

# NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

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To Executive Members:- Tony, Keith, Richard, Russell.

To write this letter is very hard to do but I feel that things can not be left as they are in the matter of the conflict between Nick and Harry. Particularly as Nick has indicated that he intends to pursue the position of Executive Secretary.

The last thing the NBA needs at the moment is any change in the positions of Dominion President or Executive Secretary.

Harry has done a great public relations job with the membership and has encouraged quite a few domestic beekeepers to become members. He has even got out amongst the bees in trying to learn more about the industry, information his position as Executive Secretary needs. He has made himself available at several North Island field days to get to know members better. However, he has made some mistakes and not done some things he was asked to do. Perhaps we, as Executive Members, should have assisted Harry to see that the jobs were done. One could say that Harry is paid to do everything but I feel that my job, as an Executive Member, is to make NBA function efficiently with whatever effort is required.

Nick has done a very good job of his position of Dominion President and his work load is enormous. Remember, all this work is done at night. His work on the PMS has saved the association hundreds of dollars in that area alone. His mistake has been his unwillingness to encourage Harry to get these chores done. Perhaps his desire to take over the secretaryship explains his reluctance.

I would like your views on the following :-

There be no resignations before conference.

Harry to check to be sure he done everything he is supposed to do. If Harry needs assistance in sorting out his office then he should appeal to other Executive Members for assistance.

Nick to endeavour to rebuild the bridge of co-operation with Harry.

I feel that the present problem is costing the beekeeping industry dollars and must be sorted out as soon as possible. The industry elected Executive to run NBA efficiently and we must see that this is done.

I have the highest regard for both Nick and Harry and it pains me to have to

criticise either so let us try to remedy our present problem without great upheaval.

These are my views and I would be pleased to hear yours.

Regards,

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