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Suggested Changes for the New Zealand Beekeeping Industry, by Russell Berry.

1. The NBA to represent all beekeepers with 50 hives or more and everyone working annually for more than 50% of their time in the beekeeping industry.
2. The NBA should concern itself with all commercial activities associated with beekeeping with the aim of increasing NBA members' profitability.
3. All specialty groups in the beekeeping industry to become part of the NBA and preferably use the same voting and funding system.
4. NBA branches to be encouraged to put forward ONE nomination each to stand for election for the NBA executive each year.
5. Elections of the NBA executive to be held by holding an election where each person with 50 hives or more or each person working annually for more than 50% of their time in the beekeeping industry and who's levy has been paid, shall have one vote.
6. All people who are eligible to vote and who's levy has been paid, are members of the association.
7. The NBA shall be funded by an annual compulsory levy of \$300 per member, in the case of an employee in the beekeeping industry the employer would pay the levy. Those people who are working annually for under 50% of their time in the beekeeping industry and own less than 200 hives but more than 50 hives shall pay \$100 only.
8. The employer who pays the levy for a staff member shall automatically have the voting rights of that staff member unless that member wishes to cast his own vote or nominates someone else as a proxy.
9. A list of persons paying the levy shall be supplied to all other people paying the levy.
10. The NBA executive shall be constituted as it is now, each member shall receive expenses plus \$2000 per annum. The president <sup>to receive</sup> an additional \$2000 per annum, making a total amount to the president of \$4000.
11. MAF services should be available to the NBA as required (estimated time two to five days per week for one man,) preferably at NBA head office.
12. Do away with the apiary register.

13. Should it ever be required, all beekeepers to supply a list of sites to the NBA and show those sites in person to the NBA executive or their nominees.
14. All disease to be reported with map references, numbered squares as in number 16, at three monthly intervals to the NBA executive.
15. Diseased hives per numbered square to be reported to the NBA members and branches every three months to assist with disease control.
16. Beekeeper hive numbers to the NBA as occurs now, including a map of New Zealand marked off in small numbered squares - tick the squares where person has bees located. Squares to be 10 km square, map to be supplied by the NBA.
17. Honey extracted and sugar fed during the year to 31 May, to be reported to the NBA by the end of June.
18. Voting at any NBA meetings shall be as it is now, except that at all times when votes are cast, one person shall cast one vote providing they are involved for more than 50% of their time per year in the beekeeping industry, or own 50 or more hives and have paid levies due. Votes by proxy acceptable.
19. Only people spending 50% or more of their time in the beekeeping industry can stand for the NBA executive or president of the local branch.
20. Disease control in New Zealand to be the responsibility of the N.Z. beekeeping industry.
21. No hive levy or site levy payable, only levy as set out in number 7.

Welcome to a prosperous future.

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\* Believe this went to all 50+ beekeepers.