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Memo

To Executive Secretary, for distribution to Executive
From Nick Wallingford
Date 30 March 1997
RE: **Proposed rule changes**

Russell Berry in checking through the rules came across the following:

- 4.c) "...and the related and by-products..." - the last and should be deleted.
- 4.f) "...beekeepers for honey or any related or by-product of beekeeping."
I believe it should read:- "...beekeepers for honey or any related by-products of beekeeping."
- 19.e) "Voting by Branch Delegates shall initially be on the voices but a poll...", should be changed to:-
"Voting by Branch Delegates shall initially be on voting sticks but a poll may be requested..."

I once queried Steuart Goodman on the wording of those first two. The full context is: "To promote the production and marketing of honey and the related and by-products of beekeeping."

Steuart's reading of that in 4(c) and the same wording in 4(f) was that it was referring to "honey and the related products and by-products of beekeeping". I think better wording would be just that – inserting the word "products" before the word "and" in 4(c) and before "or" in 4(f).

If we amend Russell suggests, it would refer to only honey and the by-products of beekeeping. I don't think "by-products" is a very good word to describe such as queenrearing, pollen, bulk bees, propolis, etc. Strictly, I would see those as all "products", albeit different products than the one main product (honey).

Having consulted a book on rules of order, I agree with Russell that it would probably be best to amend rule 19(e). Voting can be counted on **voices, by division, or by counted vote**. The first two of these are not exact means of determining the outcome. Voting "by the voices" strictly requires the Chair to decide which is 'louder'. Similarly, a 'division' (which can be by having people stand or by having them raise their hands) is again an estimation by the Chair (I realise this word has a different Parliamentary meaning – I'm going by a book on rules).

Only when it comes to a "counted" vote do we get what I believe the NBA expects from these. Accordingly, I propose we amend rule 19(e) by replacing "on the voices" with "by a counted vote". That leaves it open to do it either by the sticks, by standing as they are counted or by the raised hands – whatever the NBA chooses to do into the future. My hesitation with "on voting sticks" is that I don't think it has a 'formal' meaning outside of our own traditional use.

Rule18(c) refers to a voice vote as well, but I think it should remain as it is: "At the Annual Meeting each member present in person shall have one vote. Every question shall in the first instance be decided on the voices, but a show of hand or secret ballot may be demanded by any person entitled to vote.

Please indicate your preferences and return to Harry as soon as you can:

Question 1 Option 1 - Amend 4(c) by deleting the word "and" and 4(f) by deleting the word "or"
Option 2 - Amend 4(c) by inserting the word "products" before the word "and" and inserting the word "products" before "or" in 4(f)

Question 2 Option 1 - Amend 19(e) by replacing "by the voices" with "by the sticks"
Option 2 - Amend 19(e) by replacing "by the voices" with "by a counted vote"