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IMPORTANT NOTES

Change to Metric Weights

We have no answer to the problem of a change to Metric Weights for honey packed after August in Imperial weights as yet.

Beeswax Prices

Our grapevine information is that the price of beeswax paid by Ecroyd is good :- \$4.40 per kg for good wax. Overseas Buyers are paying \$4.10 per kg and this for refined filtered beeswax with the Export Incentive which is allowed for refined beeswax only, gives you a better return than Ecroyd as the Export Incentive is worth approximately \$1.00 per kg.

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EDITORIAL

We regret a late issue of this Bulletin but there has not been a great deal of news with the exception that there appears to be a general shortage of honey.

There is no doubt in my mind that our Association must spend time and thought on marketing as if we as packers are going to improve our position we must combine our activities to obtain access to overseas markets.

The H.M.A. will stall any individual action to allow access to exports as exports will mean increased prices to producers putting the price of honey up on the retail market.

While the H.M.A. control exports they control the price the consumer pays and the price the producer receives.

We must look at packaging as a group as we have already proved with our 2kg pot we can improve our position.

I have already investigated a complete plastic 500 gram Pottle that could work out cheaper than the present one in use and have a 36 x 500 gram cardboard container printed that could be used as a general honey container purchased as a gang run at a cheaper price by honey packers.

More about these items at our next meetings to be held at Ngongotaha on 25th of June and at the time of the National Beekeepers Conference in the South Island.

I would appeal again to you to give me your ideas for publication in our bulletin.

EDITOR.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

A A meeting will be held at the Ngongotaha Hall on Saturday 25th June at 10am.

Agenda

1. Discussion on Honey Prices.
2. Discussion on Export Policy.
3. Discussion on new Plastic Cartons.
4. Discussion on Membership Increase.
5. Discussion on Group Carton Purchasing.
6. Policy for Repayment of 2kg Loan Monies.

B A meeting will be held at the time of the National Beekeepers Meeting in Dunedin. Keith Herron to arrange venue. We will advise at the Conference Place, Time etc.

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SUMMARY OF 2KG HONEY POTTLER CREDITS

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|----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 20/9/76 | 713.19 | 9/3/77 | 452.45 |
| 14/10/76 | 125.68 | 31/3/77 | 1001.48 |
| 19/11/76 | 291.80 | 31/4/77 | 639.49 |
| 30/11/76 | 162.98 | 31/5/77 | 466.60 |
| Total | <u>\$1293.65</u> | Total | <u>\$2560.02</u> |
| | | Paid | <u>\$2034.39</u> |
| | | Yet To Be Paid | <u>\$525.63</u> |

The above shows since September of last year we have received \$3853.67 in credits of which \$3328.04 has been paid to our account. You will agree this is a very good show and in line with our estimation.