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Attention: Adam Holland

Dear Adam,

**Reference: May Executive meeting.**

Adam I am not sure who I should address this to so if you are not the right person could you pass it on please.

I need your input on a Interpretation of National Beekeepers' Association rule.

Some background first:

My company, Training in Progress, runs the National Beekeepers under contract, this contract was extended for two years from the 1.1.96. at the May 1997 Executive meeting. The President wanted this contract for himself (ie. to run the Administration for the NBA) He first bid for it when it was first offered three years ago. He was unsuccessful then and unsuccessful at the May Executive meeting.

At the Dec 1996 Executive meeting the dollars for the contract were increased from \$45k to \$60k (this is to allow for the increase in members from 420 to 1200). Ever since the dollars were increased we have had the mud thrown at us from the President increased by 150% at us obviously hoping at the review of the contract at the May 97 Executive meeting we would lose it and he would get the contract. Well he didn't and he is as mad as it is possible to be, note Item two the Presidents report in the June Beekeeper magazine!! (is this libellous?)

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The May meeting was initially planned to be a Conference call, but due to the agree of the President to us, one of the Executive members decided that we should meet face to face. It was agreed that when the Executive meeting was completed the President and I would leave the room while the contract, and who was to be the contractor, would be decided as well as the length of the contract. as we had said for three years a yearly contract was too short.

I left after the Executive meeting was closed and I found out later that the President returned to the meeting at the request of the acting Chair who is also the Vice President. He spent approx 30 minutes at this meeting just allegedly slagging me instead of pushing his own barrow.



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Anyway, I got the contract BUT!!

I, as usual, circulated the Draft minutes from the May meeting asking for input from the Executive. The President put forward some changes, all were included, the Vice President put in some changes, all included and an Executive member put in some changes, all included, including what he alleges are the Minutes from the Special meeting which was to look at the contract and he insisted that these were part of the record.

You will see from the tone of the Presidents letter that he does not now consider this was an official meeting (refer item one the Minutes from this Special meeting) and this record should not be part of the May meeting Minutes. He goes on why he thinks it is not an official meeting.

My argument is, though the Executive may not have gone through the "correct" procedure he (the President) was aware of the meeting, and he was at the meeting, and why it was being called so the "intent" was there.

If procedure is to be followed to the letter of the law, was the May Executive meeting official, as the Executive member called it, and not the President? I prepared the Agenda with no input from the President, he had the opportunity then as did all the Executive.

This is a real tricky one with no winners as I see it and a lost cause, but you can bet you bottom dollar the President will not let it rest, hence my questions to you.

Your sincerely

Harry Brown  
Executive secretary

**Item. ONE**

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**12.2. Paterson Trust**

**12.2.1. Procedures for allocation (R Bensemann to report on progress)**

Richard Bensemann briefed the Executive on the trophy being prepared for presentation at Conference.

Richard Bensemann is to issue an invitation to Conference to Mr Roy Paterson's daughters. Richard Bensemann will carry out the presentation at Conference and will also contact Mr Dudley Lorimer and update him on the progress.

**13. General Business.**

Nick Wallingford stated that he would not be standing for re election as President at the 1997 Annual General Meeting of the NBA.

**14. Arrangements for next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 1997, in Nelson at the Rutherford Hotel. The time is to be agreed on nearer the date.

**15. Executive Secretary Review of Performance and Future Contract.**

A discussion was had as to whether the meeting should be closed or left open to discuss the Executive Secretary's performance and future contract. Harry Brown and Nick Wallingford were not to be present because of their stated interest in the secretarial position.

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The President declared the meeting closed at 10.25 am.

CHAIRMAN SIGNED.....

DATE .....

Shortly afterwards, the meeting was continued under the Chairmanship of Richard Bensemann, with the Secretary not present. Richard Bensemann requested that Nick Wallingford stay which he agreed to for approx half an hour, giving his strong views on the current performance of our Secretary. The President then left the remaining four Executive members to discuss the situation and carry out a review of the Secretary's performance. The decision was made to negotiate a contract with Training In Progress for a further two years, to run from the termination of the current contract (31.12.97.) It was known that the fifth member of the Executive not present, was also in favour of this decision. The meeting then brought Harry Brown back and informed him of the decision that had been made by the Executive, to re negotiate his contract for a further two years, and also made comment to him on his current performance.

The meeting finished at 3.45pm

From: Wallingford To: Harry Brown

Date: 07-06-97 Time: 3:20:54 PM

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# Item Two

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## Memo

To Executive Secretary, copied to Executive (I am faxing this out to all of you direct, rather than wait for next Friday's pack. I would be happy to discuss the matter with any of you)

From Nick Wallingford

Date 7 June 1997

RE: Status of the meeting that followed the Executive meeting

I refer you to rule 16(g):

"The Executive shall meet as and when directed by the President or on the requisition of 4 members of the Executive."

The May minutes record "The President declared the meeting closed at 10.25am". I did not, as President, 'direct' that a meeting of the Executive be held following the close of that meeting. Four members of the Executive did not 'requisition' a meeting.

My understanding would be that the meeting that was held was not a meeting of the NBA Executive. Decisions made during that meeting were not made 'by the NBA Executive'.

Please consider this memo and provide the Executive with the guidance that it requires. In your opinion as Executive Secretary, was the meeting a meeting of the NBA Executive, and were decisions made during it decisions of the NBA Executive?

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