

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION NZ INC

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, NZ PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, WALSH-WRIGHTSON TOWER, 94 DIXON STREET, WELLINGTON ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 9th & 10th MARCH 1993, COMMENCING AT 8.30am ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 1993.

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PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair  
Miss F Trewby, R Bensemann, G Martin, N Wallingford, and  
M Wraight

In attendance: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

Mr G M Reid, National Manager (Apiculture) NABU - MAF,  
Mr Steven Ogden, Apiculture Services Manager, MAF  
and Dr M Goodwin, Hort.Research were in attendance for  
specific aspects of discussion.

ADVISORY:

1. Importation of honey to New Zealand from Australia.  
The Executive had a lengthy discussion and dialogue with Dr Mark Goodwin in respect of this topic in preparation for the meeting arranged for later in the day with Mr G M Reid, National Manager, Apiculture, and in particular the probabilities of introducing EFB with Australian honey. The discussion focussed on the suggestion from Mr Reid that, in debating the issues, it was desirable to identify the areas of commonality, areas of difference, and areas where there is insufficient data to support one side or the other.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

MINUTES:

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th & 9th December 1992, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS  
ARISING  
FROM THE  
MINUTES:

1. In respect of the graduate research project, (Page 5) it was noted that no further action was required by the Executive as this matter had been referred to ARAC.

2. With regard to the EFB test kit (page 1) the Executive Officer indicated that unofficial advice was that the application by Mr Neil Towers of Ruakura had been declined as a research project.

**INDUSTRY**  
**CONFERENCE:**

1. Miss Trewby reported that hotel reservations had been confirmed with Croydon Lodge at Gore. That arrangements in respect of transportation from Airports either at Invercargill and Dunedin had still to be finalised, but would be resolved by the time of the next meeting of the executive.

It was agreed by the executive, that an invitation be extended to the Associate Minister of Agriculture to attend the conference, and that, failing his availability, an invitation be extended to Ms Jenny Shipley or Robert Anderson.

It was agreed to advise Joe's Ceramic Tavern that the Association had no objection to the use of the NBA logo on the promotional material for the conference.

The meeting agreed the following timetable in respect of elections for the executive:-

1. Nominations would close at 5pm on Tuesday 25th May 1993.
2. Voting papers would be despatched by Friday 4th June 1993.
3. Voting closing at 5pm on the 25th June 1993.

The President indicated that he would not be seeking re-election to the Executive. Some discussion took place with regard to the composition of executive. It was agreed that representation at conference by Mr Bill Floyd would be discussed under Marketing.

It was noted that Remits would close at 5pm on Saturday 5th June 1993.

With respect to the proposals from Mr Frank Lindsay, it was agreed to suggest to him that the executive would give favourable consideration to supporting such a rule change but not the provision for Executive to exclude remits, and that if he thought desirable, then he should propose a change of rules to the special general meeting at this year's conference.

The meeting considered the paper from Mr Nick Wallingford in respect of "tidying-up" rule changes for submission to the special general meeting, and these were approved by the Executive. It was noted that a further major review should be undertaken following the 1993 conference.

**MARKETING:**

1. President reported on discussions with Dr Peter Mollen, and the availability of finance for the research being undertaken.
2. The meeting considered the minutes of the Marketing Committee meeting, held on the 17th & 18th February 1993, and the executive agreed :
  - a. To the revised composition of the Marketing Committee
  - b. The responsibility to be with the Chairman of the Marketing Committee for account payment approval,
  - c. That the Focus Group be disbanded.
  - d. That the executive forward a letter of intent to Floyd Marketing as proposed by the committee.
  - e. That a marketing plan, which would include the food ingredient kit, be commissioned and to be available for the next meeting of the executive
  - f. The guidelines prepared by Mr Wallingford as a discussion document; it was agreed that further executive input would be deferred, pending the review by the Marketing Committee.
3. The Executive Secretary reported on a response from the NZ Honey Packers Association to the proposal from the Marlborough branch (Remit 3) and it was agreed that a copy of this response be sent to the Marlborough branch.
4. Executive Secretary reported on a response from the NZ Honey Packers Association to the Waikato Remit (No.29), and it was agreed that a copy of this response be sent to the Waikato branch.
5. Miss Trewby tabled a draft in respect of a Beekeeping (Industry ) Code of Practice and it was agreed that consideration of this be held over until the following day.
6. With regard to the Conformity Certification Scheme for Organic Honey Production, it was agreed that this be held over, pending further developments, and that the item be placed under Pending on future agendas.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12.15 for lunch and reconvened at 1.15pm.

**ADVISORY:**

1. The Executive, together with Dr Mark Goodwin, then met with Messrs Reid and Ogden of the Ministry of Agriculture, to discuss the importation to New Zealand of Australian honey. Mr Reid reviewed the background to this protocol and re-emphasised government policy - i.e. "trade must be freed up" and "non tariff barriers must be removed". Discussion then took place on the issues, following which the undernoted aspects were recorded.

Items of agreement

- No desire to lose New Zealand's clean green image
- Minimise difficulties and expense of exports
- Honey can be sterilized for EFB/AFB
- The maintenance and exploitation of New Zealand's comparative advantages
- Increase risk, and no perceived gain
- Need for fast and accurate EFB tests

Disagreement

- Risk from unheated honey, brought in by overseas travellers
- No increased risk is acceptable to the industry while MAF (government policy) are in game of trading risks
- Confidence in compliance
- Lack of New Zealand's auditing of Australian efforts

More data

- Heat sterilization for EFB requires further evaluation
- EFB spore levels in retail packs and infectivity levels
- Strains of AFB on both sides of the Tasman
- Clarification of audit end point checks in New Zealand
- Health related issues in protocol

**MARKETING:**

7. President reviewed for the benefit of the Executive, the current problems being experienced by exporters in sending packaged bees to North America via Hawaii.
8. Executive Secretary reported that there had been no response from the NZ Honey Packers Association, concerning the correctness and categorising of

information in relation to export statistics. Mr Bensemann reported that he had advised Mr Peter Bray of the situation.

9. The meeting noted further correspondence from the Ministry of External Relations and Trade concerning CER : Australian Imported Food inspection programme, and it was agreed that copies of this be made available to the Exporters Association.

**ADVISORY:**

2. It was noted that no further information was available in respect of the possum control programme. It was agreed that the Executive Officer would make further enquiries with Mr Neilson in respect to this matter.

Dr Mark Goodwin outlined, for the benefit of the Executive, research being undertaken by his organisation and Landcare, for which funding had been provided. The research consisted of exploring the availability of a bee repellent and a fast acting insecticide.

**MARKETING:**

7. c'td The President reported on discussions with Mr Keith Mason at the Associate Minister's office. Mr Mason advised that further information was awaited from New Zealand overseas officials as to the reasons for the U.S.D.A. action in respect of exported live bees trans-shipping via Hawaii.
10. The meeting discussed with Steven Ogden, the Ministry's paper "Export Certification of Bees, Honey and Bee Products for year ending June 1993." Miss Trewby undertook to work with the Exporters and Queen Bee Producers Association on an evaluation of this paper.
11. The meeting noted the most recent IHEO reports.
12. The meeting noted the export statistics for the period to January 1993.
13. The meeting noted the information provided by the Honey Packers Association on the conference call of 9th February 1993.
14. The meeting noted the USDA statistics for the month of January 1993.

15. Mr Wraight advised that the report by the Food Steering Group on food hygiene was now available. Copies of the summary were made available to the executive. Mr Wraight was unaware of any other developments. It was noted that changes may be made to the Regulations in respect to food hygiene, as distinct from any changes to the Act.

General discussion took place in respect of an education programme for beekeepers in regard to this matter, and its effect on honey house management.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5.25pm and reconvened at 8.30am on Thursday 10th March 1993.

**EDUCATION:**

1. The meeting considered the report from Miss Trewby in respect of the Telford Rural Polytechnic bursaries, and it was agreed that this matter be discussed when considering the Trust applications later in the meeting.
2. Miss Trewby indicated that there was no report in respect of the Telford Bee Unit Management committee.
3. Miss Trewby advised receipt of the financial statement for the Library for the year ended 31 December 1992.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**AND**

**PUBLIC**

**RELATIONS:**

1. Miss Trewby reported on her meeting with Elisabeth and Michael Burgess in respect of Journal matters. She undertook to remind branches of the need to provide, on a roster basis, articles for inclusion in the Journal.
2. Mr Wallingford reported that progress was being made in respect of the update of the profile document.

**MARKETING:**

7. (c'td) Following the receipt of further information, Mr Wallingford undertook to draft a suitable press release in respect of the export of bees to North America.

**RESEARCH:**

1. The meeting noted a letter from Conway Powell Consulting Limited who had been retained to develop a strategy for

the optimum investment of research funds in science output 04 (alternative new animals) and it was noted that both Mr Wallingford and Mr McCaw had responded to this enquiry.

2. General discussion took place in respect of the composition of the committee (ARAC) and its input to the executive.
3. The meeting was advised that the Ruakura Apicultural Research Unit had not met since the last meeting of the executive.
4. The meeting considered the Apicultural Research Advisory Committee report from the Secretary,
  - a. Research Output 04 funding
  - b. Referring proposals for research funding
  - c. Bee Research - Strategic Planning
  - d. ARAC Membership

It was agreed that consideration be given to the holding of an ARAC meeting at the time of the September executive committee meeting. The executive would give some consideration at its April meeting to formulating a proposal for funding to the Trustees.

**ADVISORY:**

3. The meeting considered the report from the Disease Control committee, together with the Minutes of their telephone conference call of 8th March 1993. The Executive complimented the committee on the excellence of its report and agreed that it be received and adopted.

It was agreed that the committee be now asked to develop an action plan/pest management strategy for implementation of its report. If practical, that this plan be made available for the April meeting of the executive. The Executive Secretary to draw to the attention of the committee the possible effects of the Bio-Security Bill currently under review.

4. The meeting complimented Mr Wallingford on his chronology of events related to the Commodities Levy Bill/Act.
5. Meeting noted that the Select Committee was at present meeting to consider submissions on the Bio-Security Bill and it was agreed that, if the industry was requested to make an oral submission, it be represented by Messrs Wallingford and Wraight, together with the Executive Officer.

6. Executive Officer reported that there had been no further progress in respect of the following legislation:
  - a. Primary Products Bill
  - b. Agricultural Compounds Bill
7. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the Waikato Branch concerning the matter of assistance to Mr Bassett.
8. It was agreed that the matter of correspondence from Mr N J Donovan, be left to Mr Wraight to finalise.

It was agreed that in the next issue of Buzzwords an update be provided to branches on the subject of Importation to New Zealand of Australian honey. Further action by the Executive to be considered at the time of responding to the Ministry on the new draft, (when received).
9. Mr Wallingford reported that the information relevant to wasp pheromone bait stations (Remit 14) had been referred to Ruakura.
10. After consideration of the MAF Report (March) on the AFB contract it was agreed to request as an audit requirement:
  - a. In respect to Table 1 - MAF staff and beekeepers under MAF contract. The Ministry to be asked to supply the names of the owners of apiaries inspected by apiary district. Each executive member would accept responsibility for an apiary district (Mr Martin - 2 districts) and would satisfy themselves by contacting a minimum 10% of those beekeepers listed.
  - b. In respect of Table III - AFB disease found. The Ministry to be asked to supply a breakdown of the information by the size of the apiaries, i.e. 1-50 50-200 and more than 200, and also to relate this to the number of beekeepers involved.
11. It was agreed that the balance of Mr Reid's report for this meeting be considered after lunch.
12. Mr Wallingford reported that there was a lot of uncertainty in the Pollination Association as a result of the problems of the kiwifruit industry.



It was agreed that Mr Wraight would replace Mr Wallingford as the Reporter on pollination matters.

13. Meeting considered the report from Mr Ian Berry on matters relevant to the Pesticides Board and particularly 1080 - Bee Repellant and the use of carbaryl. It was agreed that both these matters be left to the discretion of Mr Ian Berry.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12.35pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.20pm.

**ADMINISTRATION  
AND FINANCE:**

1. The Executive Secretary indicated that the Trustees had not, as yet, reported on their consideration of the late application from Telford Rural Polytechnic.
2. The meeting considered in committee the matter of compensation/ex gratia payment with regard to the EFB Emergency in Nelson.
3. Miss Trewby reported that a paper on the benefit of membership of the NBA had still to be produced.
4. Meeting was advised that the advertisement "Dead Bees Don't Pollinate" had not appeared, and therefore the matter of costs did not occur.
5. With regard to Remit 31 from the Waikato Branch concerning administrative changes, it was agreed that branch responses be referred to the Waikato Branch for consideration and any further action that they may think desirable.
6. It was agreed that the analysis of other Associations' levies be not proceeded with.
7. The meeting considered a draft notice to be sent to beekeepers seeking further information in relation to the initial declaration of hives. It was agreed that this now be redrafted, including the amendments suggested, and then forwarded to the Association's solicitors for comment.

It was the executive's intention that the form would be used :

- a. in the case of sale of hives,
- b. major variation in the number of hives declared from year to year.

In the second situation the request to be discussed with the appropriate executive member. It was agreed that the executive would discuss at the April meeting, the subject of perceived regular transgressors of hive levy declarations.

8. The meeting considered a response from Morrison Morpeth in respect of their interpretation of the definitions within the Hive Levy Act. It was agreed that Miss Trewby and Mr Wallingford consider this matter so that further discussions could be held with the Association's solicitors.
9. It was agreed that the matter of branch capitation be held over until the next meeting following a nil response to the Executive Secretary's circular of 21 December 1992.
10. The meeting noted that the proposed rule changes suggested by Mr Lindsay had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
11. In the light of Mr Martin's concerns the Executive revisited the 1993 budget. It was agreed that the executive would consider the 1994 budget at the April 1993 meeting with the intention that this would be presented to the July conference. The assumptions to be used in the preparation of the 1994 budget would be a nil change to current Association policy.

**ADVISORY:**

14. The meeting considered the balance of Mr Reid's report for this meeting, and noted that some 80% of the AFB contract had been provided.

With regard to resolving the level of the contract price, (Clause 27) it was eventually agreed that this matter be left to the President, Mr Martin and the Executive Secretary to resolve later in the month, but in time to comply with the terms of the contract.

**ADMINISTRATION**  
**AND**  
**FINANCE:**

12. The meeting considered a paper from Miss Trewby in respect of Hive Levy Deferrals and the scheduling of payments. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the April meeting, upon presentation of a set of guidelines for Executive members.

13. General discussion took place in respect of the date for the receipt of requests for deferral, noting that under the terms of legislation, this should be 31st March.
14. It was agreed to review at the September meeting, the procedure for deferrals, and in particular, the scheduling of repayment dates.
15. The meeting considered, in committee, the Trust applications.
16. The meeting considered the draft Annual Report for 1992, and it was left to the Executive Secretary to finalise the content of this in the light of suggested amendments received from Executive members.
17. Correspondence from the Independent Business Foundation concerning a proposed Alliance of Business Association. It was agreed that no further action be taken.
18. Correspondence from an organisation referred to as "Board at Work". Agreed that no further action be taken.
19. Meeting noted a letter from Mr Courtney expressing concern at the effectiveness and efficiency of the NBA. Agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Mr Courtney to ascertain his specific areas of concern.
20. A letter from Marsh Honey concerning the hive levy and disease control. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain from the writer details of the evidence to support their claims.
21. The meeting considered in committee the requests for deferral for hive levy.
22. The Executive Secretary reported that any 1992 unpaid hive levies were currently being processed through the Association's solicitors.
23. The Executive considered the annual accounts to 31 December 1992. These were adopted subject to final audit.
24. The meeting considered the schedule of accounts paid for December 1992, January & February 1993, being cheque numbers 889049 - 889080 and 727441 - 727468 and totalling \$99,359.51 and these were approved.

25. The meeting noted receipt from the Hawkes Bay branch of the audited 1992 conference accounts.

**GENERAL:**

1. It was suggested that consideration be given to the remunerating of executive members for attending non-executive meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday & Wednesday 27th & 28th April 1993. In the light of the decision taken at the December meeting, this would be a 1 day planning meeting, with a 1 day executive meeting. The planning meeting devoted to:

- a. a review of the 1992 plan
- b. consideration of the future options of the NBA

**CLOSURE:** The meeting concluded at 5.pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

MAR 93

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION NZ INC

IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC, HELD ON THE 9th & 10th MARCH 1993.

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1. The Executive Officer suggested that it was appropriate for a review of the Association. He suggested that this may be undertaken by Mr Lindsay Pyne, the previous General Manager of the Bank of New Zealand.

It was agreed later in the meeting, that the Executive Secretary meet with Mr Pyne and review the situation, but that, in the meantime, the members of the Executive would give consideration to the terms of reference for such a review.

2. It was agreed that in respect of a payment to GM & SM Stephens that the executive would support a claim to the Trustees for \$5,000 being an ex gratia payment for the pain and sacrifice experienced as a result of the "outbreak" in Nelson. The preparation of this application to be left to Miss Trewby and the Executive Officer.

3. TRUST APPLICATIONS

- a. The Executive agreed to support the application from the NBA Research Group for assistance of \$1,780
- b. The meeting agreed to support the application from Hort. Research for \$25,000.
- c. It was agreed that the request for assistance from Land Care Research be referred to the Trustees without recommendation.
- d. Telford Rural Polytechnic.  
It was agreed to recommend to the Trustees the granting of the National Beekeepers bursary of \$500 for 1992 and 1993.

It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary clarify with the Trustees the apparent duplication of bursaries for the Polytechnic.

4. It was agreed that when the Association responded to the next protocol from the Ministry for the importation in to New Zealand of Australian honey, that copies of the submission be forwarded to the Chairman of the Agricultural Select Committee.

5. HIVE LEVY 1993 DEFERRALS.

- a. ROBIN McCAMMON. Deferral approved subject to payment by four equal instalments, April, June, August, October 1993.
- b. R. BURNIP. Deferral approved on the same basis as McCammon, subject to the prompt receipt of the hive levy declaration form. Failing to comply in forwarding the form will result in no deferral.
- c. K. MOODY. Agreement on the same basis as McCammon.
- d. HYSLOP WHOLESALE FOODS LIMITED. Deferral as requested. i.e. four equal monthly instalments of \$113.21 commencing in July, 1993.

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Chairman

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Date

APR 93

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ, INC. HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, NZ PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 4TH FLOOR, WALSH-WRIGHTSON TOWER, 94 DIXON STREET, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 27 AND 28 APRIL 1993, COMMENCING AT 10 14 A.M. ON TUESDAY 27 APRIL 1993

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

**In attendance :** Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer  
Mrs O Hebron, Recorder

The President read to the meeting a letter from Mr Dudley Lorimer, concerning the recognition of the contribution made to the N Z Beekeeping industry by the late Mr Roy Paterson, by way of establishment of a scholarship.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Executive would support the suggestion in principle.

**CONFERENCE**

In the absence of Mr Richard Bensemman, the Committee agreed to discuss Conference arrangements.

1. Miss Trewby advised that the programme and registration form would appear in the May issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper. It was also agreed that Executive members should complete registration form and send to the conference committee prior to arrival at the conference.
2. It was noted that the Associate Minister would open the Conference, and his anticipated time of arrival was 11.a.m.
3. Promotional Material - Miss Trewby reported that the Southland Branch had no interest in selling the promotional goods on behalf of Jo's Ceramic Cavern, but are prepared to allow Jo's Ceramic Cavern to do so themselves.
4. Timetable for Report presentations.

It was agreed that the following should be invited to speak to their reports at Conference :

Dr Mark Goodwin  
 Mr Ian Berry - Endemic Disease Committee  
 Mr Allen McCaw - Marketing Committee  
 Mr G M Reid - MAF

Reports to be tabled should be :-

Library Report  
 Pesticides Board  
 Telford Polytechnic  
 Dr Louise Malone

5. After discussion of Miss F Trewby's letter of 22nd April it was agreed that the conference fee and seminar fee for the Secretary and the Editor be charged to the NBA Head Office for reimbursement to the Branch hosting the Conference.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10.35 a.m.  
 and reconvened at 8.33 a.m. on Wednesday 28th April.  
 with Mr R Bensemman also present.

#### APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### MINUTES

The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 9th and 10th March, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the President authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendment :

page 4. ADVISORY - More data, second item should read AFB spore levels....

The In Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 9th and 10th March, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the President authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendment :

Item 3 a. second line should read MBA Research Group.

#### MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.



## MARKETING

1. Mr Nick Wallingford reported that since the last Executive meeting one Conference call had been held and also one meeting to develop the draft plan presented by Bill Floyd. A letter dated 23rd April had also been received from Mr Allen McCaw.
2. The Planning Meeting had fully discussed the question of marketing, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Marketing Committee advising that the Marketing Plan is required by 18th June; the Executive to consider the revised guidelines received with Mr McCaw's letter, and advise the Marketing Committee accordingly; the requirement for a Remit to Conference.
3. (a) The question of Bill Floyd's attendance at Conference to be decided between the President and the Chairman of the Marketing Committee  
 (b) No further action to report in regard to the Australian Imported Foods Inspection Programme  
 (c) Export Certification for Bees, Honey and Bee Products for the year ending June 1994.  
 It was agreed that the President of the NBA, the Chairman of the Export Committee and the Chairman of the Queen Breeders Association be involved in deliberations on the new protocol  
 (e) Packaged Bees to North America.  
 It was agreed that the transshipping situation needed to be clarified by December 1993 in time for next year's shipment.  
 A letter to be sent to the Associate Minister requesting time to be allocated for a delegation to meet with the North American trade delegation visiting New Zealand in the near future.
4. Frances Trewby requested all comments on the draft Code of Practice to be forwarded to her by the end of May.
5. Marketing Committee Report.  
 Already reported.
6. The meeting noted the most recent IHEO report. It was requested that Mr Allen McCaw be put on the mailing list for the IHEO report.

The meeting noted the export statistics for the period to February 1993.

The meeting noted the information provided by the Honey Packers Association on the conference call of 29 March. The President to seek approval from the Packers Association for information on buying in range and door sales range to be summarised in Buzzwords.

The meeting noted the USDA statistics for the month of March 1993.

- 7 Consideration to be given by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Marketing Committee, to a reasonable charge for the supply of the above and other information to the Marketing Committee

### EDUCATION

#### BURSARY FOR TELFORD RURAL POLYTECHNIC

The Executive Secretary was requested to further pursue the question of the bursary with the Trustees.

#### TELFORD BEE UNIT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Miss Trewby tabled a report dated April 1993 covering:

1. Numbers of students
2. Future student recruiting
3. Employment of beekeepers assistant
4. Honey crop
5. Establishment of beekeeping museum
6. NZ Certificate in Apiculture

#### LIBRARY

The report from the Librarian, by way of letter dated 16 April 1993 to Miss Trewby, was noted.

### PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Miss Trewby reported on her discussion with the Editor in regard to his agreement to let scientific contributors proofread their galleys. Miss Trewby to draft letter in this regard.
2. Miss Trewby had written to Branches as agreed at the last executive meeting.
3. The Executive Officer reported that supplies were very low of the "thank you" card handed out by Border Protection when honey was confiscated from incoming

passengers. It was agreed that these cards be reprinted, and the Executive Officer to liaise with Border Protection as to their requirements. Border Protection to be requested to advise the NBA as and when further supplies are required.

Concern was expressed about press statements from beekeepers on the honey crop/poorer season, which had, in some circumstances, had a detrimental effect on the industry. It was agreed that an article appear in Buzzwords on guidelines for dealing with the news media, and also be included in the Handbook for Branch Secretaries and Presidents.

Mr Wallingford reported that the draft of the Profile document should be completed by the time of Conference. He commented on the amount of time spent by Mr Cliff van Eaton in updating this document to ensure accuracy of data, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr Cliff van Eaton in this regard.

## RESEARCH

### Apicultural Research Advisory Committee

Some discussion took place on the Secretary's report of March 1993 in regard to "Refereeing of Proposals for Research Funding". The Executive Officer agreed to clarify the situation in regard to the "normal coversheet" mentioned in this report.

It was agreed that all items for the ARAC be channelled through Miss Trewby.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to ARAC requesting that Committee to prepare costings for the proposed meeting to be held at the time of the September executive committee meeting. Meantime Mr Wallingford was requested to prepare an application to the Trustees for \$4000 for an industry Strategic Planning for Research meeting to be held as an extension to the September Executive meeting.

### RUAKURA APICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting on 15th April 1993 was noted.

## ADVISORY

### Endemic Disease Control Committee

The letter from Mr Ian Berry enclosing report from Mr Allen McCaw of 20th April 1993, had been discussed at the Planning Meeting

In discussion it was considered that the Disease Control Committee should have a specific member of the Executive with whom they could liaise. Mr Richard Bensemann offered to act as this liaison person, and Mr Dudley Ward agreed to undertake this task during Mr Bensemann's absence overseas.

The Executive Secretary was requested to confer with the President in regard to the wording of a Remit to Conference to fund the Endemic Disease Control programme for 1994.

The Endemic Disease Control Committee to be requested to provide succinct articles for Buzzwords on a regular basis.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10.14 a.m for morning tea and reconvened at 10.35 a.m. it having been noted that a message had been received from the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Bio Security Bill hearing that the meeting set down for 11 a.m. had been cancelled because the House had gone into urgency. This meeting was now possibly scheduled for 19 May, but this would be confirmed at a later date.

### ADVISORY contd.

Commodity Levies. No action at this stage.

Bio Security Bill. As already noted.

i. Primary Products Bill. No further action.

ii. Agricultural Compound Bill. MAF synopsis had been circulated. No further action.

### Possum Control Programme.

The Executive Officer reported on the background to the Animal Health Board letter of 23 March 1993. The Executive Officer to draft a letter to go to Regional Health Authorities reminding them of the agreement re: notification of Bovine Tb possum operations in New Zealand.

The meeting was advised that the sum of \$500 had been forwarded to Waikato Branch for onward transmission to Mr Bassett to assist in meeting his legal costs

relevant to the Possum Control programme.

The letter from Mr Bassett under date 26 April 1993. was noted, and it was left to the President to reply on behalf of the Executive, with assistance from the Executive Officer, as necessary.

#### Importation of Honey from Australia

Considerable discussion took place and it was agreed that all Branches be advised when submissions were received from Sue Cotton, Technical Advisory Officer (Imports). The NBA to contact Dr Mark Goodwin to obtain list of all comments for distribution to Branches.

Suggestion to appear in Buzzwords that NBA Branches use their local political party machines to raise awareness of this issue.

Copies of statistics and phone list provided by National Manager Apiculture were provided to Executive members for necessary action.

Mr Wallingford reported on letter received in regard to an inspection carried out by an NBA part time inspector.

The Executive Officer agreed to investigate the standardisation of inspection forms when the AAOs next meet.

#### MAFQUAL MANAGEMENT - AFB DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME

Contract. Considerable discussion took place on the Association's requirements for a contract for the 1994 year. The Committee was made aware of the need for the contract to be written, negotiated and accepted ready for signing prior to delivery of the service. It was agreed that MAF be requested to undertake indicative planning on a contract value \$100,000 for 1994, with more emphasis on targetting rather than on random inspections.

Executive Secretary to prepare a Remit to approve the levies for the operation of the 1994 contract.

#### Report from the National Manager, NABU

The Executive Officer reported verbally on report from the National Manager, NABU :

1) that the Contract Manager for the Disease Control

contract as from July 1st 1993, will be Mr Cliff van Eaton. A sharing of duties had been undertaken and the meeting next week will decide who will be in charge of export certification.

2. Noted that the invoice for the second instalment of the 1993 Contract had been received.

3. J.D. Lorimer's letter - already noted.

4. J.Bassett's letter - already noted.

#### Pollination Association Report

Mr Michael Wraight reported that there had been price cutting; concern was expressed about people pollinating who had not paid hive levy; pipfruit pollination in Hawke's Bay is expanding with possible shortfall in hives available in 2/3 years; spray damage had been very severe.

Mr Richard Bensemman reported on the replanting and revitalising of blackcurrant orchards

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.34 and re-convened at 1.30 p.m.

#### Queen Bee Producers Association

Nothing to report.

#### ADMINISTRATION

1. Miss Trewby requested that comments on her paper on the Benefits of Membership of the NBA be sent to her no later than 31 May. The President thanked Miss Trewby for her efforts in this regard.

2. Hive Levy - False Declaration and further evidential requirements.

Approval was given to the programme as outlined in the Executive Secretary's memo of 1st April.

Hive Levy - Deferrals . To be discussed at the July meeting.

Mr Wallingford had prepared a letter to be sent to the Solicitors seeking clearer definition of who and what a hive, beekeeper, levy payer and levy is. This was awaiting Miss Trewby's comments. It was agreed that once approved by Mr Wallingford and Miss Trewby, that this letter be sent to the

Solicitors.

Decision to be taken at the July meeting of the Executive on the action to be taken after the two declarations have been obtained from beekeepers.

#### Branch Capitation and Funding

No decision taken, it being noted that Branches had been circulated a paper on How to Make Your Funds Go Further. Notice of Motion from N Wallingford asking Conference to nominate a sum and provide a formula to the NBA for its allocation to provide a fairer way of branch capitation

#### Remunerating Executive Members

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a sum of money be allocated in the 1994/5 budget for remunerating executive members for attendance at non-executive meetings. Mr Michael Wraight requested his vote against this be recorded.

#### Budget for 1994

Considerable discussion took place on the projected shortfall of \$50,000, after which it was agreed that the President, Mr Gerard Martin and the Executive Secretary would consider the budget and make a recommendation to Executive members on how this shortfall would be funded.

#### MAF Agreement - Management Support Officer

Noted that a letter had been received from MAF agreeing to the continuation of the contract on the same basis as existing, up to the end of December 1993. The Executive Secretary was requested to acknowledge and confirm acceptance of this letter.

#### Unpaid Hive Levies, 1992

Noted that these are in the hands of the Solicitors for collection.

Financial Statement. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement for the 3 months to 31 March 1993.

The schedule of accounts paid for March 1993 being cheque numbers 727469 to 727487 and totalling \$19301.33 were approved.

The meeting was advised that marketing expenditure was being isolated in the cashbook.

EXECUTIVE

Mr Nick Wallingford and Mr Michael Wraight both confirmed that they would be seeking nomination in the forthcoming elections.

FEDERATED FARMERS

List of items received by N.Wallingford from Federated Farmers was noted.

BRANCH MATTERS

1. Letter from Mossop's Apiaries had been responded to by Mr Wallingford after liaison with the President.

2. Mr Bensemman reported that Canterbury Brnach will be seeking the 1995 Conference.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 19, July 1993, commencing 8.30 a.m. at Croyden Lodge, Gore.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.02 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 27/28 APRIL 1993

1. It was noted that Mr Lindsay Pyne had had preliminary discussions with the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer.

2. G M & SM Stephens

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the application lodged with the Trustees, and the Chairman of Trustees advice that this application is declined as it is not within their powers under the terms of the Trust Deed. It was then agreed that this matter be left with the Executive Secretary to liaise with the Chairman of the Trustees and the President on the correct wording of the application.

3. Trust Applications

Concern was expressed that no decisions had yet been made by the Trustees on applications as detailed in In Committee Minuts of 9/10 March. It was reported to the meeting that one group applying had reported that they had been advised that their application had been successful.

Motion Nick Wallingford/Richard Bensemman

That the Executive still expects applicants to be notified within six weeks of the date the recommendations are forwarded and that if applicants are not notified within six weeks then the NBA executive would be taking action at the July meeting.

was CARRIED

4. ARAC - for \$4,000. The Executive agreed to support this application to the Trust.

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CHAIRMAN

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) HELD IN ROOM 21, CROYDON LODGE, WAIMEA STREET, GORE, ON MONDAY 19th JULY 1993, COMMENCING AT 8.45 a.m.

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**PRESENT:** Mr D Ward, President in the Chair  
Miss F Trewby, Messrs R Bensemann, G Martin,  
N Wallingford, and M Wraight.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

Mr M Reid, National Manager, NABU,  
was in attendance for part of the meeting,  
as was Executive Member elect, Mr G Cammell.

**MARKETING:** The President reviewed for the benefit of the Executive, the problems experienced this year with regard to export of packaged and queen bees to Korea and Canada.

He also commented on a meeting with Dr Jim Edwards of the Ministry, copies of the Minutes having been circulated.

He reviewed arrangements made in respect of personnel selected to travel to Japan and Korea and funding arrangements made. It appeared that, subject to protocol arrangements being finalised, it would be possible to transship exports to Korea via Japan next season.

It was agreed that an application be lodged with the Trustees so that the President could be reimbursed his travelling and expense costs in respect of this exercise.

- MINUTES:**
1. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting, held on the 27th & 28th April 1993, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
  2. The In Committee Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 27-29 April 1993 having been circulated were taken as read, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

**MATTERS**

- ARISING:** 1. The meeting noted that a draft had been prepared of the 1994 Industry Plan, Mr Bensemann undertook to finalise the document.

**INDUSTRY**

**CONFERENCE:**

1. The meeting reviewed the arrangements made for the presentation of verbal reports. It was noted that arrangements had been made for Dr Sullivan, General Manager, Weeds & Pest Division, to present a short report on wasp control. Dr Sullivan's would be the first report to be presented, followed by Dr Mark Goodwin and Mr Ian Berry.

With regard to the Marketing Committee report, it was agreed that this be presented prior to Remit 16 on the Order Paper.

2. Executive Secretary reported on late advice that the Associate Minister would be unable to be at Conference, and arrangements were in hand to find a replacement.
3. The Executive conducted a review of the remit paper, and in particular noted: -  
Remit 2 if adopted by Conference to be referred to ARAC.

Remit 3.  
Dr Mark Goodwin to be asked to comment.

Remit 9.  
Executive Officer indicated that he had already commenced action in respect of this matter.

Remit 11.  
This remit was the subject of a special meeting to be held on Friday.

Remit 20.  
It was agreed that the President would discuss the implications of this remit with Mr Murray Reid, prior to Conference.

Remit 26.

Executive Secretary was asked to comment in respect of the possible costs of this proposal.

4. It was agreed to recommend to Conference the granting of Life Membership to David Penrose.
5. The meeting noted the legal opinion that newly elected members of the Executive were eligible to stand as President and Vice President.
6. The Executive Secretary reported that the 1993 budget had not been circulated, apart from to members of the Executive, and it was agreed that Mr Martin would be asked to lead the debate in respect of this matter.
7. Executive reaffirmed its decision of 27/28 April 1993 (Pg.2 of the Minutes) that the Association should pay the conference and seminar fee for the Secretary and the Editor.

**MARKETING:**

1. Miss Trewby reported that there had been no further developments in respect of a beekeeping industry Code of Practice.
2. Executive Secretary reported that there had been no further information received with regard to the Australian imported foods inspection programme.
3. It was noted that a special meeting had been convened for Friday to discuss the matter of export certification for bees, honey, and bee products. Meeting further noted that the Minutes of the meeting with Dr Jim Edwards on 2 June had been circulated.
4. The meeting was advised that arrangements had been made for Mr Bill Floyd to attend Conference, and he, together with Mr Allen McCaw would present the Marketing Plan/Committee Report.

It was agreed that the adoption by the Executive of the Marketing Plan be held over for consideration by the newly elected Executive.

5. With regard to the establishment of "reasonable charge" for information, it was agreed that consideration be given to the establishment of an administration charge for both marketing and disease inspection.

The Executive Secretary was requested to ensure that accounts received from Floyd Marketing be coded in line with the Appendix to the Marketing Plan.

6. With regard to the letter from the Beech Honey Producers Association, concerning a new category for honeydew in the export statistics, Mr Bensemman indicated that this matter was already being pursued by Mr Gavin White.
7. The meeting adopted the draft (Version 2) Guidelines for Operation of the NBA Marketing Committee. It was resolved that these be signed by both the Chairman of the Committee and the President.
8. Executive Secretary was requested to ascertain from the Marketing Committee Chairman if notes/minutes had been taken in respect of the meeting of the Committee held in Christchurch.
9. It was noted that the Packers Association had already actioned the provision of information for Buzzwords.
10. Meeting considered a letter from the Nelson/Marlborough Health Services Limited concerning honey production and labelling. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the seminar.
11. It was agreed that copies of all the statistics, currently made available to

executive, i.e. IHEO, Export Statistics, USDA, and Packers Association Minutes be made available to all members of the Marketing Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm for lunch, and reconvened at 1.10pm.

**EDUCATION:**

1. It was agreed that the President would have further discussions with MERT, relevant to the bringing to New Zealand of Korean personnel to assist in the marketing of packaged and queen bees in Korea.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

1. Executive Officer reported that the "Border Protection - Thank You" needed to be updated. It was agreed that he obtain quotations for a reprint of 5,000 and he also undertook to ascertain if Border Surveillance would contribute towards the cost.

It was agreed that application be made to the Trustees in meeting the NBA contribution to this project.

2. The meeting noted the guidelines for dealing with the media, prepared by Mr Wallingford.
3. The meeting noted the action taken by Miss Trewby in respect of the Bay of Plenty Branch letter of concern at the typographical errors, general appearance and content of the journal.
4. Mr Wallingford advised that the production costs for Buzzwords would increase as the Association would be now incurring the typesetting and layout costs work previously undertaken by himself.
5. The meeting noted the paper prepared by Mr Wallingford in respect of writing a good press release.

**INDUSTRY TRUSTS:**

1. Mr Russell Berry's commitment to stand down as industry trustee, if elected to the Executive was noted. It was agreed that the President approach Mr Ian Berry to accept appointment in place of Mr Russell Berry.

**EDUCATION:**

2. It was agreed to defer discussion on the bursary for the Telford Rural Polytechnic until a paper prepared by Mr Allen McCaw was available.
3. Miss Trewby reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Executive.
4. Miss Trewby reported that the Library Committee report would be tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

**RESEARCH:**

1. Mr Wallingford reported that a research strategic plan had yet to be prepared for the proposed meeting of ARAC in September, and also that an application had not yet been prepared for submission to the Trustees for funding for this meeting.
2. Mr Wallingford reviewed, for the benefit of the Executive, correspondence and decisions taken in respect of the Research Funding under Output 4 being the development of a research strategy for Alternative Animals.

He indicated that further action would be required by the Association, following the results and evaluation of the report prepared by Mr Conway.

3. It was noted that Mr Wallingford had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Ruakura Agriculture Research Unit, and Mr Russell Berry had attended in his place. A report had yet to come to hand.

**ADVISORY:**

1. The meeting noted that Mr Ian Berry would be reporting to the Annual General Meeting on behalf of the Endemic Disease Control Committee. Mr Ian Berry had indicated that he would be standing down as convenor, and member of the committee.
2. Executive Secretary indicated that a meeting of the Primary Production Select Committee would be held on Wednesday 28th July for discussion on the Commodity Levies Amendment Bill. It was agreed that the Association be represented by Miss Trewby and the Executive Officer.
3. It was noted that the Bio Security Bill had not yet been reported back to the House.
4. It was noted that there had been no further developments in respect of the Primary Products Bill. A discussion paper had been issued in relation to the Agricultural Compounds Bill.
5. The meeting noted correspondence from the Animal Health Board, in respect of the Possum Control Board programme, and jam baits. Miss Trewby reviewed, for the benefit of the Executive, action taken with regard to this matter.
6. With the exception of Mr Bensemman (who had been absent overseas) Members of the Executive indicated that they had undertaken their audit of the deliverance of the 1992/93 American Foulbrood Disease Control programme.

Concern however was expressed that in some cases MAF appointed member/inspectors had exceeded their authority. It was agreed that, in considering the 1993/94 programme, endeavours should be made to obviate this problem.

With regard to the proposal from the Ministry for the 1993/94 programme, it was agreed that this be referred to the incoming executive for consideration.



7. The standardisation of inspection forms was left with the Executive Officer to pursue, following resolution of the 1993/94 contract.
8. The meeting noted the revised procedure referred to as the Land and Transport rules.
9. Miss Trewby indicated that she had written to the Ministry of Agriculture and obtained a copy of the existing NAS Standard 153.41 which was currently subject to review.
10. The meeting considered the report of the National Manager Apiculture for this meeting, containing reference to :
  - Chalkbrood in Australia
  - Asian honey bee and varroa
  - Honey - Code of Practice
  - Residues and AFP
  - Imports of Australian honey
  - AFB Report
  - MAF Report to Conference.

In presenting his report, Mr Reid advised that once the Australian Honey Board and the FCAAA have completed their quality assurance scheme (to meet ISO 9002 Standards) then they will have a considerable marketing advantage over New Zealand.

11. Mr Reid further amplified the comments made by the President in the early part of the meeting, in respect of the visit to Japan and Korea.

With regard to the education/training of Korean personnel, Mr Reid felt that a 2-week visit from government personnel for lab training etc., would be satisfactory, but that in respect of an industry representative a period of up to 2 months would be desirable.

It was noted that this matter had been left earlier in the meeting for Mr Ward to pursue with Tradenz.

12. It was noted that the advertisement "Dead Bees Do Not Pollinate" had not been run this season. The Pollination Association was seeking donation to ensure its insertion this year, and would also be considering an application to the Trustees.
13. The Pesticides Board report would be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
14. The meeting was advised that Mr Cliff Van Eaton was standing down as Secretary of the Queen Bee Producers Association.

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. Noted that the Trustees had favourably considered the late 1992 application from Telford Rural Polytechnic.
2. Miss Trewby indicated that she was awaiting comments from members of the Executive on the paper outlining Benefits of Membership of the NBA.
3. With regard to hive levy matters, i.e. false declaration, further evidential requirements, production of honey for sale, hive levy deferrals, including guidelines, it was agreed that this be left to the incoming committee to resolve.
4. Mr Wallingford indicated that there had been no further developments in respect of branch capitation and funding, noting that several papers had been prepared and distributed to branches on this topic.
5. Meeting noted the response of the Trustees to the last round of applications.

The Executive application on behalf of Mr and Mrs Stevens, having been declined by the Trustees, it was agreed that the Executive Secretary write an appropriate letter to Mr and Mrs Stevens explaining the situation.

6. With regard to the Benefits of Members of the NBA, it was agreed that this now be reproduced in a form suitable to be mailed out with the SOI's by the Ministry of Agriculture in September.
7. General discussion took place in respect of the lack of advice by Trustees to applicants. The Executive again expressed its concern that applicants were not being advised of the Trustees decisions in a businesslike manner.
8. With regard to the Executive decision of 27/28 April 1993 (Minutes Page 9) to remunerate executive members for attendance at non-executive meetings, it was agreed that this be at the rate of \$150 per day less tax. Meeting qualification to be the responsibility of the President.
9. The Executive Secretary reported on his assessment of the situation with regard to the 1993 budget shortfall, revised in the light of information available to the 23rd June.

In presenting the 1993 budget to the Annual General Meeting, it was agreed that Mr Bensemman would assist Mr Martin in this presentation.

- 10.. With regard to the desire of some Northland members to reactivate the Far North branch, it was agreed that a suitable postal ballot be conducted of members in the Northland branch area.
11. The committee reviewed the Roll of Honour/Membership List supplied by Mr Heinemann.

**WELCOME:**

The President extended a warm welcome to Mr Graham Cammell, Executive Member elect.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

12. The meeting considered the list of unpaid hive levies, and it was agreed

that those listed as having more than 800 hives in 1992 be referred to the solicitors for collection.

In respect of the remaining members it was agreed that the incoming executive considers what action should be taken.

13. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement (cash) for the 6 months to 30 June 1993.
14. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's schedule of accounts paid for April, May, June 1993, being cheque numbers : 727488 - 727500 and 727381 - 727440, and 635901 - 635903 and totalling \$138,729.44.

**FEDERATED  
FARMERS:**

1. Mr Wallingford indicated that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the combined Land User Forum.

**BRANCH  
MATTERS:**

1. The meeting considered a letter from the Nelson branch relevant to capitation, and the failure to supply accounts for 1992. It was agreed that in the light of the statement from the auditor, that capitation be paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Executive Officer reported on correspondence from Neil Towers of Ruakura, whose application for financial assistance for the development of an Eliza Test for AFB had again been declined. The Executive Officer further commented on work being undertaken by Cardiff University for the establishment of a DNA test and it was agreed that this matter be referred to ARAC.

**DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING:**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th & 9th September, 1993.

**APPRECIATION:**

Mr Ward, the retiring President, recorded his appreciation to the Executive Secretary and staff, and Members of the Executive for their support. He recorded a special appreciation to the Executive Officer.

Miss Trewby, on behalf of the Executive, expressed warm appreciation to Mr Ward for his contribution to Association affairs.

**CLOSURE:**

The meeting concluded at 5.34 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc and the Conference of Branch Delegates held in the Conference Room, Croydon Lodge, Waimea Street, Gore on Wednesday and Thursday 21st & 22nd July 1993 commencing at 9.00 a.m. on the Wednesday.

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PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair  
Miss F Trewby, Vice-President,  
Messrs R Bensemam, M Wraight, N Wallingford  
- members of the Executive Committee.

Messrs R Berry, G Cammell and M Cloake,  
Executive Members elect.

28 delegates representing 14 branches and  
approximately 73 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer  
Mr G M Reid, Manager, NABU  
Dr M Goodwin, Horticulture & Food Research  
Institute.

WELCOME TO  
DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all delegates and said he trusted that it would be a happy and rewarding conference.

PRAYER:

The President then invited Mr Jim Simpson to read the Conference Prayer.

WELCOME:

The Delegates were welcomed to Gore by the Mayor of the Gore District Council, Mr Ian Tulloch.

PRESENTATION:

In presenting a nectar bearing tree to the Mayor, the Vice President advised that it was the custom to make similar presentations at other centres where conference had been held, in the hope that the community would appreciate the importance of nectar and pollen bearing trees to the beekeeping industry.

tremendous increase in the Hive Levy which he is extremely conscious of. However the Executive does not consider it lightly when considering the levy. The increases have been brought about in part by government/user pays system for inspection, and in meeting the industry requests for marketing.

He recorded his appreciation to the Pork Industry Board staff, and in particular Olive Hebron, the Executive Secretary's Assistant.

Problems and misunderstandings have occurred with 1080 Possum Control Programme, and the Executive was making every endeavour to keep members apprised of the situation.

He believed the industry had built up a high profile with government by such things as submissions and presentations to the Primary Producers Select Committee and the AgCaucus Committee of government.

In welcoming the three new members to the Executive, he said that it was a rewarding but time consuming involvement in the industry, and hoped that they would not dismantle many of the things put in place over the last ten years.

He thanked Executive for their tremendous support and endeavours for beekeepers and the beekeeping industry. He particularly paid tribute to the Executive Officer, Ted Roberts for his practical and knowledgeable advice. He also thanked retired members of the Executive for their efforts and in particular made reference to the considerable contribution made by Mr Nick Wallingford.

He thanked branches, and those who had contributed to the industry, for their support over the last years, and made particular reference to the support given to him by his wife and family.

He hoped the conference would be positive and constructive and that members would work together to solve industry problems.

REPORTS: 1. MAF Quality Management  
 Details of Mr Reid's report are attached as Appendix 1.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from:

Barry Foster	Poverty Bay
Lindsay Ward	Southland
Chris & M Bramell	S.I.N.
Tony Clissold	Southland
Kevin Ecroyd	Life Member
Norm Dean	Bay of Plenty
Ken Richards	S.I.N.
Mary-Ann Thompson	S.I.N.
David Yanke	Northland
Stan & Joyce Young	S.I.N.
Stephen Lee	Waikato

OBITUARIES: The following were advised to the meeting.

Robin Jackson	
Trevor Palmer Jones	Life Member
May Spence	Southland
Colin Rope	Life Member
Jack Fraser	Life Member
Roy Abernethy	
Rob Glasson Snr	Life Member

ELECTION RESULTS:

The Executive Secretary advised the meeting of the election results:

North Island:

Russell Berry	969 votes
Graham Cammell	767 votes
Nick Wallingford	681 votes
Frank Lindsay	239 votes

Russell Berry and Graham Cammell were therefore declared to be the duly elected representatives for the North Island.

South Island

Mervyn Cloake	957 votes
Michael Wraight	420 votes

Mervyn Cloake was therefore declared to be the duly elected representative for the South Island.

The meeting recorded the Association's appreciation to the retiring or non-elected members of the Executive.



LIFE MEMBERS: - National Beekeepers Association of NZ.  
David Penrose.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.35 a.m. for morning tea and the Conference Photograph and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

LIFE MEMBERS: - Branch Life Members  
Fred Bartrum South Canterbury  
Reg Clarke Marlborough

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

Timekeepers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Paul Ashcroft (Hawkes Bay Branch) and Ross Ward (Southland Branch) be appointed timekeepers.

Scrutineers: IT WAS RESOLVED that Steve Olds and Dave McMillan be appointed scrutineers.

Speaking times: IT WAS RESOLVED that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak; the seconder 3 minutes; and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.

Tape Recorders: IT WAS RESOLVED that this procedure be deleted from future agenda papers.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The Executive Secretary advised the meeting that no additional remits had been received at this stage of the meeting. (Note: the provisions of Rule 19c).

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

BRANCH	DELEGATE	DEPUTY DELEGATE
Northland	Terry Gavin	Malcolm Haines
Auckland	Neil Stuckey	Graham Cammell
Waikato	Bryan Clements	Russell Berry
Bay of Plenty	Dale Gifford	Nick Wallingford
Poverty Bay		
Hawkes Bay	Colin McLean	John Dobson
S.W. Districts	John Brandon	Frank Lindsay
Marlborough	James Jenkins	Murray Bush
Nelson	Bob Lambie	Michael Wraight
West Coast	Lindsay Feary	Gary Glasson
Canterbury	Peter Bray	Warren Hantz
South Canterbury	Noel Trezise	Mervyn Cloake
North Otago	Bruce Steffons	Peter Irvine
Otago	Allen McCaw	Walter Adamson
Southland	Finlay Abernethy	Ian Spence

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, and of the Conference of Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 22 & 23 July 1992 having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

REPORTS: 2. Landcare Research NZ Limited - Weeds and Pests Division.

Dr Oliver Sutherland, General Manager of the Division responsible for all the Crown funded work on wasps, weeds, possums etc.

He outlined the background to the establishment of the Crown Research Institutes and, in particular, Landcare Research and its present structure.

The good news was that a bee repellent (I.V.A) had been found that would not be repellent to possums. Field trials had still to be conducted. In addition, research was being undertaken for an alternative to 1080.

Bio control of wasps was not declining. There is a group documenting and modelling the impact of wasps, work is being done on the ecology of wasps, there is a continuing programme of biological control and work is being undertaken on the chemical control of wasps.

Work is continuing on the control projects for broom, nodding thistle, californian thistle, gorse and ragwort.

GENERAL: The President read a letter from Dudley Lorimer concerning the proposed Patterson Scholarship.

REPORT: 3. Horticulture and Food Research Institute.  
Dr Mark Goodwin indicated that the research of most interest to the industry had centred around AFB and had focussed on

- Drifting
- Wet Honey Supers going back on to clean hives.

The rationale behind the programme was inspection techniques and the risks of any AFB left behind following inspection.

Other work :

- Honey Testing programme for AFB spores
- Bee collected pollen for antibacterial pollination
- Kiwifruit Pollination
- Education/Workshops.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch reconvened at 2.00 p.m.

**ADDRESS BY**

**ASSOCIATE**

**MINISTER**

**OF**

**AGRICULTURE:**

In the absence of the Associate Minister, Mrs Margaret Moir, M.P. for the West Coast, presented the address on behalf of the Hon Denis Marshall. See Appendix 2.

With regard to the importation of honey into New Zealand from Australia, Mrs Moir stressed that the Industry must make the Minister aware of the problems perceived and must continue to emphasize those problems to the Minister and all MPs.

She was made aware of industry concern that honey brought to New Zealand by way of a "gift" would not be heat treated and therefore Border Control would need to be vigilant.

Mrs Moir stressed that the Industry needed to provide technical reasons to substantiate the case for import prohibition.

It is essential to make sure all MPs are made aware of the impact of honey importations on the New Zealand industry's health status - i.e. make sure that they are informed.

Present indications from officials were that current standards of Border Control would be maintained under the Bio Security Bill. However the industry needs to be vigilant to ensure that they are advised of any possible change(s). The industry would be required to fund any pest management strategy for an exotic disease outbreak under the Bio Security Bill - unless the problem was of national, as against industry, importance.

REPORT: 5. Marketing Committee.

Mr McCaw as Chairman of the Committee, reviewed the history and endeavours of the industry in respect of marketing. He stated that in the few months the levy income had been available, little time had been available to develop strategies and budgets, let alone provide any significant results.

Principal activity had been the development and preparation of a Marketing Plan. The Plan recognised the following key factors :

- Need to provide consumers with products they require and are interested in.
- Need to foster the best interest of the Beekeeper.
- Need to enhance the public image of the beekeeping industry.

While recognition is given to all products and activities of beekeeping the emphasis of the Plan is toward the marketing of honey, particularly within the domestic market.

It is intended to promote the positive and beneficial uses of honey. Very little activity will occur on its own. The marketing effort needs to be driven and opportunities taken up. In response to this recognised need, the Marketing Committee have appointed Bill Floyd as the Marketing Committee facilitator. He will have responsibility to oversee and carry out many of the tasks. The work will be by contract with Floyd Marketing, and be on a task by task basis, with ongoing review and assessment of results and outcome.

Mr McCaw thanked and congratulated the members for having the foresight to provide funding for the development of the marketing capability. The industry has taken the first steps to addressing one of the long recognised problems affecting the viability of the industry - the orderly marketing of our product.

He further commented, don't expect the 50¢ levy to solve all your individual marketing problems as beekeepers. You still have to make the most important decisions yourself. All we can hope to achieve through a collective industry effort in

Out and so on.

Bill Floyd then addressed the background to the Marketing Plan.

He indicated that in developing for the Honey industry the following STATEMENT has been determined; focus for the Plan :

That the marketing efforts of the industry be directed to create an environment

1. Allow consumers to enjoy honey which is available in a variety of flavors giving different sensory experiences.
2. Allow consumers to appreciate that honeys have nutritional and medicinal attributes that meet their own standard of living and allow them to enjoy these values.
3. Allow individual members of the industry to:
  - be rewarded for their commitment to quality
  - to produce products that meet customer and company objectives
  - to be aware of all the marketing opportunities available to them and participate in product development and promotion; with part of the potential for monetary gain
  - to be part of an industry that is collectively for its quality;
4. Create a commercial environment that is healthy, and competitive for the members of the honey industry by their own effort.
5. Allow for the industry as perceived as :

an established, traditional, financially-sound, rural activity that is committed to quality in all matters, producing a range of products to the highest international standards, that have unique competitive advantages in New Zealand and international marketplaces.

He further indicated an industry need for a Code of Practice which would address the issues of packaging, labelling, properties of different honeys etc., and related to the issue of misrepresentation and consequential adverse media comment.

The industry will be required to harvest honey for specific purposes and be able to certify honey on a batch by batch, drum by drum basis.

Along with recognition comes accountability. He further developed aspects of the Plan, a precis of which had been circulated to members, including the seven key objectives and strategies. He stressed that quality and production issues were of prime importance.

Three product developments were reported to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m. for afternoon tea and reconvened at 4.00 p.m.

**MARKETING:**

Further discussion on marketing ensued after the tea break.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc) was adjourned at 4.15 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 4.15p.m.

(Executive Secretary's note: The Annual General Meeting re-convened at 2.34 p.m. on Thursday 22 July 1993, following the conclusion of the Conference of Branch Delegates).

**\*\* The levy would reflect more accurately the ability to pay, and therefore a fairer and more acceptable demand on members faced with poor seasons.**

Amendment that the words "and replaced with a levy on production" be deleted was not accepted by the President.

It was then agreed, on the voices, that Remit 16 remain up the table until after Remit 17 had been considered.

**17. MARKETING COMMITTEE:**

**THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE SHOULD INCLUDE AN AMOUNT IN THE 1994 HIVE LEVY NOT EXCEEDING 50 CENTS PER HIVE, TO RAISE A SUM UP TO \$120,000 TO BE ALLOCATED ENTIRELY AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARKETING PLAN AS PREPARED THE NBA MARKETING COMMITTEE.**

Amendment that the levy of 50 cents be reduced to 25¢ and the sum of \$120,000 reduced to \$60,000 was LOST on the voices.

The motion was CARRIED 10-4.

**16. MARLBOROUGH**

The Remit was uplifted from the table.

The motion was LOST 1 - 13.

18. SOUTHLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE PROMOTION LEVY OF 50¢ PER HIVE BE DISCONTINUED.

The remit was WITHDRAWN 14 - 0.

1. WAIKATO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ROY PATTERSON THE INDUSTRY SETS UP A SCHOLARSHIP IN HIS NAME, TO HELP A STUDENT ATTENDING THE BEEKEEPING COURSE AT THE TELFORD FARM TRAINING INSTITUTE.

NOTE: Roy Patterson was instrumental in mechanising honey handling in the Beekeeping Industry and also was the person who isolated the Toxin causing Tutu honey poisoning in 1946.

The motion was CARRIED 8 - 4.

2. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE INITIATE OR ENCOURAGE RESEARCH INTO THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF BROADCAST APPLICATION OF 1080 BAITS ON THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

NOTES: 1080 is an extremely effective and nonspecific insecticide. It has been established that 1080 baits remain toxic to possums for only 5 to 20 days, but remain toxic to less resistant species for much longer. 1080 in the soil may be taken up by plants where its extremely effective systemic action poses a threat to insect populations both soil dwelling and aerial.

This information has been published in NZ Entomologist (A Review of Invertebrate Poisoning by Compound 1080 Peter Notman, DSIR Ecology Division). It has been reported by beekeepers that honey yields, particularly rewarewa, have been reduced in areas where broadcast applications of 1080 baits have occurred. A copy of Mr Notman's article is attached. (Appendix One)

Amendment that the words "initiate or encourage" be deleted and replaced with "investigate current".

The amendment was CARRIED 14 - 0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.



3. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE FOLLOWING BE IMPLEMENTED:

a) THAT BETWEEN 1 AUGUST and 30 NOVEMBER EACH YEAR ALL BEEKEEPERS WITH 50 HIVES OR LESS, TO SEND IN NUMB SAMPLES FROM EACH OF THEIR HIVES, TO BE TESTED FOR AFI EXOTICS AS REQUIRED, AT NO CHARGE OR AT COST. ON FINI AFB OWNER TO BE NOTIFIED TO DESTROY HIVE IN THE APPROV MANNER.

b) THAT BETWEEN 1 AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER EACH YEAR EACH MEMBER WITH OVER 50 HIVES TO SEND IN ONE SAMPLE ( BEES FROM ONE HIVE PER EVERY 200 HIVES OR PART THEREOF FOR TESTING FOR DISEASES OF HONEY BEES. WHERE A NUMB OF SAMPLES ARE TO BE COLLECTED, SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN THAT GIVE THE BEST COVERAGE OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

The motion was LOST 1 - 12.

4. CANTERBURY:

THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY AIM FOR TOTAL ERADICATION OF AMERICAN BROOD DISEASE BY THE YEAR 2000.

NOTES: In light of the work and statements made by Dr Mark Goodwin on American Brood Disease, a target of total eradication is achievable. It also makes a strong statement to the rest of the world.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

5. HAWKES BAY:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THE EXECUTIVE FULLY SU THE DISEASE CONTROL COMMITTEE'S GOAL OF TOTAL ERADICAT AFB FROM N.Z. BY THE YEAR 2000.

Footnote: Most beekeepers plan for total eradication of AFB from their hives. Why not plan for total eradication from N.Z. It would save beekeepers a lot of money in the future if this goal is met.

The motion was CARRIED 12 - 0.

6. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THE DISEASE COMMITTEE EFFORTS TO HAVE AFB ERADICATED FROM NZ BY THE YEAR 2000.

The motion was CARRIED 12 - 1.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.05 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 10.35 a.m.

7. N. WALLINGFORD:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT AN EFFECTIVE AFB CONTROL PROGRAMME REMAINS AN INDUSTRY REQUIREMENT. THAT THE 50¢ PER HIVE RAISED BY THE HIVE LEVY ACT FOR DISEASE CONTROL PURPOSES CONTINUE UNTIL A PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IS ACHIEVED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE SOON TO BE ENACTED BIOSECURITY BILL. THAT THE INDUSTRY CONTINUE TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION, USING METHODS SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY IAN BERRY'S COMMITTEE.

The following amendment was accepted by the mover - delete "Ian Berry's" and replace with "Disease Control".

Amendment that everything after the first sentence be deleted was LOST 6 - 8.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 3.

8. WAIKATO:

THAT CONFERENCE RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY DISREGARD THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISEASE CONTROL COMMITTEE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN TO ERADICATE AFB.

NOTE: The Waikato branch thinks the eradication of AFB in New Zealand is impossible and that the establishment of an NBA goal to totally eradicate AFB by the year 2000 may well cause hardship to members, if the Executive choose to really set about achieving this goal. We think it is a very good goal for some individuals in some areas and where the amount of time and money to be spent can be controlled by the individual.

The motion was LOST 0 - 13.

9. SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY INVESTIGATE THE WRITTEN WORD ON THE FORM, "TO MASTERS OF OVERSEAS SHIPS - NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS". THAT IS MEAT, DAIRY PRODUCTS, FOOD STUFFS, ETC. WHICH NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE WORDS "HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS" SPECIFICALLY.

NOTES: The form at present does not say the words HONEY and BEE PRODUCTS. Masters need to draw their crew's attention to the fact that honey is prohibited to be brought ashore. The form for passengers is more detailed.

Normally Customs clear a ship at the first port of call, if the ships proceeds to other ports around New Zealand, there is a chance that honey could be brought ashore unnoticed.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

10. HAWKES BAY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE STRONGLY SUPPORTS EXECUTIVE'S EFFORTS TO KEEP THE PRESENT QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON HONEY AND IMPORTS INTO N.Z.

Footnote: The importance of our disease and pest free status should not be compromised in any way. Our present advantages in the management of bees, and the future potential of our exports is crucial to the viability of our industry.

An amendment to delete the word "quarantine" was not proceeded with.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

11. AUCKLAND

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THEY RENEGOTIATE WITH MAF POLICY, PROTOCOLS TO MAKE IT MORE STREAMLINED AND ACCURATE WHEN MAF AND BEEKEEPERS SIGN FORM FOR EXPORT CERTIFICATION.

Amendment - delete "MAF Policy" and replace with "MAF Regulator" was carried 14 - 0.

The amended motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

12. R. BERRY:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE BEEKEEPING PROFITABLE THAT THE EXECUTIVE USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS TO SEE THAT PROTOCOLS ARE ESTABLISHED ONLY WHERE REQUIRED IN A MANNER THAT IS MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE NZ BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

## NOTES:

## TWO EXAMPLES

a) At the present time we are not able to export bees to USA, but bees are able to go to Canada then at a later date be moved to the USA. We are losing out on a potential market in USA for NZ bees and queens. Also it could make things easier to reach the Canadian market if USA was opened up to NZ. MAF has been working on entry to USA for a number of years, they need our active support.

b) The protocols allowing NZ to export queens and bees to Canada has a clause which should be removed, i.e. "in the preceding six (6) months, all apiaries in the district surrounding the apiary of origin within a radius of five (5) miles have been inspected for bee diseases in accordance with the requirements of the Apiaries Act 1969 and that all hives found affected were destroyed forthwith by burning."

This clause does nothing to reduce the chance of AFB bees going to Canada but does put substantial costs onto the Beekeeping Industry and it is not required by Canada for bees from Hawaii or Australia. Why New Zealand?

Amendment delete the word "make" and replace with "keep" and after the word "protocols" add the words "for export certification".

CARRIED 13 - 1.

The amended motion was CARRIED 13 - 1.

13. CANTERBURY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT APPROACH MAF WITH THE VIEW TO RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF ISSUING ZOO SANITARY TYPE EXPORT CERTIFICATES.

NOTES: Zoo Sanitary means the product has been produced in an area free of stated disease, e.g. A.F.B., E.F.B., Nosema, Varroa.

The motion was CARRIED 14 - 0.

MAGAZINE BE PUT FOR TENDER ON A BIENNIAL BASIS.

NOTES:

1. We consider from the feed back that we receive that the costs are too high and
2. That the contents are not of great interest to a large proportion of the Industry.
3. We consider that the circulation should be increased and that advertising should make it completely self funding.

Amendment delete the words "on a biennial basis" and replace "every two years" - amended with agreement of the mover.

The motion was LOST 6 - 8

15. N. WALLINGFORD:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT CAPITATION PAYMENTS TO BRANCHES CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT, WITH THE TOTAL PAYMENT BEING IN THE ORDER OF \$5,000 to \$6,000. THAT THE EXECUTIVE CONTINUE TO USE A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THAT ALL BRANCHES ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE N.B.A. RULES. THAT THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT BRANCHES WILL UNDERTAKE SOME FORM OF FUNDRAISING TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT OTHER ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN DEPENDING ENTIRELY ON THE HIVE LEVY FOR FUNDING LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

This motion was CARRIED 11 - 2.

Remits 16, 17 and 18 considered earlier in the meeting. (see Minutes, Pages 10 & 11).

19. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP FEE OF THE NBA EQUATE TO 50 TIMES THE EXISTING HIVE LEVY.

NOTES:

- \*\* To eliminate people stating 49 hives to escape paying hive levy.

- \*\* To share the financial burden. At present, people with less than 50 hives receive a subsidised magazine, with no further contribution to other NBA operating expenses.**

The motion was LOST 2 - 12.

**20. WAIKATO BRANCH:**

**THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT IT SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE NBA TO BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO THE APIARY REGISTER TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE AUDIT OF HIVE LEVY DECLARATIONS.**

**NOTES: Sec.4 (10) of Apiaries Act "No person shall be entitled to inspect or search the register except by permission of the Director General."**

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 2

**21. AUCKLAND BRANCH:**

**THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE COMBINED TO THE ONE FULL TIME POSITION OF A GENERAL SECRETARY.**

AMENDMENT that the words "investigate the costs and benefit of" be added after "Executive" on first line. Lost 5 - 8.

The motion was LOST 2 - 8.

**22. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:**

**THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE FUTURE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NBA BE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF A FULL TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECTIONS DECIDED UPON BY AN INDUSTRY POLICY COUNCIL COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED BY BRANCHES.**

AMENDMENT that the word "investigate" be added after Executive on the first line and the words "and report back to the 1994 Conference" be added at the end. Carried 13 - 0.

This amendment was subsequently withdrawn and the following amendment was Carried 13 - 1. - delete all the words after

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THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE  
FOLLOWING :

1. THAT EXECUTIVE DRAW UP A DRAFT BUDGET IN APRIL EACH YEAR.
2. THE DRAFT BUDGET TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE NBA BRANCHES IN JUNE FOR COMMENT AND SUBMISSIONS AND BE RETURNED TO HEAD OFFICE BY JULY 1st.
3. BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED TO CONFERENCE FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADOPTION.
4. BUDGET TO BE CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED AT SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING AND LEVY RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED TO MINISTER.

**NOTE:**

There are several issues raised in the above Remit.

1. Financial Planning
2. Branch member input and branch involvement
3. The budget would be industry driven
4. The Executive would be more accountable to the industry.
5. A sound financial organisation, Industry driven becomes an effective organisation.

The motion was LOST on a poll vote. 381 - 553 following an initial 7 - 7 vote.

**WELCOME:** The meeting welcomed visiting beekeepers from Papua Guinea.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.35 p.m.

**MARKETING:** The President outlined to the meeting the background to the recent visit to Japan and Korea undertaken by himself, Mr G M Reid and Mr J Edwards.

Mr Reid gave details of the request to Japan for transit permission and in the case of Korea arrangements for their importation of queen bees and packages.

REMITTS:

24. WAIKATO BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THE FOLLOWING :

THAT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE HIVE LEVY BE A CHARGE AGAINST THAT ACTIVITY. THAT THERE BE NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACTIVITY TO ANOTHER.

NOTE: eg. Administration, Marketing, AFB Contract, etc.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 1.

25. WAIKATO:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF THE NBA BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

Amendment adopted by mover/seconded to delete the word "substantially" and replace with "where possible".

The amended motion was CARRIED 8 - 3.

26. MARLBOROUGH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE TO HAVE THE NBA EXPAND THEIR EXISTING MINUTES TO FULL NARRATIVE MINUTES FOR ALL EXECUTIVE MEETINGS, AND HAVE ALL NBA SUB-COMMITTEES PRODUCE FULL NARRATIVE MINUTES, WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO NBA EXECUTIVE MINUTES CURRENTLY POSTED TO BRANCHES.

NOTES: This would allow all members to know exactly what is happening within their industry at all times. The BENEFITS of this are:

- 1) Presents FACTS and prevents rumour and possible disagreement on issues not fully communicated to members.
- 2) More knowledge could prevent unnecessary remits.
- 3) Highlights to ordinary members the workloads of individual committee members, especially important when wanting further information on points of



Amendment - delete all the words after "Existing Minutes".

The amendment was CARRIED 11 - 2.

The amended motion was CARRIED 10 - 3.

27. AUCKLAND:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE HOLD AT LEAST ONE MEETING EACH YEAR IN A MAIN CENTRE IN EACH ISLAND, AND THAT IT HOLD AN OPEN FORUM WITH THE BEEKEEPERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT MEETING, AND THAT THEY MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO A MEETING OF COMBINED BRANCHES IN THAT AREA.

NOTES: The benefits that were gained in the combined Auckland-Northland and Bay of Plenty Branches with the National Executive in April 1992 were so successful and beneficial, we feel that it should be repeated for the benefit of all Branches.

The motion was LOST 5 - 6.

28. BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE A NOTICE OF MOTION AT CONFERENCE TO DETAIL REMITS THAT WOULD BE VOTED ON WITH NO DISCUSSION. SUCH REMITS TO CONSIST OF ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDER ACTION OR THOSE THAT WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE COMMON AGREEMENT. SHOULD ANY OF THESE REMITS FAIL TO PASS A VOTE, THEY WOULD THEN BE TREATED AS A NORMAL REMIT WITH DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR OF CONFERENCE.

The motion was LOST 6 - 7.

29. N. WALLINGFORD:

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS TO EXECUTIVE THAT THEY RECOGNISE WITH APPRECIATION THE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF THE APICULTURAL SECTION OF MAF. THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND INTEREST IN THE INDUSTRY'S WELL-BEING HAS RESULTED IN THE RETENTION OF ASPECTS OF BEEKEEPER EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN LOST TO ZEALAND BEEKEEPERS.

The motion was CARRIED 11 - 2.



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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 ROOM 21, CROYDON LODGE, WAIMEA STREET, GORE, COMMENCING  
AT 4.05 p.m. ON THURSDAY 22nd JULY 1993.

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PRESENT: Miss F Trewby, President in the Chair

Mr R Bensemam and Messrs R Berry, M Cloake,  
G Cammell & G Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

- ADVISORY: 1. It was noted that the President and the Executive Officer would represent the Association at the Primary Production Committee meeting to consider the Commodity Levies Amendment Bill.
2. It was agreed that copies of the Association's submission and a copy of the Amendment Bill be provided to incoming members of the Executive.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Meeting accepted the recommendation of the outgoing Executive, that a sub-committee should be set up to establish policy in respect of the collection and other procedures for the hive levy.

It was agreed that the Committee consist of two persons and Messrs Bensemam and Cloake were appointed. It was agreed that the Committee should meet as soon as possible in Wellington.

2. It was agreed that copies of the 1994 budget for Administration be circulated to the new members of the executive.

ADVISORY: 3. It was agreed that in respect of the American Foulbrood Disease Control programme, that the following be made available to new members of the Executive : -

conference call of the Executive, to be held as soon as practical, so that the matter could be resolved within the next three weeks.

It was agreed that Mr Berry would co-ordinate this aspect of the Association's activities.

**MARKETING:**

1. Mr McCaw reported that the Marketing Committee had met, and would be bringing forward a report, detailing expenditure to be made within the next 8-9 month period, totalling approximately \$81,000.

Mr McCaw undertook to have available for the Executive before the end of July, a marketing budget for 1994 so that this could be taken into account when the Executive considers the 1994 levy at its September meeting.

It was agreed that the guidelines for the operation of the Marketing Committee be circulated to the new members, together with a copy of the Marketing Plan

It was agreed that there be no additional appointments in respect of the Marketing Committee.

Executive was advised that Mr Wallingford had agreed to assist the Marketing Committee in respect of its database.

**RESEARCH:**

1. Mr McCaw reported that ARAC had met and developed a format for the Research Policy/Strategy Meeting to be held later in the year.

Dr Mark Goodwin was developing a proposal for consideration by the Executive. (It was estimated at this stage, that the maximum cost for the meeting would be about \$3,000).

A review of the present composition of ARAC was undertaken, and it was agreed that Drs Mark Goodwin, Barry Donovan, and Messrs McCaw and Ogden, together with the Executive Officer comprise this committee.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

3. The Executive met with Messrs Malcolm Haines and Terry Gavin to consider the proposal that the Far North branch come out of recess.

It was noted that the Executive had earlier decided that a poll of the existing Northland Members be undertaken and it was agreed, now, that this proposal be rescinded.

It was agreed that the Far North branch request to come out of recess be approved.

**MARKETING:** 2.

It was agreed that acceptance, or otherwise, of the Marketing Plan be deferred until the September meeting.

It was agreed that a review of the composition of the Marketing Committee be undertaken at the next meeting of the Executive. The meeting however agreed that Mr Graham Cammell as an Executive Member remain a member of the committee.

**RESEARCH:** 2.

It was agreed that the composition of ARAC be reviewed at the September meeting.

**ADVISORY:** 4.

It was agreed that Messrs Cloake and Berry, together with the Executive Officer, keep a watching brief in respect of the Bio Securities Bill. The Executive Officer undertook to circulate copies of the Association's submission etc., to the new members of the Executive.

5. It was agreed that the subject of Possum Control remain with the President and Executive Officer together with Mr Bassett. The Association should continue to control, where possible, information to the media.

6. It was agreed that the President, Mr Berry, and Mr Martin formulate a response on behalf of the Association, on the review of NAS Standard 153.41 - Response to Exotic Disease, noting that submissions closed on 31st July.

CONFERENCE OF  
BRANCH  
DELEGATES:

Executive undertook a review of the remits considered at the meeting.

**Remit 1.**

Agreed that the matter be referred to the Trustees for consideration.

**Remit 2.**

Agreed that ARAC be asked to assemble information in respect of current research, for the Possum Control Committee.

**Remit 3.** - Lost.

**Remits 4,5, and 6.**

Under action by the Committee set up earlier in the meeting.

**Remit 7.**

Under action by the sub-committee.

**Remit 8.** - Lost.

**Remit 9.**

Referred to the Executive Officer.

**Remit 10.**

Currently under consideration by the Executive Committee.

**Remits 11, 12 and 13.**

It was agreed to await the outcome of the meeting called for Friday 23rd July.

It was agreed that a committee comprising Messrs Berry, Cloake and Cammell, together with representatives from the Queen Bee Producers and Exporters Association be set up to monitor this subject.

**Remit 14.** - Lost.

**Remit 15.**

Referred to the sub-committee set up earlier in the day.

**Remit 16.** - Lost.

**Remit 17.**

Deferred until the September meeting.

**Remit 18.** - Withdrawn.

**Remit 19.** - Lost.

**Remit 20.**

Referred to the sub-committee set up earlier in the day to consider the topic of levies.

**Remit 21.** - Lost.

**Remit 22.**

It was agreed that this matter be reviewed at the September meeting.

**Remit 23.**- Lost.

**Remit 24.**

Referred to Messrs Bensemman and Martin for consideration and report to the September meeting.

**Remit 25.**

The same action as Remit 24.

**Remit 26.**

It was the Executive's opinion that Minutes were the record of a meeting, and not a medium for communication. It was resolved therefore that no action be taken on this remit.

**Remit 27.** - Lost.

The Executive was of the opinion that this matter could be reviewed later in the year.

**Remit 28.** - Lost.

**Remit 29.**

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary discuss with Mr Murray Reid the best method of implementing this proposal.

organisation - last sighted at the Blenheim Conference.

- ADVISORY:** 7. With regard to the importation of honey to New Zealand from Australia, it was agreed that a watching brief in respect of this matter be maintained by Mr Bensemman and the Executive Officer.
8. It was agreed that Mr Cloake be the reporting member in respect of Queen Bee Producers' Association.
9. It was agreed that Mr Cammell be the reporting member in respect of Pollination Association(s).

**ADMINISTRATION:**

6. The following delegations were approved in respect of branch responsibility :
- Mr Cammell responsible for Auckland, Northland and Far North.
  - Mr Berry responsible for Waikato, the Southern North Island and the Bay of Plenty.
  - Mr Martin responsible for Hawkes Bay and Poverty Bay.
  - Mr Bensemman responsible for Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury and West Coast.
  - Mr Cloake responsible for South Canterbury, North Otago, Otago and Southland.

- MARKETING:** 3. The President undertook to continue responsibility for the Beekeeping Code of Practice.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

7. Mr Bensemman undertook to finalise the 1993/94 Industry Plan, subject to assistance from Mr Wallingford.



It was agreed that copies of the draft plan be made available to the new members of the committee.

- MARKETING:** 4. With regard to the provision of "training" for Korean personnel, it was agreed that this be coordinated by Mr Berry, in consultation with Messrs Reid and Ward.
5. It was agreed that the President would ask Mr Herron if he was prepared to continue to coordinate the information for IHEO.

- EDUCATION:** 1. The President undertook to continue representing the Association on the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee.

**PUBLICATIONS  
AND P.R.**

1. It was agreed that the President continue to serve on the Library Committee, and that Mr McCaw be asked to continue.

- RESEARCH:** 3. It was agreed to defer until the September meeting the appointment of personnel to keep a watching brief on the Research Strategy for Alternative Animals (Output 4)

- ADVISORY:** 8. It was agreed that the President and Mr Bensemman would approach Mr Jan Van Hoof to ascertain if he was prepared to accept the Chairmanship of the Disease Control Committee, and, if he was unavailable, Mr Warren Hanson be invited.
9. It was agreed that preparation of an application etc under the Commodity Levies Act be deferred until the September meeting. In the meantime background material be circulated to the new members of the Executive.

- RESEARCH:** 4. It was agreed that the Association be represented on the Ruakura Agriculture Research Unit by Mr Russell Berry.

**FEDERATED  
FARMERS:**

It was agreed that the President would discuss with Mr Wallingford the requirements

2. It was agreed that the President would discuss with Mr Wallingford the matter of "liaison" in respect of Buzzwords.
3. It was agreed that Mr Graham Cammell, in consultation with the President, be responsible for liaison with the editor of the Beekeeper.
4. The President undertook to discuss with Messrs Wallingford and Van Eaton the reprint of the profile document.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

8. The President undertook to discuss with Mr Wallingford the reprint of the Association's Rules.
9. The further development of guidelines for branches was deferred for consideration at the December meeting.

**GENERAL:**

1. Mr Cloake enquired as to whether the rule changes proposed to the Special General Meeting had been referred to the Association's solicitor, and the meeting was advised that this had not happened. It was agreed that, in future, this action be taken where rule changes have been proposed.
2. Messrs Cloake and Martin expressed concern that responses to correspondence addressed to the Executive had, in the past, resulted in individual members of the Executive responding in a personal capacity. It was accepted that if the Executive fulfilled its duties then this situation should not occur in the future.
3. Mr Martin requested that the format for the 1994 Conference be discussed at the September meeting.

Mr Berry indicated his concern that the meetings of the speciality groups clashed with meeting of the Executive.

4. The President indicated that she preferred all matters relative to the Executive should be forwarded through the office of Executive Secretary.

**EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER:**

Mr Roberts indicated that should the Executive desire to terminate the Contract with the Ministry prior to expiration date of 31 December, this would cause no problems to the Ministry.

The President indicated that requests for input from the Executive Officer required her approval in the first instance.

**DATE OF  
NEXT  
MEETING:**

To be held in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday 7th & 8th September 1993.

**CLOSURE:**

The meeting concluded at 8.05p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ (INC)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, NZ PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 4th FLOOR, WALSH-WRIGHTSON TOWER, 94 DIXON STREET, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY 7th & 8th SEPTEMBER 1993, COMMENCING AT 10.05am ON TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 1993.

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**PRESENT:** Miss F Trewby, President in the Chair  
Mr R Bensemann, Messrs R Berry, M Cloake,  
G Cammell and G Martin.

**In attendance:** Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary  
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer  
Mr GM Reid, National Manager, Apiculture,  
NABU, MAF.

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence on Tuesday 7th September was received from Mr G Martin.

**GENERAL:** In opening the meeting the President indicated that Mr Reid would be attending only on the Wednesday, and that as a result of Mr Martin's absence on Tuesday discussions on the 1994 budget and appointment of Trustees would be deferred until the Wednesday.

- MINUTES:**
- a. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19th July 1993, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
  - b. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 22nd July 1993, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
  - c. The Minutes of the Conference Call meeting held on the 18th August 1993, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

- MATTERS ARISING:**
1. Executive Secretary reported that enquiries were being made of the Hawkes Bay branch in respect of the conference programme working document.

2. Mr Bensemenn reported that because of the substantial change to executive personnel, a total review should be undertaken of the 1993/94 industry plan. It was agreed that this matter be held over until Wednesday for consideration in respect of other priority matters before the Executive.
3. The meeting considered correspondence from the Bay of Plenty branch outlining arrangements for the 1994 conference. It was agreed that the programme should only extend over 4 days, and that any social activities should be provided on the 5th day.

The timing of the Executive Meeting at conference was held over for consideration at a later date.

Proposals from the Bay of Plenty branch in respect of sponsorship for the Young Beekeeper of the Year were approved. Proposals in respect of the recognition of Mr Patterson was held over, pending response from the Trustees to the scholarship proposal.

4. General discussion and clarification took place in respect of the "use of" the Executive Officer's time, as discussed at the meeting on the 22nd July (Minutes, Page 9).

General discussion took place in respect of the item under Advisory, page 2, being the decision that Mr Berry would coordinate "this aspect of the Association's activities". It being understood that the intention was that Mr Berry's involvement as coordinator was in respect of the telephone conference call.

#### ADMINISTRATION SERVICES:

At this stage of the meeting the Executive was joined by Mr David Dobson, General Manager of the NZ Pork Industry Board, who advised that because of the Board's difficulty in meeting the requirements of the Association, and in particular the time available to the Executive Secretary and Mrs Hebron who service the NBA, the Board had decided to relinquish the appointment to the Association with effect from 31 December 1993.

General discussion took place, with contribution from Mr Dobson, as to alternatives that the Association might consider. An analysis of the Association was then undertaken by the Executive for further discussion at dinner that evening.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20pm and re-convened at 12.50pm.

- MINUTES:**
1. The meeting considered the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the conference of Branch Delegates held on the 21st & 22nd July 1993, and the President was authorised to initial these as a correct record.
  2. The meeting considered the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Association held on the 21st July 1993, and after noting that Mr Cloake was not present at this meeting the President was authorised to initial these as a true record.

- MATTERS ARISING:**
1. Meeting considered the letter from Mrs Margaret Moir, containing a response from the Associate Minister, and it was agreed that the Executive Officer would draft a letter to the Associate Minister in respect of his comments on Exotic Disease response.

- MARKETING:**
1. In considering the Marketing Plan, Mr Russell Berry tabled a comprehensive report on the plan. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that the plan as presented by the Marketing Subcommittee be accepted.
  2. The proposal from the Marketing Subcommittee for expenditure of \$36,307 for first year specifics and \$45,360 for first year on-going monthly expenditure was approved. Mr Russell Berry requested his vote against this decision to be recorded.  
  
An amendment that the level of expenditure be curtailed to \$60,000 lapsed for the want of a seconder.
  3. In considering the 1994 financial requirements for marketing a 1994, a proposal

that the levy for marketing be struck at 35¢ for 1994 lapsed for the want of a seconder, following which the Executive agreed that the marketing levy for 1994 be set at 30¢. The President and the Vice President requested their votes against the proposal to be recorded.

The Executive Secretary was requested to ascertain from the Committee their proposals for expenditure in line with the reduced income proposed.

4. The Executive reviewed the composition of the Marketing Committee and agreed to the status quo with regard to appointments.
5. It was decided that the export of packaged Queen Bees to Canada and Korea, and including Japanese OTO Standards be deferred until Mr Reid was available the following day.
6. Mr Russell Berry reported that he had spoken to Mr Reid concerning the "training" of Korean personnel. Mr Reid had indicated that MAF had limited funds available and these would probably only cover the provision of "facilities". It was agreed that further discussion of this proposal be held over until Mr Reid was present on Wednesday.
7. President reported that the Code of Practice was still under development.
8. The meeting noted the current situation in respect of the Australian Imported Foods Inspection Programme.
9. The meeting noted that no action had been taken in respect of the letter from the Nelson/Marlborough Health Service Limited concerning honey production and labelling. It was agreed that this be forwarded to the Packers' Association and the Marketing Committee for further evaluation, and that, in the meantime, the Executive Secretary acknowledge the correspondence.
10. The meeting noted a copy of correspondence from Mr Wallingford to the Western Bay of Plenty Health concerning food labelling.

11. An advertisement in the Hutt News relevant to honey was referred to the Marketing Committee.
12. The Minutes of the Marketing Committee meetings held on 20th July 1993 and 15th April 1993 were received.
13. An invitation to a meeting on the 15th September - "Food Industry - Government Interface", it was noted that the Manager (Marketing) for the Pork Industry Board had agreed to keep a watching brief at the meeting on behalf of the Association.
14. Executive agreed to refer the Waikato remit (No.13) presented to the 1990 conference to the Marketing Committee for their consideration.
15. It was agreed that the President represent the Association at a Southern Health Seminar "Hazard Analysis Critical Controlpoint Workshop" and that the cost of this attendance be the subject of an application to the Trustees.
16. General discussion took place with respect to an issue relative to drum contamination.
17. The meeting noted the August reports for IHEO.
18. The meeting noted the Honey Exports statistics for the period to July 1993.
19. The meeting noted the National Honey Marketing News for August from the USDA.

- EDUCATION:** 1. The meeting considered the comment of the Chairman of Trustees in respect of the Telford Scholarship, noting that this would be \$2,000 for 1992, but from then on would revert to the basic \$1,500.

With regard to the Roy Patterson Scholarship the Trustees had indicated a willingness to contribute \$500. It was agreed to recommend to the trustees that they communicate with the family of Mr Patterson in respect of



their pledge of other contributions and it was further agreed the Association would also solicit funds.

2. President indicated that there was nothing to report in respect of Telford Bee Unit Management Committee which had not met since Conference.
3. The meeting received the report from the Librarian.
4. Mr Russell Berry enquired in respect of the education needs/requirements for the commercial beekeeper.
5. It was agreed that the issue of the "treatment of bees" by the Conservation Department be discussed later when reviewing the pending items.

PUBLICATIONS  
AND PUBLIC  
RELATIONS

1. Executive Officer reported on quotations for the "thank you" card for handing out at Border Protection. It was agreed that a request be placed with the Trustees for \$1497.40 for the printing of 7000 copies of this card.
2. President reported that no response had been received from the Bay of Plenty branch in respect of their concerns about the NZ Beekeeper.
3. It was agreed that no increase be undertaken in respect to the overseas subscription until the full matter of industry publications had been reviewed.

With respect to ordinary member subscription it was agreed to defer this until the consideration of the 1994 budget.

4. The Executive Secretary reported on a proposal to be provided by Publications New Zealand for the Beekeeper.
5. Meeting considered the request from Bees for Development. It was agreed that they be added

to the exchange list and that the Executive Officer would provide a note in respect of this organisation for the Beekeeper.

6. The meeting considered the Beekeepers Press Information Pack produced by Mr Wallingford and it was agreed that this be discussed the following day.
7. The Executive Secretary reported on advice from the Government Print that Practical Beekeeping by Andrew Matheson had been reprinted. The Executive Officer undertook to discuss this matter with the distributors of beekeeping promotional material.
8. The meeting considered an enquiry from Mr Nick Wallingford concerning the distribution of Buzzwords on Inter-Net. It was agreed that no action be taken in respect of this matter until the full review of industry publications.
9. It was agreed that a full review of industry publications be deferred until the Wednesday when Mr Martin would be present.

**RESEARCH:**

1. It was noted that the matter of the ARAC Meeting, including funding, was still subject to a report from the ARAC.
2. General discussion took place in respect of the composition of ARAC, following which it was agreed that Mr Russell Berry be added to the committee.
3. It was noted that the Minutes of the meeting of ARAC held at the time of conference were not yet available.
4. It was agreed that Mr Russell Berry maintain a watching brief for the Association in respect of the Research Strategy for Alternative Animals (Output 4), and the Executive Officer undertook to appraise Mr Berry of the background in respect of this matter.
5. It was noted that the Minutes of the Ruakura Apiculture and Research Advisory Unit meeting held on the 15th July 1993 had been circulated.

**PUBLICATIONS  
AND PUBLIC  
RELATIONS:**

10. General discussion took place in respect of the acceptance of a classified advertisement (in the Beekeeper) from a beekeeper who had not paid a hive levy.

**ADVISORY:** Held over until the Wednesday.

**FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION:** Held over until the Wednesday.

**FEDERATED  
FARMERS:**

1. The meeting noted the error of the Executive Secretary in advising Federated Farmers of Mr Cammell's appointment and it was agreed that this portfolio will be held by the President.

**BRANCH  
MATTERS:**

1. General discussion took place in respect of the general distribution of material to branches. Agreed that the present system of advising the Secretary be retained with the exception, of course, of the Minutes which go to both the President and the Secretary.
2. General discussion took place in respect of the distribution to members of the budget. It was agreed that this be discussed the following day when considering the 1994 budget.
3. The meeting considered a copy of a letter from the Bay of Plenty branch to the Editor of the Beekeeper and decided to take no action in this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5.30pm and reconvened at 8.30 am. on Wednesday 8 September 1993.

**PRESENT:** Mr G M Reid.

- MARKETING:**
20. Mr Reid reported that there had been no further developments in respect of the export of packaged and queen bees to Korea.
  21. With regard to export to Canada, he indicated that transshipment via Hawaii was still possible, but that the industry must develop

a Quality Assurance plan to ensure no escapes, and the industry must duly document its export procedures.

It was the opinion of the executive that further discussion on this topic was limited until the notes of the certification meeting held in Gore on 23 July 1993 were available.

22. With regard to the provision of "training" for Korean personnel Mr Reid indicated that:-
- the Koreans would meet the cost of their air fares to and from New Zealand together with any salaries involved,
  - the Ministry would meet any "training" costs
  - any ancillary costs such as accommodation, internal transport, food etc., would have to be met by the NBA.

It was agreed that Mr Berry would explore the possibility of funding from Tradenz. Further he would ensure that the situation was resolved by the 1st October, as any training would need to be put in place prior to the export season commencing in December. He undertook to work with Mr Dudley Ward, Chairman of the Certification Committee and Mr Reid in respect of this matter.

With regard to export certification, Mr Reid indicated that the Ministry would continue with the present system, awaiting the outcome of proposed changes from the meeting held in Gore.

23. Mr Reid tabled copies of his, and Mr Edwards', report of the visit to Japan and Korea.

- ADVISORY:** 1. In discussing the American Foulbrood Disease Control Programme for 1993/94 the Executive discussed and/or considered the following :
- a. The draft Contract prepared by the President as a consequence of the conference call held on 31st August.

- b. The letter from the Chairman of the Disease Control Committee. (Endemic Pest Management Strategy Committee).
- c. The minutes of the conference call held on Tuesday 31st August.
- d. Correspondence from the Canterbury and the Bay of Plenty branches.
- e. Further consideration of Mr Berry's proposal in respect of the testing of honey samples.

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Advisory Committee (from its meeting on 31st August) i.e. "that the Executive adopt the MAF proposal for this year, with the inclusion of a notice to beekeepers in the area where robbed out hives with AFB are found, and with inspection priorities to be determined." The Executive proposed that Clauses 20 and 21 be deleted from the Draft Contract, and as a consequence the the contract price provided in Clauses 27 and 28 be renegotiated.

It was then agreed that Executive submit the amended draft Contract to the Ministry for pricing, and that Mr Bensemman would now discuss the amended Contract with Mr Van Eaton (the Contract Manager for the NBA/AFB Control Programme).

**Executive Secretary's note:**

- The meeting was later advised that
- the Ministry would need more time to rework the original proposal if a lesser value was to be considered,
  - cost savings relative to the deletion of Clauses 20 and 21 were not relevant since both these activities were not included in the budget figures in the original proposal.

The Executive later in the meeting agreed to accept the contract as negotiated. The President was authorised to sign the document on behalf of the Association.

2. With regard to Mr Gavin's letter of 6th September 1993 it was agreed :
  - a. That the Disease Control Committee be extended for a period to 31st December 1994.
  - b. That the appointment of Mr Gavin as Chairman be confirmed.
  - c. That terms of reference be drawn up for the Committee by Messrs Cloake and Berry. (See Page 14 ) Mr Richard Bensemman to be the Executive nominee on the Committee.
  - d. That Mr Cliff Van Eaton and Dr Mark Goodwin be co-opted to the Committee as and when required.
  - e. Funding for the Committee be set at \$2,500.
  - f. That the name of the Committee be changed to the Endemic Pest Management Strategy Committee, to bring the name of this committee into line with the Biosecurity Bill.
3. Mr Reid reported on advice just received from Australia of a presumed escape of bees in transit through Brisbane, and as a consequence New Zealand exports transshipping through Australia were on final notice.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.10pm.

**ADVISORY:**

4. The President reported that she had under action the response to the NAS Standard 153.41 - Response to the Exotic Disease.
5. It was agreed that the Association write to the Ministry (EDPR Process Manager) confirming that in an exotic disease outbreak:
  - a. The President would nominate members for

the BDAC to advise the CVO.

- b. The Association would use its good offices to ensure that an adequate number of beekeepers were available to act as field team members.
  - c. The Association would appoint a liaison person to assist at HQ.
6. The meeting noted a letter to the President from the General Manager of the Animal Health Board, advising the Association on the progress being made by Landcare on bee repellent trials. The President indicated that she would be meeting with Mr Isbister the following day to discuss this and other related matters.
  7. Concern was expressed at the lack of advice from the Regional Council to beekeepers in the Canterbury area on the Possum Control Programme.
  8. Meeting noted advice from the Ministry of Agriculture, that they had initiated an immediate revision of the Notice to Masters of overseas vessels to highlight the fact that honey must not be landed. It was agreed that a copy of this letter be sent to the Southern North Island branch.
  9. With regard to the protocols for the importation of Australian honey to New Zealand it was agreed that a copy of the information made available by Dr Barry Donovan be sent to Dr Mark Goodwin. Meeting noted its earlier decision, (Executive Committee Minutes, 22nd July 1993, page 6) that Mr Bensemman and the Executive Officer will be responsible for maintaining a watching brief in respect of the development of protocols etc with regard to this importation.
  10. With regard to remit 11, 12 and 13 from this year's industry conference (export certification) it was agreed that the Executive Secretary remind the Certification Committee of the Conference decision on these remits.

11. It was noted that letters had been sent to MAF concerning remit 29, and these had filtered through the system to the personnel involved.
12. Executive Officer reported that the Bio Security Bill has now been enacted and as soon as copies of the Act were available they would be distributed. He undertook to check the final Act against the Bill reported back and comment as appropriate.
13. Executive Officer reported that there had been no further developments in respect of the pending legislation i.e. Primary Products Bill and the Agricultural Compounds Bill.
14. Meeting considered correspondence in respect of the Importation of Carniolan bee semen, and it was the opinion of the executive that this was a matter for industry decision, and probably the most appropriate place to debate the issue was the 1994 industry conference. It was agreed that the President, together with the Executive Officer and Dr Mark Goodwin, would draft a response to the Ministry, and forward this to executive members for consideration before dispatch to the Ministry.
15. The President referred to receipt from Mr McCaw of a copy of the MAF report "Survey Honey Bee Tests and Diseases in the Solomon Islands". It was agreed that Messrs Berry and Cammell discuss on an informal basis the availability of Solomon Islands honey to the New Zealand market with the Packers Association.
16. The meeting considered a letter from the Process Manager, Apiary Exotic Disease Pest Response concerning a training exercise to be held in Christchurch in 1994. It was agreed, in principle, to support the proposal, and Mr Bensemman was appointed as a liaison person to negotiate any details.
17. The meeting considered Mr Reid's report for this meeting, covering :
  - a. Social Welfare investigations.
  - b. Alleged smuggling of bees.



- c. USA Citizens Ambassador Beekeeping tour 1993.
- d. Apimondia -Beijing 20-26 September 1993
- e. Report on Japan and Korea, July 1993.

With regard to the Apimondia Conference it was agreed that the Association provide letters of introduction/support for Messrs Ogden, Ecroyd and Rawnsley.

- 18. Mr Cammell reported that the turmoil in the kiwifruit industry would be reflected in the demand for service from Pollination Association members. It was forecast that there would be a 10-15% reduction in the use of hives for pollination.
- 19. It was noted that Mr Ian Berry would be unable to attend the next meeting of the Pesticides Board, and it was left to the President to deputise some person to stand in for Mr Ian Berry.
- 20. There was no report from the Queen Bee Producers Association.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- 1. The meeting considered, in committee, the applications for trust funds.
- 2. The meeting considered, in committee, the matter of appointment of trustees.

**ADVISORY:**

- 20. The following terms of reference were approved for the Pest Management Strategy Committee :
  - a. Prepare a strategy for the control of AFB in New Zealand which meets the requirements of the First Schedule of the Bio Security Act 1992 (Pages 110, 111, and 112).
  - b. Develop a system of product testing to allow for better identification of problem areas (beekeepers). Develop systems for the control/eradication in those areas.
  - c. The committee should proceed with urgency to develop the bee/honey testing

technology; and the executive expects to receive an application for funding to support this work as soon as possible.

- d. The committee in all its considerations should constantly bear in mind the relationship between the control of AFB and the export certification of product.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

3. The meeting confirmed the appointment of Mr Ian Berry as industry representative from the North Island of New Zealand for both the general and charitable trusts.
4. It was agreed to hold over the reprinting of the Benefits of Membership of the NBA and therefore distribution with S.O.I. would not be practical.
5. It was agreed that in matters related to the collection/payment of the hive levy and any follow-up action that this be delegated to Messrs Bensemman and Cloake to authorise.

It was agreed that Mr Bensemman would prepare an article for the next issue of Buzzwords detailing action being taken by Executive to collect the hive levy.

6. It was agreed that the matter of branch capitation be deferred until the next meeting.
7. It was agreed that a Special one day meeting be held to consider:
- the 1994 budget;
  - 1994 levy for administration and disease control,
  - the options available to the industry in respect of the provision of its administration services.

It was agreed that this meeting be held in Wellington on Tuesday 5th October at the Pork Industry Board offices, noting that the Executive Secretary would not be available. It was further agreed that the services of the Executive Officer would not be needed at this meeting.

8. Other matters in respect of administration were deferred until the December meeting.

ADVISORY:

21. General discussion took place in respect of the implications of the Privacy Act on the availability of information to the National Beekeepers Association from the Apiary Register to support a commodity levy.  
It was agreed that Mr Bensemman discuss this matter with Messrs Ogden and McMillan.

PUBLICATIONS  
AND PUBLIC  
RELATIONS:

11. It was agreed that Mr Cammell investigate the costs, benefits and consequences of producing the beekeeper journal 6 times a year. This information to be available in time for the Special Meeting on the 5th October.

ADMINISTRATION:

9. It was agreed that approval be given for the payment of the Presidential Honorarium on a quarterly basis.

DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING:

It was noted that the next regular meeting of the Executive was scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, 7th & 8th December in Wellington.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.25pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

OCT 93

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NZ (INC)

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of NZ (Inc) held in the Board Room, NZ Pork Industry Board, 4th Floor, Walsh Wrightson Tower, 94 Dixon Street, Wellington, on Tuesday 5th October 1993, commencing at 9.00am.

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**PRESENT:** Miss F Trewby in the Chair.  
Mr R Bensemam, Messrs R Berry, M Cloake,  
G Cammell and G Martin.

**In attendance:** Mr SC Goodman,  
Executive Secretary.

ADMINISTRATION  
SERVICES:

The initial period of the meeting was taken to review the material supplied to members upon arrival at the meeting.

The President suggested, and the meeting agreed, to review the situation in the light of :

- a. What the Association wanted.
- b. Where it wanted the service provided.
- c. Who might provide the service.

It further agreed to consider the situation in respect of :

- a. Administration in general, including levy collection.
- b. Services provided by the Executive Officer.
- c. Editorial requirements.

The meeting agreed that the outline of services provided by the Pork Industry Board and the brief prepared by Mr Nick Wallingford met the requirements of the Association and therefore were acceptable.

It was agreed that in considering the new appointment, the Association should investigate the possibility of the person or service appointed being able to provide the necessary technical expertise currently provided by the Executive Officer, so that the position of the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer could be amalgamated.

It was also agreed that the Executive investigate the possibility of the new appointee having either involvement in publications and/or editorial skills.

It was agreed that the President, in consultation with the Executive Officer, would draft details in respect of a job description for the Executive Officer, and that Mr Cammell would draft job description requirements in respect of editorial/publications matters.

Following some discussion as to the location of the Association's administration services it was agreed that preference be given to basing these services in Wellington.

General discussion then took place in respect of "opportunities" which had been explored by members of the executive, and, in particular, by the President. Following this it was agreed that the Association would prefer to have their own appointee working within an umbrella organisation. This was carried by 3 votes to 2 with Mr Martin abstaining.

The meeting then considered a timetable for the specific requirements, and agreed as follows:

- a. That the finalisation of the job description be completed by Monday 11 October, and circulated to Executive members for urgent consideration.
- b. That the President and the Vice President would ensure that the advertisement was finalised prior to the conclusion of the meeting.
- c. It was agreed that the closing date for applications be Monday, 15 November, 1993.
- d. It was agreed that the position be advertised in the following publications on Saturday 23 and 30 October, 1993.
  - NZ Herald
  - The Dominion
  - The Evening Post
  - The Christchurch Press
  - The Otago Daily Times

and that, in addition, the advertisement appear in the next edition of Buzzwords. Finally, if appropriate, an advertisement be placed in Straight Furrow and Rural News.

- e. It was agreed that the initial review of applications be undertaken by the President and Vice-President, and those obviously and immediately found to be unsuitable be advised accordingly. A list of these applicants be made available to all members of the Executive.
- f. Copies of all other applications would be sent to each member of the Executive who would be responsible for advising the President by Wednesday, 24th November, of a list of up to 12 possible candidates in order of priority.
- g. The President and Vice President would then establish a list of up to 5 persons to be interviewed at the December executive meeting.

The cost of travel for all of these interviewees to be met by the Association.

- h. Interviews would take place on Tuesday 7th December, and that members of the Executive should be prepared to stay an additional night (Wednesday 8th December) to enable adequate consideration of other matters on Thursday 9th if necessary.

#### MARKETING

##### LEVY:

It was agreed that any review or consideration of the marketing levy be deferred until later in the meeting.

#### PEST MANAGEMENT

##### LEVY:

1. In discussing this matter it was agreed that the Executive would use the figure of 210,000 hives as the base for generating levy income.

It was agreed that finalisation of the Pest Management levy be deferred until later in the meeting, but at this stage, was currently proposed at 50¢.

It was agreed that no review be undertaken at this stage on the \$2,500 allocated for the committee costs.

**INDUSTRY**

**PUBLICATIONS:** A general review was undertaken of industry publications.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.20pm.

**FINANCE:** A general review of the Association's reserves and available cash was undertaken by the Executive.

**1994 BUDGET:** The meeting then reviewed, in detail, the administration budget prepared by the Executive Secretary and dated 7th April 1993.

- a. This disclosed income of \$149,400 based on a 61¢ levy, with expenditure of \$182,550 a net deficit of \$33,150.
- b. A proposal that the Association cease publication of Buzzwords with effect of the last issue of 1993 lapsed for the want of a Secunder.
- c. The Executive agreed to cease publication of the NZ Beekeeper (the Association's quarterly publication), following the publication of the summer/November issue, and further that Buzzwords be renamed NZ Beekeeper and that in due course the Executive would review the format of the latter publication.

Mr Cammel undertook to communicate/liaise with the editors of the respective publications making them aware of the executive's decisions. Further, that with assistance from Mr Cloake, he would explore the avenues of sponsorship for the NZ Beekeeper (previously Buzzword).

- d. In respect of the budget the executive agreed to the following adjustments:

- Administration fee, additional provision of \$10,000.

In the event that the new administration appointee has technical competence then \$10,000 of the Management Support

expenditure to branches increased  
(for Far North Branch)

- Journal -  
decrease provision of \$30,700
- Postage and tolls -  
decrease provision \$3,000
- Printing and stationery -  
increase provision \$1,000
- Legal and collection -  
increase provision \$2,500

These amendments resulted in expenditure  
being reduced to \$162,750.

With regard to income -

- Subscription income reduced by \$5,500
- Journal income reduced by \$9,000
- with an increased hive levy to 76¢  
hive levy income increased by \$31,500

Total income projection of \$166,400 results  
in a net surplus of \$3,650.

#### **PEST MANAGEMENT**

##### **LEVY:**

1. It was agreed that the Pest Management  
be set at 50¢.

#### **MARKETING**

##### **LEVY:**

1. The meeting noted correspondence from the  
Chairman of the Marketing Committee, the  
Hawkes Bay branch, the Southern North  
branch, the Canterbury branch, and Mr  
Lorimer all expressing concern that the  
executive had set the marketing levy at

#### **GENERAL:**

1. The meeting considered an invitation from  
Public Health Commission to attend a Food  
Industry forum, on 15 October, to discuss  
aims for New Zealand's Food and Nutrition  
Food Policies. It was agreed that the  
Association ask Ms Sue Jenkins to represent



the industry, together with Mary-Anne Lindsay.

**MARKETING  
LEVY:**

2. Concern was expressed by some members of the executive, that the Marketing Committee had not accepted the financial constraints placed on it by the Executive, and that consideration of expenditure reduction had not been undertaken by the committee at its meeting on the 24th September.
3. Some concern was also expressed that the Chairman of the committee had expressed his disquiet at the reduction in the marketing levy in the October issue of Buzzwords.
4. A proposal to rescind the decision in respect of the 30¢ marketing levy taken at the last meeting (Minutes, Page 4) was lost on voices.

After further debate on the matter, the Executive then resolved to rescind the decision of the 7th & 8th September in respect of the 30¢ marketing levy for 1994 (Minutes page 4).

It was then agreed that the marketing levy for 1994 be 35¢. This decision being carried by 5 votes to 1, with Mr Bensemann requesting his vote against the proposal to be recorded.

**HIVE LEVY:**

1. In the light of the various decisions made the Executive resolved that the hive levy for 1994 remain unchanged at \$1.61; allocated in the following manner :
  - 76¢ for administration
  - 35¢ for marketing
  - 50¢ for pest management.
2. It was agreed that a circular be sent to all branches in respect of the strategy behind the revised allocation of levy.
3. It was agreed that the Pest Management committee should be asked to look at the most cost effective and efficient system of providing a pest management strategy.

**GENERAL:**

2. The meeting considered a letter from the Tauranga branch concerning Conference arrangements for 1994, and it was agreed that the President discuss this matter with the Tauranga branch, so that it can be resolved at the December meeting of the Executive.
3. Concern was expressed by Mr Martin that beekeepers were writing direct to the Animal Health Board concerning Possum Control.
4. Mr Bensemman reviewed, for the benefit of the executive, the current strategy being undertaken in respect of the collecting of unpaid hive levies and reported that collection was now being handled, as in the past, by the Association's solicitors.
5. It was agreed that the Executive would meet with the MBA Marketing students for a presentation of their report on Tuesday 7th December at 5pm in the offices of the Pork Industry Board.

**CLOSURE:**

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm

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Chairman

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Date