of the Annual Report and agreed to consider this later in the meeting.

The meeting considered the Annual Accounts to the 31 December 1989 and these were approved for presentation to the Annual General Meeting subject to audit.

6. The meeting considered the redraft of the circular to be sent to branches with respect to remits and it was referred to the President and Mr Wallingford for final consideration.

7. The meeting approved the following time table for the 1990 Elections:

Nominations to close 5 p.m. 11 May  
Voting papers to be despatched by 22 May  
Voting papers to be returned by 5 p.m.  
on Friday 15 June  
Counting of votes to take place on  
Monday 18 June

8. It was agreed that in terms of the rules remits were to be received by Friday 25 May and it was agreed that a note to this effect be included in the April issue of Buzzwords.

9. A draft contract on the provision of Management Support Services for the National Beekeepers Association of N.Z. Inc was received from the Ministry.

10. The meeting noted the circular from the Tax Simplification Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9.40 p.m. and reconvened on Thursday morning at 8.27 a.m.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Mr N. Wallingford.

TRUSTS:

The meeting considered in committee the applications for trust funds.

PUBLICATIONS  
AND PUBLIC  
RELATIONS:

1. The reprinting of the pamphlet outlining NBA activities had been considered at the Planning Meeting.

2. It was noted that the Trustees had approved the financing of the reprint of the Profile Document details of which had been considered at the Planning Meeting.

3. It was noted that there had been no further developments in respect of the commemorative recognition of the introduction of Honey Bees. It was agreed that this should be kept under review.

4. It was noted that the contract for Buzzwords would need to be reviewed at the May meeting.

5. The development of the Association's journal "N.Z. Beekeeper" had been discussed at the Planning Meeting.

FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATION:

11. The meeting considered the draft annual report and this was approved for presentation to members.

12. The meeting agreed that the Association should sign the one year contract for the employment of Mr E. Roberts as the Executive Officer and the President was authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Association.

TRUSTS:

The Executive Secretary was requested to ascertain from the Trustees a time suitable to them for the meeting with the Executive at the May meeting.

MARKETING:

1. It was noted that the matter of a marketing strategy for New Zealand had been discussed at the planning meeting and noting the comments from the marketing sub-committee considered at the December Executive.

2. The meeting noted that the Trustees had declined to fund the market research on the spread market and therefore the matter would have to be further reviewed by the marketing sub-committee.

3. The matter of generic promotion had been dependant on the market research and this again would be a matter to be reviewed by the marketing sub-committee.

4. It was noted that the planning committee had suggested that Mr Mike Stuckey be asked to prepare an article for the "NZ Beekeeper" on the honey stocks stabilisation scheme.

5. It was noted that the marketing committee had in hand the matter of business/management skills and exporting education.

6. It was noted that comments with respect to market forecast would be

included in the next issue of Buzzwords based on information supplied by the packers.

7. It was agreed that the topic of Australian threat to export honey to New Zealand be deleted from future agendas.

8. It was noted that the Marketing subcommittee had still to consider the research project on health factors of honey.

9. The meeting noted the statistics from the USDA and New Zealand export statistics.

With regard to IHEO reports Mr Ecroyd had indicated that the N.Z. Honey Producers Co-Op was prepared to continue supplying the information to IHEO and the Executive agreed that this would be a matter to be further considered at the May meeting.

10. The matter of organic honey standards from the Biological Producers Council had been considered at the planning meeting.

EDUCATION:

1. It was noted that the matter of information for beekeepers to obtain financial management skills had been considered at the planning meeting.

2. The president reported that the Telford Bee unit had now established their own extracting facility.

3. The President reviewed for the benefit of the members the report of the Bay of Plenty Certification Course. Members reported on concerns expressed to them related to the delay on the marking of papers. It was agreed that this should be discussed with the tutor.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board nil report

2. Federated Farmers nil report

3. Library Committee nil report

4. Apiary Advisory Committee had not met.

5. Speciality Groups nil reports from Queen Breeders Association, Pollination

Association, Packers Association, Exporters (IHEO), it being noted that many of these topics had been covered at the planning meeting.

OTHER  
CORRESPONDENCE:

It was agreed that the matter referred to as the Timaru affair be deleted from future Agenda papers.

GENERAL:

It was noted that Mr Roberts had prepared a report in relation to the Resource Management Bill. Mr Roberts undertook to prepare a report for the next meeting of the Executive in relation to an Industry Code of Practice.

DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING:

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive will be held in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday 1 & 2 May 1990.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 11.50 a.m.

PRESIDENT:

DATE:



IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON THE 12  
& 15 MARCH 1990.

TRUST APPLICATIONS: The meeting considered the applications for financial assistance and made the following decisions:

a) Application from D.S.I.R. Plant Protection for research funding for Diseases and Disorders of the Honey Bee. It was agreed that the Executive did not support this application.

b) Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries application for Apiculture Research Funding to be divided equally between Ruakura and Invermay. The Executive agreed that it would support the provision of \$30,000 for the Ministry for Research at Ruakura subject to funding from the New Zealand Kiwifruit Marketing Board and the continued involvement of Dr R.M. Goodwin in the research programme.

c) Application from Mr David Yanke for a Queen Improvement Programme. It was agreed to recommend to the Trustees that this application be held over to establish the level of beekeeper support noting that the Executive were of the opinion that this project would be of benefit to the industry.

d) An application from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for Mr A. Matheson to attend the 6th International Symposium on Pollination in the Netherlands in August 1990. The Executive agreed that it would support such application.

e) An application for Mr Ken Everitt to promote his bicycle journey around part of Australia. It was agreed that the Executive would not support such application.

It was agreed that the Trust applications be submitted to the Trustees as soon as practical and that the President would further amplify aspects of the Executive's decision for the benefit of the Trustees.

PRESIDENT:  
DATE:

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

MAY 92

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Pork Industry Board Room, 11th Floor, Dalmeir House, 114 The Terrace, Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday 1 & 2 May 1990 commencing at 10.09 a.m. on Tuesday 1 May.

PRESENT: Mr A. McCaw (President in the Chair)  
Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, G. White  
N. Wallingford and D. Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G.M. Reid National Manager  
Apicultural MAF, Mr S.C. Goodman  
Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts  
Executive Officer.

MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 & 15 March 1990 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:

a) The paragraph with respect to travel expenses to Conference was amended to read, "it was agreed that the NBA would contribute \$100 per branch towards the travel expenses for branch delegates".

b) Item 10 under Advisory and Research was amended to read "it was noted that MAF were working on a set of organic standards which would form a basis for several industries, including Apiculture.

2. The In Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 12 & 15 March 1990, having been circulated, were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING  
FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

INDUSTRY  
CONFERENCE: The meeting noted a report from Mr Russell Berry of the Waikato Branch relative to arrangements in Rarotonga.

1. The draft letter to Dr Koekoe Mokotupu was approved.

2. It was noted that matters such as registration fees were to be the

responsibility of the Waikato Branch.

3. Following consideration of submissions from Mr John Heineman it was agreed that the Association retain the existing conference prayer.

4. It had already been noted that the Executive would meet on the Sunday morning and it was now agreed that they also convene on the afternoon of Sunday with a meeting following Conference proceedings on the Tuesday afternoon.

5. It was agreed that speciality groups be made aware of the arrangements for their meetings on Sunday afternoon.

6. It was noted that the Conference Opening would take place at 10.00 a.m. on the Monday and conclude at noon.

7. The conference to reconvene at 8.30 a.m. on the Tuesday and continue through to 12.00 p.m. (noon) with the usual Agenda format applied.

8. It was agreed that subject to attendance the following be invited to present reports to conference:

DSIR (2)  
Telford  
Bay of Plenty Polytechnic  
Ruakura  
Invermay  
Pesticides  
MAF  
NBA Librarian

9. The attendance of the Executive Officer at Rarotonga had still to be finalised with the Travel Agency.

ADVISORY AND  
RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted the report of the Manager (NABU) for this meeting in respect of:

Live Bee access negotiations : USA  
Access to Canada  
AFB Canterbury  
Apicultural Staff Overseas  
MAF policy vs delivery  
Prosecution under Apiaries Act

Mr Reid further reported on the establishment of a Post Doctoral Fellowship for Honey Research at Waikato University.

The meeting was advised of the poor response to date from many beekeepers in regard to the MAF Annual statement of hive inspection.

Continuing pressure was coming from Australia to have honey imports from New Zealand banned because of chalk brood.

2. The President reported on discussions with MAF Christchurch relevant to the appointment of an AO in the South Island and a further meeting in Christchurch was proposed.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with MAF Christchurch to discuss the South Island AAO appointment, either during the week of 28 May or 11 June.

3. Mr Roberts reported on the present state of proposed legislation relevant to the Commodities Levy Bill, Resource Management Bill, Primary Products Bill, Ag Compounds Bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.13 p.m. for lunch and discussions with Dr. Russell Ballard the Director General of Agriculture and reconvened at 2.20 p.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

4. Mr White reported there had been no further advice from Dr Bell at Lincoln College relative to molasses and oxalic acid field trials and it was noted that an application had been made to the Trustees for further financial assistance.

5. Mr Wallingford reported no further meetings with regard to the Ruakura Apicultural Research Committee.

5.a. The President reported on a meeting of the Invermay Apicultural Research and Advisory Committee noting that further limited funds had been made available

for Mr S. Ogden which will enable him to continue with part of his research on pollen supplements, for the coming season.

6. The meeting was advised that Mr Ogden had circulated to members of the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee the protocols for referring research applications and advice to the Executive.

7. Mr Roberts reported that he had obtained from Massey University some information with respect to the protection of industry interests in research and details had been requested from D.S.I.R..

8. Mr White reported on further responses from branches concerning the Code of Ethics (siting agreement).

9. Mr Roberts indicated that he still had to make further enquiries with regard to the possibility of establishing an industry Code of Practice.

10. The President reported that no further action had been taken with regard to the establishment of a Beekeeping Research Fund. It was the opinion of the Executive that the presentation of an Executive remit to conference would be desirable. The President undertook to prepare such a Remit for this year's order paper.

11. The Executive Secretary tabled papers with respect to the Science Foundation and these were to be made available to Mr Matheson.

12. The meeting was advised that the commissioned report on Drug Feeding was currently being finalised by MAF and would be available shortly.

13. The meeting was advised that ARAC was currently working on a paper relative to the promoting of the value of beekeeping industry funded research.

14. The meeting noted a letter from a member Mrs Moffat concerning the AQS services and the response of the Executive Secretary was noted.

PUBLICATIONS  
AND PUBLIC  
RELATIONS:

1. Mr Roberts tabled a schedule of quotations with regard to the reprinting of the pamphlet outlining NBA activities. It was agreed that this be proceeded with, and Mr Wallingford undertook to finalise the content and printing and arrange for it to be distributed by M.A.F. with the statement of inspection.

2. The meeting was advised that the final draft of the reprint of the Profile Document had now been prepared and it was anticipated that the reprinting would be completed within the next month.

3. The meeting considered the report from the Executive Secretary with regard to the costings of Buzzwords. It was agreed that this was providing a worthwhile service for members and the Industry and should be continued with, and that a further request for funds be lodged with the Trustees later in the year.

4. Mr White reported on discussions with Mr Wilson of the Historic Places Trust with regard to the commemorative recognition of the introduction of Honey Bees and further information was awaited from Mr Wilson.

5. The meeting considered a report from the Executive Officer with regard to the Goal C objective 2, i.e. the desirability of the Beekeeper journal meeting the requirements of the Association, and the proposal that a set of guidelines be established was agreed to.

It was further agreed that the Executive Officer prepare a report for the next meeting setting out the benefits and disadvantages of amalgamating the Beekeeper and Buzzwords.

6. General discussion took place relevant to the promotion of the NBA to targeted groups associated with the Industry.

EDUCATION:

1. The President reported that the Telford Management Committee had met on the 31 March and the bee unit was progressing satisfactorily and developments in the student training were anticipated including the introduction of overseas students for training.

2. Mr Wallingford reported that the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic Certificate Course was now on a maintenance basis only. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Mr Wallingford would have discussions with Mr Gavin McKenzie and the B.O.P. Apicultural Director concerning the possible transfer to Telford of the Certificate Course.

3. The Executive Officer sought guidance as to the response to overseas enquiries relative to Beekeeping. In general it was the opinion of the Executive that the response be left to the discretion of the Executive Officer in consultation with the President.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m. and reconvened at 8.38 a.m.

FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATION:

1. The meeting considered the schedule of unpaid hive levies as at the 27 April representing 146 hive levy payers.

The President undertook to provide an article for Buzzwords outlining for the information of members the differentiation between the hive levy declaration required by the NBA and the inspection return required by MAF.

The meeting considered the letter from the Canterbury Association concerning the publication of names of unpaid hive levy payers, it was agreed that although the proposal had great merit, there could be some legal pitfalls and the Association would continue with the current arrangement of supplying lists of unpaid hive levy payers to branches.

The meeting considered in committee requests for deferment of hive levies from members.

2. The meeting noted the report of the Executive Secretary concerning the discontinuance of sending Buzzwords to ordinary members who have not renewed their subscription. It was agreed to take no further action as the number involved was minimal.

3. It was noted that the opportunity to enhance NBA members identification with the Association would be taken through Buzzwords.

4. With regard to improved Branch Administration it was agreed that a series of very basic guidelines for office bearers be prepared. This to include instructions for Secretaries, Presidents and Treasurers and that eventually a comprehensive booklet for Branch administration should be produced.

5. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for the period March and April 1990 being cheque no's 15449 to 15494 and totalling \$127,884.46.

6. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's financial report being a cash statement for the four months ended the 30 April 1990.

7. The meeting was advised that the agreement between the Association and the Ministry of Ag & Fish in respect of the appointment of the Executive Officer had now been signed.

8. The meeting considered a letter from Mr John Heineman (Librarian) concerning the Associations rejoining Apimondia and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain the current subscription requirement.

9. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's report of the 29 March concerning Taxation and it was agreed



that the Executive must keep a watching brief in respect of any developments.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board - nil report
2. Federated Farmers - it was agreed that Mr Dobson be asked to discuss the matter of the Combined Land User Organisation with the Executive later in the day.
3. Apiary Advisory Committee - nil report.
4. Library Committee - nil report.
5. Speciality Groups
  - a) Queen Breeders Association - nil report.
  - b) Pollination Association - Mr Wallingford reported on current development with respect to the Kiwifruit Pollination Association in the Bay of Plenty Area and Mr Roberts reported in respect of the South Western Districts and Hawkes Bay.
  - c) Packers Association - the report of the last conference call had been circulated and the Executive was made aware of possible reduction in the Packers Association income in respect of sales of honey containers through Reese Bros Plastics Limited.
  - d) Exporters - some general discussion took place on the desirability of establishing a New Zealand Exporters Association. Comment was made with regard to the world price of honey and the Executive Officer was requested to draft a statement to IHEO with regard to USA honey pricing policies.

MARKETING:

1. It was noted that the Trustees had declined to support the marketing research proposal put forward by the NBA Marketing Committee and therefore the matter of generic promotion was to be reviewed by the committee.

2. It was noted that Mr Stuckey had been requested to provide an article with regard to honey stocks stabilisation for incorporation in the next issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper.

3. It was noted that the advertisement concerning advice on exports was to be a regular feature of the Beekeeper.

The matter of education and business/management skills was a matter to be further developed by the committee.

4. It was agreed that the provision of market information to IHEO be kept under review.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.16 p.m. for lunch and discussion with the Hon. John Falloon, Opposition Spokesman on Agriculture and reconvened at 2.05 p.m.

MARKETING:

5. It was noted that the matter of health factors had still to be considered by the marketing committee.

6. The meeting noted the statistics from;

- a) USDA
- b) NZ Export sales
- c) IHEO

7. The meeting was advised that there had been no further developments in respect of the organic standards which would also include honey.

TRUSTEES:

The Executive met with the Honey Trust Trustees and subjects discussed concerned the criteria for Trust fund applications and the reporting back to the Trustees from those who had been granted funds for research.

The Trustees expressed concern at the dominance of Government agencies in research applications and considerable discussion took place over method of widening the basis of applications.

The Executive outlined the structure and proposed programme for development of

the Apiculture Research and Advisory Committee particularly with regard to efforts to seek further sources of research funding other than Trust funds which it was recognised were a diminishing resource due to falling interest rates on investments.

DATE OF  
NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held on Sunday 15 July in Rarotonga.

It was also agreed that the September meeting should be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 12 and 13 September in Christchurch.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.23 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

IN COMMITTEE MINUTES

HIVE LEVIES:                   The meeting considered a request from Mr James Symes for further deferment of the 1989 and now the 1990 Hive Levy and it was agreed that:

a)    The 1989 Levy plus penalty must be paid now, that deferment for one month be given for the 1990 levy plus the penalty interest of 10% and noting that he would not have any voting entitlement until the 1989 levy had been paid.

2.    McGregor - it was agreed that the 10% penalty be waived if the balance of the hive levy due is paid within one month.

PRESIDENT:

DATE:

JUL 90

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.  
HELD AT THE EDGEWATER RESORT, RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS,  
ON SUNDAY 8 JULY 1990, COMMENCING AT 8.47 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr A McCaw, President, in the Chair  
Messrs K Herron, G Martin, G White,  
N Wallingford and D Ward.

In attendance :

Miss F Trewby, Executive member elect  
Mr G M Reid, National Manager, NABU, MAF  
Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

WELCOME: The President extended a welcome to Miss  
F Trewby attending as an observer her  
first meeting of the Executive.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 and  
2 May 1990, having been circulated, were taken  
as read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign  
them as a true and correct record, after noting the  
following amendments:

a) Second paragraph, Item 2, on page 3 was amended  
to read:

"It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with MAF,  
Christchurch, to discuss the South Island Apiculture  
Manager appointment, either during the week of 28th  
May or 11th June"

b) Item 12, on page 4, was amended to read:

"The meeting was advised that the commissioned report  
on drug treatment was currently being finalised by  
MAF, and would be available shortly."

c) Item 2, page 6, relevant to Education -

The "Bay of Plenty Apiculture Director" was amended  
to read "The BOP Polytechnic Director".

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

INDUSTRY CONFERENCE:

Mr Russell Berry of the Waikato Branch attended for  
a review of housekeeping matters in relation to the  
Conference, due to commence the following day. Times  
and venues for special interest groups meetings were  
confirmed, and it was agreed that the Executive would  
meet at 5.15 following the Seminar, and adjourn again  
at 6.30 p.m.

REMITTS: The Executive reviewed the 26 remits to be presented  
to Conference and, in many cases, resolved that more  
specific information and requirements would be needed  
to assist the meeting to come to a well informed  
decision.

Specific points raised included:

- 1) Examples wanted
- 2) and 3) Noted
- 4) Wait and see - further explanation required from the Mover
- 5) Wait and see
- 6) Specifics
- 7) Outline is in conflict with No.6
- 8) Noted
- 9) Wait and see
- 10) Noted
- 11) The endeavours of Mr Percy Berry were noted
- 12) Cost effectiveness questioned
- 13) Ambiguous
- 14) Exploratory
- 15) Noted
- 16) An opinion from Barry Donovan to be sought
- 17) Wide sweeping
- 18) Mr Roberts to be asked to comment to Conference
- 19) Noted
- 20) It was noted that the Bay of Plenty Branch had indicated they would implement this proposal, if passed
- 21) It would need to be a professionally produced video
- 22) Noted
- 23) The Executive saw no objection to this change
- 24), 25), 26) Noted

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.33 p.m. and reconvened again on Monday 9 July at 5.18 p.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

1. The meeting considered the report from the Manager, National Apiculture for this meeting, being -

The AAO position, Christchurch  
Active Surveillance; Hive Inspections  
Australian situation : New Zealand honey exports  
Border protection

2. The meeting also considered the National Manager Apiculture's report for Conference and, in particular, some discussion took place concerning surveillance and the border protection service.

3. The meeting was advised by the Executive Officer that the Commodities Levy Bill final draft had been reviewed by MAF and officials were confident that it would be passed into legislation before the Election. The Executive Officer reported that he had ordered six copies of the draft Bill and it was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Mr McCaw, the President-elect, the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer, be set up to give urgency to consideration of the legislation.

The Executive Officer reported that the Primary Products Bill, Ag. Securities Bill and other legislation were unlikely to be presented to the House before the Resource Management Bill, which is expected to be back in the House by the end of July.

4. Mr White reported nothing further had developed in respect of Possum Bait Control and, after some discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Secretary

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write to the Animal Health Board to determine if intended field trials by the DSIR Research Group at Lincoln (Dr Jim Bell) testing bee repellants in 1080 jam baits, had been carried out, and the intended use of this strategy in future possum eradication programmes.

5. Mr Wallingford reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Ruakura Apiculture Research Unit and made a copy available to the meeting of the Annual Report covering the 12 months to July 1990.

6. The meeting was advised that the Invermay Apiculture Research and Advisory Unit had not met since the last meeting of the Executive.

7. It was agreed that a meeting of the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee be convened for Wednesday 11th July, during Conference.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m. and reconvened again on Tuesday 10th July at 5.36 p.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

8. The Executive discussed, in general terms, the Remits relative to the relationship between the Executive and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Executive were of the opinion that part of the industry needed to be made better aware of the contributions made by MAF personnel and the benefits this brought to the industry.

CONFERENCE: 1. General discussion took place with regard to the availability of Executive members to accept nomination for President and Vice President.

With regard to the vacancy on the Executive it was agreed, after some discussion, that this be held over until the first meeting of the new Executive.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

9. The meeting noted comments from Dr Louise Malone (DSIR Scientist) to conference, and was satisfied that the bee pathology services offered by the DSIR, Mt Albert, would continue, and bee related research would continue for one further year despite no N.B.A. funding input.

10. The meeting received the paper from the Executive Officer in respect of the protection of industry interests in research and it was agreed that consideration of this be deferred until the September meeting. In the meantime the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee to be asked to comment on the paper to the Executive.

11. It was noted that the Executive Officer had still to submit a report in respect of the Code of Practice for beekeeping.

12. With regard to the establishment of a beekeeping research fund, it was agreed to await the out-come of debate at conference.

13. With regard to the subject of increased external funding input to beekeeping, it was noted that this was a matter to be considered by the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee.

14. In regard to the MAF report on drug treatment, Mr Reid advised that the literature review had been completed and this indicated little that would be of assistance in the report.

Of the 37 questionnaires on emergency response procedures sent to beekeepers, 12 had been returned, and it was hoped that the first draft of the report would be available shortly.

15. With regard to the proposal that the Executive promote the value of beekeeping industry funded research, the Executive Officer sought guidance from the Executive, having regard to the decisions recently taken by the Trustees, and it was agreed that a media statement be prepared using historical detail, a copy to be forwarded to the Trustees for their information, but the article to be considered by the President prior to release.

16. Mr White reported that a further Code of Ethics had been received, and he undertook to finalise a report for the incoming Executive.

17. The meeting noted the interim response sent to the DSIR concerning the biological control of heather.

18. The meeting noted the letter from the DSIR concerning the biological control of hawkweed, and the Executive Secretary was asked to respond that although the Association had no particular submission to make, the Association was concerned at the non-specificity of some proposed biological control agents. The letter to be made available to the Canterbury, South Canterbury and North Otago associations through their delegates in attendance at this meeting, with a suggestion that they should make submissions, if desired.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6.42 p.m. and it was agreed that it reconvene within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 4.20 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th July.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President, in the Chair  
Miss F M Trewby, Messrs A McCaw, G Martin, N Wallingford

In attendance:  
Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer  
Mr G White, retiring Executive member.

WELCOME: The President extended a warm welcome to the members of the Executive and, in particular, welcomed Miss F Trewby attending her first meeting as a member of the Executive.

VACANCY: The meeting was advised that Mr K Herron had indicated he was available, if asked, to fill the vacancy.



GENERAL:

Mr G White reported in respect of activities for which he had been responsible -

- a) With regard to the commemorative plaque in recognition of the introduction of honey bees - the Executive Officer would pursue this.
- b) It was agreed that the Executive Officer would be available to co-ordinate and analyse the information from the Honeydew Producers Association, if they so desired.
- c) The information with respect to duties of officers of branches had been made available and would be discussed later in the meeting.
- d) With respect to Federated Farmers, there had been no further developments since the last meeting.
- e) That he had been appointed President of the Queen Breeders Association who were now anxious to develop the breeding programme.

At this stage of the meeting Mr White left.

VACANCY:

It was agreed that Mr K Herron be invited to fill the vacancy on the Executive.

REMITTS:

The Executive considered what action should be taken in respect of the various Remits.

- ✓ 1. It was agreed that an article be prepared for "Buzzwords" outlining the avenues where information is available to members.
2. It was noted that this was to lie upon the table, and it should be reviewed by the Executive in the light of the outcome of the Commodities Levies Bill.
3. No action required
4. No action required
5. Lost
6. Lost
7. Withdrawn
8. Lost
9. It was agreed to seek ideas via "Buzzwords".
10. It was agreed that the Executive Officer would obtain from Mr Murray Reid lists of exporters, and the President further undertook to discuss the matter with Mr Ian Berry, the President of the Packers Association.
11. It was agreed that Mr Percy Berry be asked to continue pursuing this matter, and that the NBA offer what assistance it can through the Executive Secretary and Executive Officer.
12. Lost
13. Lost

14. The meeting was advised that the Advisory Committee had met at lunch, but, in general, it was agreed to await the outcome of the Commodities Levy Bill.

15. It was agreed that a copy of this Remit be sent to the Trustees for their information, and the Executive noted the industry attitude to this matter.

16. Deferred until the September meeting.

17. Withdrawn

18. The Executive Officer undertook to prepare a list of interested parties.

19. Lost

20. To be handled by the Bay of Plenty Branch.

21. The Executive Secretary was requested to write to the Telford Rural Polytechnic to ascertain details of content cost, etc.

22. Lost

23. It was agreed by the Executive that the name of the South Western Districts Branch be formally changed to Southern North Island Branch.

24. Lost

25. It was agreed that the 1991 conference be organised by the Marlborough Branch in the third or last week of July 1991.

26. Noted

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.24 p.m. and reconvened at 8.25 a.m. on Thursday 12 July with Mr K Herron being present.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. The meeting was advised that the pamphlet outlining the NBA's activities had now been re-drafted, and it was agreed that as soon as the final draft was available that this should be reprinted, subject to final consideration by the President. It was noted that this would be distributed with the statement of inspection by MAF.

2. The meeting was advised that the profile document had been reprinted, and it was agreed that the existing retail price of \$5 be retained, that 5 copies be sent to each Branch, and a copy to each of the new Regional Councils. Distribution to Members of Parliament to be effected after the General Election. Final list of the distribution to be reviewed at the September meeting.

3. The Executive agreed that an application be again lodged with the Trustees for financial assistance in the printing and preparation of "Buzzwords"

4. The Executive Officer reported that he had completed the first draft of the Guidelines for the Editor of the "N.Z.Beekeeper" and had had preliminary discussions with the Editor, but would discuss the final outline prior to reporting back to the Executive.

5. The Executive was of the opinion that no further action needs to be taken with regard to the report on the amalgamation of "Buzzwords" with the "N.Z.Beekeeper"

6. It was noted that all matters relative to Goal D, Objective 1 - Promote the NBA to Targetted Groups - had now been accomplished.

EDUCATION:

1. Mr McCaw reported that the Farm Training Institute had now been granted Polytech status and appeared to be progressing through a positive development stage.

2. Mr Wallingford reported that the matter of the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic Certificate Course was still under review and that discussions were being held between the Principals of Bay of Plenty and Telford.

3. It was agreed to recommend to the Marlborough Branch that the Seminar topic for the 1991 conference be Financial Management Skills, and Mr McCaw undertook to discuss this matter with them.

4. It was agreed that Mr White be asked to ascertain the present situation with regard to the Rangiora Community Trust.

MARKETING:

1. Mr Herron reported on the Marketing sub-committee meeting of 30 May, 1990, covering the following items:

- a) Spread Market Research and Generic Promotion
- b) US Honey Support programme
- c) Health Factors of honey
- d) In store demonstrations
- e) Quality Control Standard, Goal A, objective 3
- f) "Organic" Honey, Goal A, Objective 2
- g) Education, Training and Advisory
- h) Stock STabilisation, Goal A, Objective 1
- i) Future of the Sub-committee

It was agreed that a further application be lodged with the Trustees for funding of Market Research.

2. It was noted that there had been no New Zealand contribution for the IHEO report over the last two occasions.

3. Mr McCaw reported on discussions with the President of the Honey Packers Association, advising him of steps currently being taken by the Executive with regard to the Exporters Association.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9.24 a.m. and reconvened at 8.23 a.m. on Friday 13 July.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. With regard to unpaid Hive Levies, it was noted that this matter would be fully reviewed at the September meeting.

2. With regard to the enhancement of 'NBA members' identification with the Association, it was agreed to wait until the September meeting, when a further and full review of the subject would be undertaken.
3. Guidelines for Branch Presidents and Secretaries were tabled, and it was agreed that Mr Wallingford, with the Executive Officer, would give consideration to the inclusion of the Association's Constitution, Remit procedure, sample of accounts, and the Conference Planning document, as additions to the Manual.
4. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for May and June 1990, being cheques numbers 15495 to 15500, and 206141 to 206176, and totalling \$31,865.09.
5. The meeting noted the Secretary's financial report, being a cash statement for the six months ended 30 June 1990.
6. It was agreed that the Association rejoin Apimondia commencing in 1991.
7. It was agreed that the President be reimbursed the cost of the presentation items to the Cook Islands beekeepers.
8. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr Koekoe Mokotupu, for the help, consideration and welcome given to the New Zealand beekeepers.
9. Following a report given to the meeting, it was agreed to take no action with respect to the request received from MAFTech North Region relative to hive levies.

REPORTS:

1. It was agreed that Mr G Martin replace Mr G White as the NBA representative with Federated Farmers.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

1. The Executive Secretary was requested to write to the Trustees to ascertain current status in relation to advising applicants of the success or failure of their request.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

10. The meeting decided that the request for a deferment of Hive Levy be granted until the September meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held in Christchurch on 12, 13 and 14 September, commencing at 10.00 a.m. on the Tuesday, and concluding late afternoon on the Thursday, and that arrangements be made to visit with A.Q.S. in Christchurch, Lincoln University, and a meeting with the Canterbury and South Canterbury branches.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 9.26 a.m.

CHAIRMAN:

:DATE

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Fitzgerald Room, The Avon Hotel, 356 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch on Tuesday and Thursday 11-13 September 1990 commencing at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 11 September.

PRESENT: Mr D. Ward (President in the Chair)  
Miss F. Trewby, Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, G. White N. Wallingford and A. McCaw.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts Executive Officer.  
Mr G.M. Reid National Manager  
Apicultural NABU MAF

MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 July 1990 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

2. The Chairman was authorised to initial as a true and correct record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Conference of Branch Delegates held on the 9, 10 and 11 July 1990.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: The Executive considered the arrangements made for this meeting and in particular for the Wednesday, which included visits to MAF Border Control, the Wasp Biological Control Group, the Biological Weed Control Group and MAF Lincoln - Possum Bait Research.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 1. The meeting considered a letter from the Waikato Branch in respect of Executive action on Conference remit no. 1. It was noted that the Executive had already sought opinions via Buzzwords, from members as to ways and means of improving communication to members but to date no suggestions had been received.

The Executive was concerned that the current pathway for disseminating information to members i.e. via branches, was not fully implemented at branch level. Further the availability of Executive members to help explain Executive actions was not taken

advantage of by branches.

Miss Trewby commented that the Marlborough branch was also concerned at lines of communication.

2. The Executive expressed its concern that neither the Canterbury or South Canterbury branch was available to meet with the Executive while in Christchurch.

3. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to all the Trustees expressing the Executives concern at the apparent failure by the Trustees to communicate with applicants the result of their applications.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

It was agreed to defer consideration of these matters until Mr Reid was present on the Thursday. However, the Executive did consider the implications of the passing of the Commodity Levies Bill. The Executive Officer made available statistics relevant to hive numbers and apiary sites.

The Executive agreed that an apiary as defined in the 1969 Act be the basis of a levy for disease inspection.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1.02 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.26 p.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

The Executive acknowledged the importance of developing a submission for a levy order and agreed that the following groups be set up:

a) Miss F. Trewby, Messrs Martin and Herron to consider delivery service i.e. a contract with a supplier, budget for inspection and time scales/method of collection of information.

b) The Executive Secretary and Mr Wallingford - funding administration in respect of collection, auditing, reporting including debt policy. Contract for administration and time scales/method of collection.

c) Messrs McCaw and Wallingford - legal requirements, compliance with the Act/order including accountability and consultation.

It was noted that material in respect of these matters should be with the Executive Secretary by the 30 November to enable adequate distribution prior to the December meeting.

The Executive Officer undertook to obtain copies of the Act as soon as available and distribute to all members of the Executive. It was further agreed that the Association send a further letter to all beekeepers together with the statement of intent and Mr McCaw undertook to draft this for consideration by the President, and Mr Wallingford undertook to arrange the printing.

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PUBLIC  
RELATIONS AND  
PUBLICATIONS:

1. The meeting was advised that the information pamphlet for all beekeepers relevant to the NBA activities was now with the printers and would be dispatched with the statement of intent.

2. The meeting was advised that a draft list of recipients of the Profile Document had been prepared and it had to be reviewed in the light of new "position" holders.

3. The Executive Officer reported an already framed coloured photo of Miss Bumby was available and the Executive agreed that, subject to the acceptance by the Mission House of the proposal, and the unavailability of a free copy, that this be purchased at a cost of up to \$200.

4. It was agreed that the contract for Buzzwords be renewed on an issue by issue basis if this was acceptable to the Editor.

5. The Executive Officer reported that the guidelines (Goal C Objective 2) to ensure that the N.Z. Beekeeper meets the requirements of the Association was

still under action.

6. The Executive Secretary was requested to ascertain from the Editor the reasons for the change of date for printing of the quarterly publication N.Z. Beekeeper.

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7. With regard to remit 9 - the cost of production of honey, the meeting noted that reference had been made to this matter in an issue of Buzzwords but no information had been received from members in this regard.

EDUCATION:

1. Mr McCaw reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Executive. Since the granting of rural polytechnic status changes were occurring, particularly in respect of the provision of distance education and short courses.

2. The meeting was advised that arrangements were well in hand for the transfer of the Bay of Plenty Polytec certificate course to the Telford Rural Polytech.

3. The meeting was advised that courses were still being held on beekeeping at the Rangiora Community Trust.

4. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Gavin McKenzie concerning the development of a video on the Basics of Beekeeping.

MARKETING:

1. The Executive Secretary was requested to ascertain from the Co-Op whether they were supplying and receiving information from the IHEO.

2. The Executive Secretary was requested to continue supplying U.S.D.A. statistics to Mr McCaw.

3. The meeting noted the New Zealand Export Statistics for the period to July 1990.

4. The meeting noted the additional material supplied by the Trade



Development Board in relation to the profile of the National Honey Board (USA). It was agreed that a copy of this additional material be made available and circulated on a rotation basis to the Marketing Committee.

The Marketing Committee was requested to consider the possible co-option of Mrs Sue Jenkins of the Marlborough branch, a registered dietitian.

5. The meeting was advised that there had been no further Packers Association conference calls since before the Industry Conference.

6. The Executive Officer reported that he had nearly completed the list of Exporters and the President undertook to discuss the establishment of an Exporters Association with Mr Ian Berry.

7. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Percy Berry concerning the US Honey Support Programme. It was agreed that the possibility of a masters thesis on this subject be referred to ARAC as a research project.

8. With regard to the various items of correspondence relevant to organic honey, it was agreed that this was a matter which could be discussed by the Exporters Association, should it be established.

9. Mr Martin expressed his concern at the lack of a co-ordinated approach to marketing resulting in members competing with each other for the available market share.

FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATION:

1. The meeting reviewed the list of unpaid hive levies (44 still outstanding).

2. The Executive reviewed visits undertaken over the last 12 months to branches noting in particular that there was a need to visit the Poverty Bay and West Coast areas.

3. The meeting noted that some progress had been made with respect to the subject of improved Branch administration and the material should be available for distribution shortly.

4. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for July and August 1990 being cheque no. 206177 to 206215 and totalling \$18,115.26.

5. The meeting noted the Secretary's financial report being a cash statement for the 8 months ended to 31 August 1991.

6. The meeting noted that Coopers and Lybrand had agreed to continue as Auditors for the financial year ending 31 December 1990.

7. The meeting noted the estimates for 1991 prepared by the Executive Secretary and it was agreed that a decision in respect of the Hive Levy for 1991 be deferred until Thursday when the matter of the Executive Officer contract could be further debated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.08 p.m. and reconvened at 8.08 a.m. on Thursday 13 September.

The Executive spent Wednesday visiting and meeting with people associated with the industry.

a) The Executive spent the Wednesday morning with Mr John Burton of Border Control visiting the Airport and discussing matters of mutual interest relevant to Border Control.

After lunch the Executive travelled to the DSIR at Lincoln and met with:

a) Mr Peter Reid for discussions with respect to the wasp parasite.

b) Mr Rod McFarlane reference bumble bees.

c) Dr Pauline Syrret concerning the biological control of weeds.

d) Dr Jim Bell concerning the bee repellent in 1080 jam poisoning.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G.M. Reid National Manager NABU MAF.

FINANCE: 1. The meeting again reviewed the Executive Secretary's 1991 financial forecast following which it was agreed that the hive levy for 1991 be struck at 55¢. Mr Wallingford agreed to prepare an information sheet for hive levy payers outlining expenditure and revenues for 1991.

Mr Roberts gave a review of the work undertaken by him as Executive Officer since his appointment following which he and Mr Reid left the meeting. The Executive then agreed that the President together with Mr McCaw be authorised to renegotiate the contract and terms with the Ministry for a further 12 month appointment for Mr Roberts.

The Executive extended an invitation to Mr Reid to attend Executive meetings as and when his other responsibilities allowed him to do so or there were matters of mutual interest to be discussed, it being noted that where accommodation costs were incurred by Mr Reid these would be met by the Executive.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

1. The meeting considered the report from the Manager National Apiculture for this meeting being:

Active surveillance; laboratory diagnosis

Border protection

Australian imports : N.Z. honey

Export bees to USA

Apicultural Services Manager : South Island

Apicultural Advisory Officer Tauranga

Agricultural Security Bill

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.33 a.m. for morning tea and discussions with Messrs Graham Harrington and Stuart White of MAF and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

2. It was noted that the matter of AFB inspection and control service had been discussed earlier under the Commodity Levies Bill.

3. As reported by Mr Reid it was noted that the Agricultural Security Bill had now been renamed the Biological Security Bill. It was agreed that the President and the Executive Officer consider the statement of intended policy as and when this was produced by the Ministry.

It was noted that the Primary Products Bill was currently held up awaiting consideration of the Resource Management Bill.

4. It was agreed that the industry should prepare and distribute a policy statement with regard to the Possum Control programme for circulation to Parliamentary Candidates, Regional Councils, Federated Farmers and the Animal Health Board. The statement to be drawn up by the President and Executive Officer. It was further agreed that statements of a public nature in this regard be made by the President.

It was agreed that the Waikato Branch be thanked for their memorandum of the 14 August concerning the paper by Peter Notman.

5. The meeting was advised that the Ruakura Apiculture Research Unit Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Executive.

Mr McCaw reported that the final meeting of the Invermay Apicultural Research and Advisory Unit had been held and arrangements had been made for informal contact to be maintained.

6. Mr Wallingford reported that the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee had met at conference and recommended to the Executive that Dr Barry Donovan of the DSIR be added to the committee. This recommendation was adopted by the Executive.

It was noted that the Committee was conscious of the need for outside expertise in respect of market research. It was further noted that Mr McCaw had succeeded Mr Wallingford as the Committee's Secretary. It was recommended to the Marketing Committee that they consider applying for a grant from AGMARDT for market research.

The meeting adopted the proposal from ARAC being appraisal of applications for NBA Industry Research Funds. It was further agreed that reference of applications to the committee be decided by Miss F. Trewby.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.09 p.m. and reconvened at 12.45 p.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

7. The meeting further deferred consideration of the paper prepared by the Executive Officer in respect of the protection of industry interests in research.

8. The Executive Officer reported that he had had discussions with the technical staff of the Pork Industry Board concerning the development of an industry code of practice and would report further to the next meeting of the Executive.

The Executive Secretary was requested to update Mr Stuckey in respect of developments in this matter.

9. Consideration of the establishment of a Beekeeping Research Fund was deferred. It being noted that ARAC was currently giving consideration to Remit 14.

10. Mr Reid intimated that the report on drug treatment would be available shortly.

11. The Executive Officer reported that the subject of the promotional value of beekeeping industry funded research was under action.

12. With regard to the development of an Industry Code of Ethics, it was noted that this was being pursued by Mr Gavin White.

In respect of an enquiry from Mr Martin relative to arrangements with DOC, his attention was drawn to the agreement used by Timberlands.

13. With regard to Remit 18 the Executive Officer reported that there was only one major importer of clovers and plants being Grasslands Division of D.S.I.R. in Palmerston North, but the person responsible for this was currently overseas. He undertook to pursue the matter in due course. With regard to Remit 16, the Executive Secretary was requested to write to DOC to ascertain if information available as to research funds mentioned in the Budget was correct.

15. With regard to protocols and export of New Zealand Honey to Australia, it was agreed:

- a) that the President would have further discussions with Mr John Wells.
- b) that the draft letter prepared by Mr McCaw be sent to the Ministry in respect of protocols.

TRUSTS:

1. The meeting noted the response from the Chairman of Trustees relative to the Trusts investment in DFC.

2. The meeting noted that ARAC was currently considering the subject in an endeavour to increase the number and variety of applications for trust funds.

3. The Executive considered, in committee, the applications for grants received until the 31 August.

REPORTS:

1. The Executive endorsed the action of the Executive Secretary in agreeing to meeting half the cost of "Dead Bees don't Pollinate" advertisement in the October issue of the Orchardist.

2. Mr Martin indicated that Federated Farmers had been made aware of the change of appointments and sought guidance as to the reporting of material received from the Federation.

GENERAL:

It was agreed that the Marlborough branch be advised that the organisation of the 1991 Conference Seminar should be their responsibility but both MAF and the Association were available to assist.

DATE OF  
NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be set down for Tuesday and Wednesday the 11 and 12 December 1990 commencing at 10 a.m. on the Tuesday.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 2.58 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

## IN COMMITTEE MINUTES

In Committee minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers Association held on Thursday 13 September 1990.

### TRUST

#### APPLICATIONS:

1. It was agreed to support the application from Airborne Honey Ltd to research and build upon pollen analysis of New Zealand Honey started by Neville Moar, the results of this work to be published and made available to the New Zealand beekeeping industry.
2. It was agreed that the application from John Albert Davies for development of a Metal bee frame project be referred to the Trustees without recommendation and that further the Executive Secretary ascertain the current situation with respect to the patent and that this aspect of the application be drawn to the attention of the Trustees.
3. The Executive supported the application from R.J. Clarke for research into some aspects of Queen physiological quality and nutrition.
4. The Executive supported the application by N.Z. Bee Genetic Improvement Group to assist with the establishment costs of a closed population breeding programme based on existing N.Z. genetic pool (once established the programme will be self funding). The support to be on the basis of a term loan.

The Executive also considered its own applications and re-endorsed these being

- a) Market Research to be undertaken by MRL.
- b) Assistance towards the cost of Buzzwords.
- c) Market Research already undertaken by the New Zealand Trade Development Board in America.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:



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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc held in the Board Room, N.Z. Pork Industry Board, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, 114 The Terrace, Wellington, on Wednesday and Thursday 12 & 13 December 1990 commencing at 10.14 a.m. on Wednesday 12 December.

PRESENT: Mr D. Ward (President in the Chair)  
Miss F. Trewby, Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, N. Wallingford and A. McCaw.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman Executive Secretary, Mr E. Roberts, Executive Officer.  
Mr G.M. Reid National Manager Apicultural NABU MAF, and for a presentation and discussion Mr I. Berry Chairman of the N.Z. Honey Packers Association.

DISCUSSIONS WITH  
MR I. BERRY:

**Pesticides Board**

Mr Berry reported that the Board was continuing in existence despite threatened termination. He reported that no bee damage had been reported to the Board and he assessed this as a consequence of the cost and time involved in reporting. He commented on the highlighting on labels of the toxicity to bees and that shortly a new listing of toxicity to bees products would be available.

**Promotional Items**

Mr Berry reported that stocks of Mr Andrew Matheson's book "Practical Beekeeping in N.Z." had been exhausted and he understood that the Government Print did not intend to reprint.

With regard to the advertisement on the back page of the Beekeeper, it was left with Mr Berry to update as he thought fit and arrange this with the editor.

**Exports Association**

General discussion took place concerning the establishment of an exporters group, to share items of common interest and information. The Executive agreed that the NBA should formally approach the

N.Z. Honey Packers Association (in line with the recommendation from Annual Conference (remit 10) and that the Packers Association be asked to consider the formation of an exporters division for their Association and that this development if acceptable be co-ordinated between the Chairman of the Packers Association and the President of the NBA.

The meeting recorded its appreciation to Mr Berry for his work on the Pesticides Board, the handling of the promotions items and the work on behalf of exporters.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 11-13 September 1990 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:

a) Deletion of Mr G. White as being present.

b) Two references on page 3 to statement of "intent" should read statement of "inspection".

2. The Chairman was authorised to sign as a true and correct record the In Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 11-13 September 1990.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Following advice from Mr Russell Berry, it was noted that there was an error on page 7 of the Annual General Meeting/Conference minutes where under item 4 the word "information" should read "inspection"

2. The meeting noted a letter from the South Canterbury Association concerning the last meeting of the Executive held in Christchurch.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

1. The Executive Secretary was requested to have further dialogue with the Trustees concerning the briefing paper prepared for Trust applications.

2. Considerable discussion took place concerning the apparent lack of communication between the Trustees and applicants and it was agreed to ascertain the up to date situation and discuss the matter again later in the meeting.

PUBLIC  
RELATIONS AND  
PUBLICATIONS:

1. The Executive Secretary reported that between 35 and 40 new members had been obtained as a result of the pamphlet sent out with the statement of inspection.

2. Mr Wallingford reported on progress to date with regard to the distribution list of the reprinted Profile Document and it was left to him and the Executive Officer to finalise.

3. The Executive Officer reported that the commemorative recognition of the introduction of honey bees, a photograph of Miss Bumby, had been sent to the Northland Branch to arrange a presentation.

4. The meeting noted a letter from Mr Matheson advising that in view of his new appointment he would be unable to continue editing Buzzwords, but that the Ministry intended to fill his position and would be interested in continuing to edit the publication. The meeting accepted the offer of Mr Wallingford to edit the publication until the Ministry finalised an appointment.

5. The Executive Officer reported that there had been no further progress in respect of the development of the N.Z. Beekeeper to meet the requirements of the Association. The meeting further noted the offer from Mr Chas Reade. It was agreed that the Executive Officer would discuss with the Editor the letter from Mr Andrew Matheson and the Executive Secretary was requested to advise the Editor that the contract would be reviewed by the Association in December 1991.

6. Mr Wallingford reported that there had been no response from Branches or members to the Buzzwords article concerning remit 9 - relevant to the cost of producing a tonne of honey and he undertook to place a further reminder in the next issue of Buzzwords.

7. The meeting considered the proposal from the Bay of Plenty branch for a Beekeeper of the Year competition. The Executive supported this and recommended that the proposal be circulated to Branches for consideration. It was further decided to suggest to the Bay of Plenty that they make a presentation to branches at the next Industry Conference in respect of this proposal.

8. It was agreed that the Association would not exchange magazines with Cesky Svaz Vcelaru (Czechoslovakia).

It was agreed that the Association would not respond to the Uganda Beekeeper Association request for assistance.

The meeting noted the media article circulated by Miss Trewby in respect of insecticides.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.43 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.25 p.m.

ADVISORY AND RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted Mr Reid's report for this meeting being items:

Trust Funding : MAF Technology  
Disease Studies  
Queen Bees to USA  
PNG  
Active Surveillance  
AAO Tauranga  
MAF Quality Management fails with prosecution

It was agreed that the Association would give every support to the Apicultural Unit to ensure a replacement for Mr Matheson.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer pursue the matter relevant to the recent

prosecution in Christchurch.

2. The meeting considered reports in respect of the Commodities Levy Act and resolved:

a) that a subcommittee be set up to prepare a levy order. The committee to consist of Mr A. McCaw, Mr N. Wallingford and Miss F. Trewby together with the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer.

b) that the committee's terms of reference be to prepare a draft levy order for consideration by the Executive at its March 1991 meeting.

c) that this being an extraordinary meeting the members be reimbursed \$150 per day for their attendance.

d) it was agreed that the meeting be held in Wellington on the 28 and 29 January.

e) it was agreed that Mr McCaw would write to the National Manager Apiculture to ascertain the range of services that could be provided, the price and the period, this information to be considered by the subcommittee.

3. It was agreed that the Executive Officer draft a letter to the Minister, for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive, again proposing that the cost of inspection should be met by the Government and outlining the inefficiencies to the country of the NBA arranging the finance.

EDUCATION:

1. Mr McCaw reported that the Management Committee at Telford had not met since the last meeting of the Executive and that Telford had leased out some 500 of their hives and were now concentrating their endeavours on overseas students.

2. Mr Wallingford reported that the transfer of the certificate course to Telford should be finalised before Christmas. It was noted that the Association should make endeavours to

make members aware of the change.

3. It was noted that no response had been received from Mr MacKenzie concerning the video on basics. It was noted however that he had been extremely busy at Telford.

4. The meeting noted the correspondence from the Hawkes Bay Branch concerning the Todd Foundation Trust.

MARKETING:

1. The meeting noted the statistics from the USDA and the exports from New Zealand together with New Zealand retail shelf prices.

It was noted that there had been no recent conference calls of the Packers Association.

2. The President reported on discussions with the Co-Op concerning information to and from IHEO. Mr Lyttle had indicated willingness for the NBA to receive and disperse the information. Mr Ward undertook to collect the New Zealand information and forward to the Executive Secretary for transmission to Australia.

3. It was noted that the Marketing Committee would probably meet in February to consider the Trade Development Board report from the USA and other relevant matters.

4. The Executive Secretary reported on the response from Mr Percy Berry concerning the US honey support programme.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m. and reconvened at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 13 December.

MARKETING:

5. The meeting noted a proposal from Mr Dan Hall with regard to the formation of an International Honey Seller (Supplier) Cartel. It was agreed that a copy of the proposal be made available to the Honey Packers Association as it may be of interest to exporter members of their group.

It was further agreed that if there were any further developments then a conference call be arranged with Executive members.

6. The meeting considered the letter of the 26 September from Sue Jenkins and it was agreed that she be invited to attend the next Marketing Committee meeting.

7. It was agreed that the Marketing Committee be asked to consider the criteria of grants from AGMARDT and the desirability of placing a proposal before them in 1991.

8. The meeting noted correspondence with Mr Richard Wimsett concerning Marketing Research being undertaken in respect of his MBA at Massey University.

9. It was agreed that samples of the Associations promotional material be made available to Geo Madison.

TRUSTEES:

3. Having ascertained the present situation with respect to communication between the Trustees and the applicants, it was agreed that a fax be sent to the Trustees expressing the Associations concern at the apparent failure to communicate with the applicants and requesting them to express an opinion as to why the Executive should not exercise its authority under clause 7A of the respective Trust deeds.

ADVISORY AND  
RESEARCH:

4. The Executive Officer undertook to ascertain the present status of legislation and he reported later in the meeting:

a) That the Government had yesterday released its revised paper on the Resource Management Bill and he understood that it was the Government's objective to have the legislation passed by June.

b) With respect to the Agricultural Compounds Bill this would be addressing Market Access, Animal Welfare, Biosecurity, Vaccines and Consumer

Protection and related to this Bill would be the Hazards Control Commission Bill which would set standards for auditing.

c) The Biological Securities Bill was now referred to as the Biosecurity Bill and urgency would be given to this which implied the passing during the 1991 year.

d) The Primary Products Bill has a low priority.

5. The President reported that he and the Executive Officer had still to draft a policy statement with regard to the Possum Control Programme.

6. It was noted that the Ruakura Apicultural Research Committee would not be meeting until March.

7. The meeting noted the minutes of the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee of the 11 July 1990 and it was noted that the Committee would be meeting on Friday 14 December.

Mr McCaw reported that he had now taken over as Secretary of the Committee and further that Dr Barry Donovan had accepted appointment to the Committee.

8. The meeting considered the Executive Officer's paper relative to the protection of industry interests when commercially valuable products are generated from Industry funded research. The paper contained options for the Beekeeping Industry together with decisions needed to be made by the Executive in the light of the Association's involvement in Research. The meeting complimented the Executive Officer on the paper and its content and it was agreed that a copy be referred to the Trustees for their information.

9. The Executive Officer reported that he had been unable at this stage to make contact with the Consultant at the Pork Industry Board concerning the Code of Practice. Having considered the content and cost of the material



produced by the Pork Industry Board, it was agreed that the Executive Officer prepare a paper on this topic for consideration by the Executive at its next meeting.

10. With regard to remit 18, the importation of clovers and plants, the Executive Officer reported that this was already being monitored by the Ministry. The Executive was of the opinion that no further action was required. The Executive Officer was requested to convey this information and the action taken to the Waikato Branch.

TRUSTEES:

4. The Executive Secretary reported on his discussions with the Chairman of Trustees and the Executive noted the Chairman's assurance that all the applicants considered earlier in the year (February) had been advised of the success or failure of their application.

The Chairman had further reported that the Trustees had established a communication system involving advice to all the applicants with copies to all Trustees and to the NBA.

The Executive Secretary was requested to confirm these arrangements with the Trustees.

ADVISORY  
RESEARCH:

11. The meeting was advised that the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee would be considering the matter of research and external funding at its meeting the following day.

12. The meeting considered the report from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries concerning "Feeding Drugs to Honey Bees to control diseases - some of the issues". It was agreed that a brief summary of the report be contained in the next issue of Buzzwords and that copies be made available to members at \$5 each + GST (cash with order). It was further agreed that Mr McCaw would ask the Librarian to prepare a more detailed article for the Beekeeper.

Mr Reid advised the meeting of the current review by MAF of the ERP procedures which would need to be jointly negotiated between the Ministry and the Association.

13. The Executive Officer reported that the paper relative to the promotion of the value of industry funded research had still to be completed.

14. The Executive Secretary was requested to write to Mr Gavin White concerning a paper to be prepared by him on the Code of Ethics (Siting Agreement).

15. Mr Reid reported on the current situation with respect to exports of New Zealand Honey to Australia and the need to establish protocols. The cost of protocols, would of course, be the exporters.

16. The meeting noted the International Bee Research Association sponsored membership scheme and decided to take no action.

17. The Executive Officer reported on the NBA response to MAF policy on the proposal to release *Chilocorus kuwanae* and it was agreed that a reference to this be made in the next issue of Buzzwords.

18. The Executive Officer undertook to respond to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries concerning the importation into quarantine of the leaf feeding beetle *lema cyanella* for the control of Californian thistle. The Executive was against this proposal.

19. It was agreed, that in future, enquiries concerning the importation into quarantine be referred to the Executive Officer who, in consultation with the President and the Chairman of ARAC would be responsible for responding to the proposal; However, the covering letter from the appropriate Ministry is to be sent all members of the Executive.

20. The proposal in respect of the importation into quarantine of the parasite *Microctonus hyperodae* be referred to the Executive Officer in the terms of the previous decision.

21. With regard to the "Drug Report" referred to earlier in the meeting it was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the Agricultural Chemicals Board to ascertain availability/restrictions, policy etc in respect of Oxytetracycline.

22. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write complimenting Mr Doug Hole on his being awarded the Kiwifruit Grower of the Year. Further that the Executive Officer discuss with the Editor suitable editorial comment in the next issue of the Beekeeper.

23. The meeting considered a letter from Mr David Penrose to the Minister of Conservation relative to the wasp parasite. It was agreed that Messrs McCaw and Wallingford would discuss this matter with Dr Barry Donovan the following day and, if necessary, a follow up letter be sent by the Executive Secretary.

TRUSTS:

5. In respect of the application considered at the last meeting the Executive noted that Mr JA Davies had entered into a licence agreement for the manufacture of his metal bee frame.

6. It was further agreed that the advertisement in the "N.Z. Beekeeper" should indicate that application forms for grants were obtainable from the Secretary.

7. It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain from the Trustees whether they saw any need for the establishment of guidelines which could be made available to applicants.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.12 p.m.

FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATION:

1. The meeting noted that there were 15 unpaid hive levies, all of which had been referred to the Solicitors for collection.

2. General discussion took place with respect to the enhancement of NBA members identification with the Association and noted Mr Wallingford's proposed visit to Poverty Bay and Miss F, Trewby's visit to the West Coast.

3. The meeting noted the distribution to branches of the booklet developed to assist branch officers with the running of their NBA branch. It was agreed that in future copies be held by the NBA and made available on the change of President or Secretary at Branch level.

4. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for September, October and November 1990 being cheque no. 206216 to 206260 and 270961 to 270980 and totalling \$69,863.75

5. The meeting noted the Secretary's financial report being a cash statement for the 11 months ended to 30 November 1990.

6. In regard to the Executive decision to renegotiate the contract for the Executive Officer for a further 12 months, Mr Reid agreed on behalf of the Ministry to provide a redraft of the contract including a provision for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in carrying out Mr Roberts duties as Executive Officer.

It was agreed that the Association would reimburse to Mr Roberts 50% of the invoiced package tour cost in attending the Industry Conference at Rarotonga.

7. The meeting considered the letter from the Waikato Association relevant to the 1990 Conference and it was agreed that as no claims had been made by members of the Waikato Branch for expenses relative to the organisation and running of the Conference that 50%

of the proceeds be distributed to the Waikato Branch, sum involved being \$713.75.

8. The meeting noted the Ministerial approval of a .55¢ hive levy for 1991 and it was agreed that mention of this be made in the next issue of Buzzwords.

9. The meeting noted that the N.Z. Honey Producers co-op had been admitted as Associate members of the Association.

10. It was agreed that copies of Executive minutes be supplied to Mr Malcolm Haines.

11. The meeting noted correspondence from Mr D. Hurst of Tahuna and Miss F. Trewby was requested to enquire into this matter.

12. The meeting considered the list of complimentary copies of the Beekeeper, Life Members list, the Honorary Membership List and the Associate Members list making amendments as necessary.

REPORTS:

a) Pesticides Board.

It was noted that this had been covered in the early part of the meeting by Mr Ian Berry.

b) Federated Farmers.

Mr Martin undertook to consider the Federation's submission on the Building Bill and comment to the Federation on any matters of interest to Beekeepers.

The meeting noted that the Federation's Forest policy statement had no effect on Beekeepers.

c) Library Committee

The meeting was advised that sufficient donations to purchase Dr Eva Crane's new book "Bees and Beekeeping" had been received at Conference.

d) Apiary Advisory Committee

Nil report.

SPECIALTY GROUPS: a) Queen Breeders

The meeting was advised that the N.Z. Bee Genetic Improvement Group had been fully subscribed. It was noted that Queens were still required.

b) Pollination Associations

The meeting was advised that there appeared to be some concern within certain associations as to standards and auditing.

During debate on this matter the meeting considered a letter from the Auckland Association, which in addition to the matter of pollination, referred to the commercialization of collecting of pollen and the Executive Secretary was requested to respond after consultation with Messrs Roberts and Reid.

MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive should be a planning meeting to be held at Flock House from Tuesday 12 March to Thursday 14 March subject to availability and if not either the previous week or the subsequent week.

The following meeting dates for 1991 were approved:

April 30 and May 1  
At Conference July 15-19  
September 10 and 11  
December 10 and 11

CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

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