

HELD IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, "DOMINION" BUILDING, WAKEFIELD

STREET, WELLINGTON ON THURSDAY, 28TH. MARCH 1946 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E. A. Field (President) W. J. Lennon (Vice-President) T. F. Penrose and L. F. Robbins (Canterbury) J. McFadzien Jr. (Otago) E. D. Williams, and J. R. Barber (South Auckland) E. J. Kirk (Wanganui) P. Hillary (Auckland Central) G. F. Gordon (Hawkes Bay) C. H. Hedge (Central Southern Hawkes Bay) Furness (Manawatu) J. M. Bodmin (Wellington) and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser.)

NOTICE OF MEETING :- This was read by the Secretary after which the President expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the Branches had co-operated in sending delegates to the meeting.

BUSINESS :- The business before the meeting was that of amending the Constitution, approving the provisions of the Insurance appendix and also of giving authority for registration of the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

RULES :- The President read the proposed new rules as set out clause by clause and these with minor alterations, were approved without dissent, with the exception of the following clauses.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS :- Clause 15. Mr. Bodmin said his Branch, which was comprised almost wholly of hobbyists, felt that the minimum subscription of 5/- was too small. In the first place it was too small for the value of benefits received and in the second place, on a basis of 60 per cent to the parent body, the Branch funds were inadequate to meet expenses. His Branch felt that 6/- was the absolute minimum they could agree to and they were quite prepared to have the amount raised to 7/6d.

Mr. Penrose said his Branch was also of the opinion that the minimum should be 7/6d on a 40/60 basis. He moved in this direction, seconded by Mr. Bodmin. Mr. Hillary made an appeal for more funds for the Auckland Central Branch, which, he said wanted the amount to remain at 5/- but that the proportion of distribution should be on a 50/50 basis. Mr. Hedge objected to the 60/40 basis and maintained that the rate should be 5/- on a 50/50 basis.

At this stage Mr. Furness asked to be permitted to leave the meeting as he had an engagement in Auckland the following morning. The President said that Mr. Furness had affirmed his Branch's intention to support the new rules, irrespective of what amendments may be made to the suggested draft and he urged that the Manawatu delegate should be empowered to delegate his authority to some other delegate. This suggestion was not acceptable to the meeting however and Mr. Furness then left the meeting.

Discussion on the minimum subscription was then resumed and as agreement could not be reached Mr. Hillary called for a delegates vote. Messrs. Penrose and Williams were appointed scrutineers and on the vote being taken the motion that 7/6d. be the minimum subscription was carried, the voting being : For 655 : Against 214, with Mr. Hillary asking that his vote be recorded against the motion.

Before continuing with the discussion on the basis of the higher subscriptions, Mr. Barber said he found himself in a difficult position. He wanted to be co-operative in the endeavour to have the proposed scale adopted, but his Branch, while not objecting to the proposed scale, would not vote for the clause unless some relief in the basis of voting on subscriptions paid could be given to the larger producers. South Auckland was gravely concerned over the possibility of the commercial men being outvoted by hobbyist branches on matters vital to their interests.

MODE OF VOTING :- Clause 33. Following further discussion it was agreed to give consideration to this clause before going further with the subscription scale. At this point it was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Hillary "that on any matters of vital importance to commercial producers, provision be made for a vote to be taken only of those owning 120 or more colonies."

Mr. Barber further elaborated his views which prompted Mr. Lennon to stress the fact that the proposed new scales of subscriptions and basis of voting brought down by the Executive were designed with the express object of giving effect to the very point which was concerning the South Auckland Branch. Mr. Lennon then quoted statistical figures to

prove his point and said he felt sure that if South Auckland had more closely considered this aspect of the proposals they would have realised that there was actually no need for the fears expressed. Mr. Barber said his Branch felt very strongly about the matter and while he was prepared to modify the hive-holding basis of his argument, even coming down as low as 60 colonies, he felt that the protection asked for should be given.

In view of Mr. Lennons statement however and the suggestion put forward by the General Secretary and the President that consideration might be given to a proposal calling for special remits to be considered by commercial producers only, to be recommended to Conference for adoption, he would be prepared to accept the present basis. Messrs. Penrose, Kirk and McFadzien said they wanted the position clarified. As members of the Executive they were not prepared to give an unconditional assurance that they would agree to such a recommendation. Finally it was agreed by the Executive and Mr. Barber said this was all he asked for, was that the Executive would undertake to give consideration to a scheme to implement the above motion and if possible to recommend same to Conference for adoption. Clause 33 was then adopted with the additional words inserted after 'follows' in the second line and before "each" in the third line :- 'Except in the case of the minimum subscription of 7/6d equalling one vote', Mr. Hillary again asking for his vote to be recorded against the proposal.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS :- Clause 15. The remaining portion of this clause (a) was then adopted with only one dissentient vote. Mr. Hillary asked for a record to be taken of his "no". Clause 16 was adopted without opposition.

DISTRICT BRANCHES :- Clause 17 (a). A considerable amount of discussion took place on the proposed 60/40 basis of minimum subscriptions and resulted in an amendment proposed by Mr. Hillary, seconded by Mr. Hedge "that the basis of 60/40 per cent. be altered to read 50 per cent. up to 15/- and 60 per cent. on the balance." Mr. Hillary called for a delegate's vote, which resulted in the motion being lost, the voting being : Against 587 : For 282, Mr. Hillary once again asking that Auckland Central's vote be recorded.

Clauses 18 and 19 were carried without discussion.

DIRECT MEMBERS :- Clause 20. Moved by Mr. Hillary, seconded by Mr. Gordon "that the words '(if any) nominated by the member paying same' in the last line be deleted and the word 'nearest' be inserted before 'District' in the fifth line." The motion on being put was lost. It was then moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk "that all the words after 'shall' in the fourth line be deleted and the words 'retain the full amount' be substituted". This motion on being put was carried.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE :- Clause 21. Moved by Mr. Hillary "that the words '(two from each Island of the Dominion)' in the eleventh line be deleted". This proposal lapsed for the want of a seconder and the clause was carried without further discussion.

Clauses 22 and 23 were adopted without comment.

PRESIDING AT MEETINGS :- Clause 24. Mr. Hillary considered that as a paid official, the Secretary should never have a vote even though he were a beekeeper, and it was unanimously agreed to delete all the words after 'member' in the sixth line up to and including 'Association' in the seventh line.

Clauses 25, 26 and 27 were adopted as read, without comment.

ANNUAL MEETING :- Clause 28. This was adopted with the insertion of the words 'fifty per cent of' after the word 'than' in the sixth line.

Clauses 29 and 30 were adopted as read with the addition of a sub-clause in Clause 30 relating to "Notices of Motion".

Clause 31 and 32 were also unanimously adopted.

POSTAL BALLOT :- Clause 35. This was adopted with the insertion after the word 'least' in the second line of the words 'fifty per cent of' and with the deletion after the word 'to' in the third line of the words 'the decision of', together with the insertion, after the word 'Association' and before the word 'by' in the third line, of the words 'for an expression of opinion'.

Clause 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 together with the additional rule 42 re expulsion of members, were adopted without discussion.

ADOPTION OF WHOLE :- It was then unanimously resolved on the motion of the Chairman "that the new rules of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Incorporated) be adopted."

APPRECIATION :- Mr. Barber on behalf of the South Auckland Branch expressed sincere appreciation of the work of the Executive in framing the new Constitution. These sentiments were echoed by Mr. Hillary who said that the present Executive was an excellent one.

The time being 6 p.m. the meeting then adjourned until 7.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 7.35 p.m. when the Chairman read the text of the Insurance Appendix. Certain passages were discussed and explanations given where required, after which the Chairman moved "that the Appendix as read be adopted." The motion was carried unanimously.

INCORPORATION :- Resolved unanimously on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Bodmin "that application be made for the incorporation of the Association under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and that the rules submitted to and approved by this meeting be adopted as the Rules of the Association".

The meeting concluded, the time being 9.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE July 3rd 1947.....

CHAIRMAN E. Field.....

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELDIN THE CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 27TH. 28TH. AND 29TH.MARCH, 1946, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE 27TH.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E. A. Field (President) W. J. Lennon (Vice-President,) T. F. Penrose, J.M.C. Fadzien Jr., E. J. Kirk, E. D. Williams and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held at Christchurch on the 10th. July, 1945, were read and confirmed.

With reference to the minutes it was unanimously agreed to confirm the subsequent alteration made in the rate of subscription to the Journal from 10/6d to 5/- per annum.

INVITATIONS to the meeting extended to the Chairman of the Honey Control Board, the Director of Horticulture, the Director of the Internal Marketing Division and the Manager of the Honey Section of the I.M.D. were read and approved and replies thereto "received".

CONFERENCE DECISIONS :- Correspondence to and from the following was read :-
 The Director of the Internal Marketing Division.
 The Minister of Marketing (3).
 The Minister of Agriculture.
 The Minister of Internal Affairs.
 The Minister of Health.
 The Food Controller and the Director of Horticulture.

Other correspondence was read from the following :- Otago Branch, re 1948 Conference. Gore Branch (3) re Constitution, Marketing and Federated Farmers : South Auckland Branch re Constitution : Canterbury Branch re Marketing : Auckland Central Branch re Constitution etc. : Southland Branch re Constitution etc. : Far North Branch re Constitution : W. J. Ashcroft re Constitution : A. Mawhinney re Prices : W. T. Herron re Reserve Funds : The Price Investigation Tribunal (3) : Hawkes Bay Branch (3) re Spray Poisoning : From the Minister of Agriculture re same : From the Director of Horticulture (2) re same : From North Taranaki Branch (2) re Winding up : From the following Branches, copies of Balance Sheets :- North Taranaki, Waimarino, South Auckland, Gore, Southland, Nelson, Otago and Hawkes Bay : A letter from the Central Southern Hawkes Bay Branch to Mr. Lennon re overcrowding of apiary sites to the detriment of established Beekeepers was also read. Also to hand and handed to members for perusal was the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Agricultural Development Committee. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Penrose, that the inward correspondence be received and the outward approved.

Prior to the lunch adjournment, Mr. Gordon of the Hawkes Bay Branch waited upon the meeting and was given permission to attend a meeting of the Fruitgrowers' Federation as a representative of the Association.

FEDERATED FARMERS :- Following a general discussion on this matter it was decided to advise Branches that the position at present was the same as that stated by the General Secretary in Circular No. 45/46/2 of the 5th. November last.

The time being 1.30 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 2.30 p.m.

D.D.T. INSECTICIDE :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Lennon, "that Mr. Dallas be written to regarding investigations into the uses of D.D.T. and asking to be informed of the present position also expressing concern over the possibility of a stronger solution being made available to the public and stating that steps should be taken to prevent the indiscriminate use of this poison."

GOVERNMENT GRANT :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Minister be informed that the Association appreciates the fact that the grant has been made available and assuring him that the money was being used for the purpose for which it was granted."

EDITORIALS :- The President read a letter he had received from the Minister of Marketing re the tone of Editorials in the Journal and his reply thereto. Mr. Lennon also read a copy of the letter he had forwarded to the Minister concerning the matter. No further action was considered necessary but the desirability of the Association being able to express its views freely on matters of Government policy was voiced by Mr. Penrose and other members.

1946 CONFERENCE :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the 1946 Conference be held in Auckland on the 10th, 11th, and 12th. July".

Decided also to request the Auckland Central Branch to arrange for the use of a suitable hall to accommodate 150 persons.

1948 CONFERENCE :- On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was resolved "that it be a recommendation to Conference that the 1948 gathering be held in Dunedin."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :- The Secretary presented an interim statement showing an estimated deficit in the General Account at the end of the year of £30. After a brief discussion it was decided to defer consideration of the matter till Friday morning.

PRICE TRIBUNAL :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Lennon "that the Tribunal be advised that the Association is genuinely convinced of the necessity for an increase in prices, but regrets its inability to supply further figures on a comprehensive basis owing to the inadequate response from individual beekeepers. That the Association is convinced also, that the worst feature is the inadequate price received for bulk honey by suppliers to the Internal Marketing Division, the present return from this source being definitely insufficient to enable producers to supply the Division with a sufficient quantity to ensure the efficient operation of the Auckland plant."

At this stage the meeting adjourned, the time being 6.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 28th.

CONSTITUTION :- The proposed new Constitution was considered and further amended in order to clarify certain clauses. The discussions lasted until 11.15 a.m. when Mr. Cooksley, President of Federated Farmers (Inc.), waited upon the meeting. Mr. Cooksley gave an interesting outline of the procedure adopted to date in regard to the inclusion of the Market Gardeners Association in the new organisation and urged the Beekeepers to continue with their present organisation until such time as certain matters of policy had been more clearly defined. Mr. Cooksley assured the meeting of his desire to look into any matters affecting the Beekeeping Industry during his forthcoming visit to the World Farmers' meeting in London and in this connection was authorised to make certain contacts in London on behalf of the Association. After being thanked for his assistance and co-operation, Mr. Cooksley left at 12.15 p.m.

Consideration of the proposed new Constitution was then proceeded with until 1.15 p.m. when the ~~the~~ meeting adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday the 29th.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 9 a.m.,

MARKETING :- On the 29th. March, when Mr. R. P. Fraser, Director of the Internal Marketing Division, was present and a general discussion took place concerning the Government's attitude towards the request from Conference for the setting up of an Elective Producer Board.

Mr. Fraser said he would say that a change was coming in Marketing matters and the indications were that the Government would be taking producers in with them on probably a 50/50 basis. The Director indicated that it would be possible for the Beekeepers to secure a Producer Board either as an Advisory Board or as an Executive Board. In the case of the latter on a 50/50 basis, the Board would have power to make decisions which could be put into effect with the Minister's approval, whereas the Advisory Board could make recommendations only and would have no authority in regard to matters of marketing policy. He recommended the setting-up of an Executive Board rather than one which could tender advice only, but made it quite clear that a restricted franchise would be necessary in any election for a Board with executive powers.

Following Mr. Fraser's departure at 10.15 a.m. a discussion ensued on a proposal to form an interim Committee to devise ways and means of formulating a marketing policy. Mr. Penrose brought forward the recommendation passed by the Canterbury Branch and after a full discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kirk "that the matters as outlined by the Canterbury Branch relating to Marketing, being of such wide significance, this Executive, after serious consideration, decide to bring before Conference a recommendation dealing with the whole question."

It was then resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams "that it be a recommendation to Conference that a Select Committee be set up for the purpose of recommending a marketing policy designed to meet changing conditions, such Committee to be comprised of four producer representatives and not more than an equal number nominated by the Government."

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Williams "that it be a further recommendation to Conference that they urge the formation of an Executive Board comprised of three producer representatives and three Government nominees."

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk "that it be a recommendation to Conference that consideration be given to making provision whereby, when matters of vital importance to Commercial Producers are being considered, a vote be taken by Commercial Producers only, Conference to decide what status constitutes a 'Commercial Producer'."

At this stage 11.50 a.m. Messrs. Dallas and Winter of the Department of Agriculture arrived and a general discussion on matters relating to the Industry, took place.

SPRAY POISONING :- This matter was dealt with at some length, Mr. Dallas giving an assurance that his Department would take all possible steps to impress Fruitgrowers on matters of spraying in future seasons.

The Chairman informed Mr. Dallas that Mr. Gordon of the Hawkes Bay Branch had discussed the question with the Fruitgrowers' Federation the day previously when the Federation had stated that they would not stand in the way of their local branch preparing legislation to deal with the problem in the Hawkes Bay District. Mr. Dallas expressed the opinion that such legislation as proposed, dealing with a 75 per cent petal fall, would be almost impossible to put into operation.

SUGAR FEED :- Mr. Dallas informed the meeting that the Food Controller was very concerned over the fact that certain beekeepers were selling honey to manufacturers who had been refused additional supplies of sugar and that unless the practice was stopped, there was a grave danger of beekeepers being deprived of supplies of sugar for feed purposes.

Mr. Dallas also gave an outline of the Department's field activities and made mention of the fact that he was hopeful of securing the services of additional Inspectors. Mr. Winter exhibited a sample of wasps which had recently invaded the Waikato district and stated that so far this year forty such colonies had been reported and destroyed. Other matters dealt with by Mr. Dallas were as answers to questions, related to salaries of Inspectors and a Beekeeping Bulletin,

At the conclusion of their visit the officers were thanked by the Chairman for their continual interest and assistance.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 2 p.m. when it was decided to proceed with general business.

GENERAL :- Moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Lennon, "that the Department of Agriculture be requested to furnish a report on the use of sulphathiazole in the control of fowl brood".

I.M.D. RESERVES :- In reply to the Gore Branch, it was decided to advise that the Director of the I.M.D. had stated that the matter was at present under consideration. Decided to send a similar reply to Southland Branch and to advise them also that the Executive felt that the matter of requesting the Division to call a meeting of suppliers was one for the suppliers themselves to arrange and not one for the Association to deal with.

The matter of furnishing replies to other correspondence was left to the Secretary to deal with.

NEXT MEETING :- Decided that the next meeting be held in Auckland on Monday the 8th. July, 1946.

ACCOMODATION :- It was agreed that members should communicate their requirements and expected time of arrival in Auckland, direct to Mr. E. D. Williams within the next fortnight.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to members for their attendance and a reciprocal vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary, the time being 3.30 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE .8-7-46.....

CHAIRMAN .E. D. Williams.....



Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body or Unincorporated Society or Club.

For Instructions as to completion see back of Form.

To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

You are hereby notified that the following is a true copy of a Resolution recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of (a) The General Executive duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc. on the Twelfth. day of July, 1946.

Resolved:—(1) "That (c) any one member of the Executive jointly with the General Secretary.

"..... be and are "hereby appointed to operate the account of (b)

" The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc. (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at

" (d) Foxton. and that the Bank be requested to honour and charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance of the said account be credit or debit.

(2) "That (c) The General Secretary.

"..... be empowered to endorse Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) "That all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account are hereby superseded.

(4) "That the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded "by a further Resolution of the (a) The General Executive."

The subjoined schedule sets out the names, official designations and specimen signatures of the persons authorised by the said Resolution to operate on the said Account. You will be notified in writing of the passing of any further resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account and of any Changes in the names or official designations of any of such persons.

Name in full (e)	Official (f) Designation	Specimen (g) Signature
<u>Edward Armani Field</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>E. Armani Field</u>
<u>John Mc Padgugan</u>	<u>Vic-President</u>	<u>John Mc Padgugan</u>
<u>James Richards Barber</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>J.R. Barber</u>
<u>George Frederick Robert Jordan</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>G.F.R. Jordan</u>
<u>Thomas Edward Pearson</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>T.E. Pearson</u>
<u>Garnet Victor Graser</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Graser</u>

(h) The Common Seal of National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc. was hereunto affixed this Twelfth day of July, 1946. in the presence of



(i) ~~Signed on behalf of and under the authority of~~ this..... day of..... 19..... by.....

E. Armani Field PRESIDENT.
Graser GEN. SECRETARY.
John Mc Padgugan MEMBER.

(Delete whichever attestation clause is not applicable.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE ROYAL HOTEL, AUCKLAND, ON MONDAY THE 8TH. JULY, 1946 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.A. Field, (President) W. J. Lennon (Vice-President) T. F. Penrose, E. J. Kirk, E. D. Williams, J. Mc.Fadzien Jnr. and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 27th. 28th. and 29th. March, 1946 were read and confirmed.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :- The Secretary presented the Annual Report and audited Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st. May, 1946 and after matters relating thereto had been fully discussed, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted."

ISSUE OF JOURNALS :- Moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the forwarding of copies of the Journal cease in all cases where members subscriptions are unpaid at the 30th. November in each year." The motion was carried.

TRANSFER FROM TRUST FUND :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Mc.Fadzien "that the sum of £15 be transferred from the Trust Fund to the General Account, towards Administration and special printing costs connected with the said Fund."

NOTICES OF ANNUAL MEETING :- The Secretary drew attention to the irregularities of procedure in the notices previously issued in respect of the Annual General Meeting and it was agreed that in future the notices should set out the full order of business.

CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

- To Hon. B. Roberts, Invitation to Conference and reply.
- To Director of Internal Marketing re same and reply.
- To the Mayor of Auckland " " (2) " " (2)
- To the Manager of Honey Section I.M.D. re same (2) and reply. (2)
- To the Chairman, Honey Control Board " " " " .

ADJOURNMENT :- At this stage, the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1.30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 2.30 p.m. with the reading of a letter from Mr. W. B. Bray to the President re Constitution. Mr. Fields reply to Mr. Bray was also read.

Further correspondence dealt with was :-

- From Messrs. Moore & Bergin (2) re constitution.
- From Messrs. Thomas & Thompson " "
- From Mr. J. K. Bray, application for direct membership. - Approved.
- From the Price Tribunal re price of Honey.
- From the Editor " N.Z. Journal of Agriculture" in reply re Bulletin on Beekeeping.
- From the Director of Internal Marketing re Executive Board.
- From the Minister of Marketing re Executive Board.
- From Mr. W. J. Asheroft re Sulphathiazole (2).
- From Manawatu Branch re Executive Board (2)
- To Manawatu Branch in reply.
- From Manawaru Branch re understatement of hive holdings.

From Gore Branch nominating Mr. L. Box for Executive.
 From Auckland Central Branch re Statistics for Conference.
 To Auckland Central Branch in reply.
 From Northland Branch requesting Executive to negotiate with I.M.D. re control of Packing Plant.
 From Far North Branch, report and balance sheet.
 From Auckland Central Branch, balance sheet.
 From Nelson Branch, report and balance sheet.
 From North Otago Branch, " " " "
 From Gore Branch, " " " "
 From Whakatane Branch, " " " "
 From Otago Branch, " " " "
 From Canterbury Branch, " " " " (2 years)
 From Southland Branch, " " " "
 To Wanganui Branch re outstanding subscriptions.
 From Manawatu Branch re definition of a hive.

Decided that for subscription purposes "a hive is of one story or more". For insurance purposes, a hive is "any receptacle containing bees."

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Williams "that the inward correspondence be received and the outward approved."

HONORARY MEMBERS :- Decided to advise the Auckland Central Branch that there could be no honorary members of Branches in future.

LIFE MEMBER :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that Mr. J. Rentoul be elected a life member of the Association."

SECRETARY'S REMUNERATION :- This matter was introduced by Mr. Penrose who referred to the undertaking given at the last Executive meeting that the Secretary's remuneration would be reviewed. Following a general discussion, it was moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk "that the sum of £30 be immediately paid to the General Secretary in view of the increased amount of work involved in preparing the new Constitution." The motion was carried unanimously.

It was further resolved on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Penrose "that in view of the increased volume of work, this Executive strongly recommends to the incoming Executive that the Secretary's salary be increased to a minimum of £ 150."

ADJOURNMENT :- The time now being 6.15 p.m. the meeting adjourned for dinner.

The meeting resumed at 7.30 p.m.

STATISTICS :- Mr. Lennon distributed to members, copies of statistical figures for the year ended 31st. May, 1946 and explained in detail how these figures affected the voting powers of commercial producers and also matters relating to the Association's finances. On the basis of the latest figures, Mr. Lennon estimated that the subscription income for the current year would be £ 387.

Members were unanimous in their praise of Mr. Lennon's services in connection with the Association's affairs and on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously resolved "that this Executive place on record its appreciation of the vast amount of work done by Mr. Lennon in preparing the annual statistics."

SUPPLIERS MEETING :- Matters relating to the Meeting of Suppliers to the Internal Marketing Division, to be held the following day, were briefly discussed and general regret was expressed that action was being taken along the lines already recommended by the Executive, before Conference had had an opportunity of considering the proposals.

This concluded the business of the meeting which concluded at 9.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE 24.2.47.....

CHAIRMAN C. Atfield.....