MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE PIONEER WOMENS' HALL, DUNEDIN, ON MONDAY, 5TH JULY 1948

AT 10-15 A.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E. A. Field, (President) E. D. Williams, (Vice-President) T. E. Pearson, J. McFadzien, E. J. Kirk, and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

Mr. W. J. Lennon, Editor o f the "New Zealand Beekeeper" was also in attendance.

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 20th and 21st October 1947 were read and confirmed.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :- The Annual Report compiled by the Secretary and the audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st May 1948 were read and discussed. Mr. Pearson in comment said he considered that the Balance Sheet disclosed a very good state of affairs, the President adding that the credit balance was satisfactory but was not too high.

ADOPTION OF REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McFadzien "that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted."

REFRESHMENTS FOR CONFERENCE :- The Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between himself and the lessee of the R.S.A. Dining Rooms concerning afternoon tea for members attending the Conference and on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was resolved "that we accept the offer of tea and biscuits served buffet style at a charge of 6d per head."

CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

Invitations and replies to guests to Conference. A considerable number of letters to and from the Director of Price Control and also Branches re the increased prices. Concerning the matter of increased prices it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that a vote of thanks be accorded to the President and Secretary for their efforts in connection with the application for increased prices."

Letters to and from the Department of Agriculture re supplies of Petrol to Apiary Instructors. To and from the Gore Branch re same. To and from the Waimarino Branch re failure to collect subscriptions for 1947-48.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the Secretary's action in adding the names of members of this Branch to the Journal Mailing List for the current year be approved and that the Executive agree to forego subscriptions from the Branch for the year 1947-48."

Several letters to and from Mr. R. Davidson, Timaru, re the formation of a separate Branch in South Canterbury.

Letters to and from Mr. R. Davidson, Mr. D. G. Hamilton and Mr. A. W. Ogilvy re the action of the Taxation Dept. in treating Bees as Stock and not as Capital Assets for income purposes.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. McFadzien "that the matter be referred to the incoming Executive for consideration."

A letter from the newly-formed South Canterbury Branch re limitation of membership of the Branch. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Secretary refer the matter to the Solicitor for a legal opinion." From the Gore Branch re the importation of apparatus for the artificial rearing of Queen Bees. Referred to the incoming Executive.

Letters to and from the Minister of Marketing regarding the application of a grant of £100.

From Mr. A. H. Davies, a letter of appreciation for the honour of Life Membership.

From Messrs. W. B. Bray and Sons, a letter of thanks for message of condolence in the death of Mrs. Bray.

To the Minister of Health, re inclusion of Honey in advertisements on diet issued by the Health Department.

From N.Z. Woolpack & Textiles Ltd. quoting 7/6d per roll of 70 yards in length with a width of 20 inches at 1/3d per running yard F.O.R. Foxton. Referred to Conference.

From the Wairarapa Branch proposing to go into rescess. Agreed that the President should endeavour to arrange to address the Branch if possible.

VISITS TO BRANCHES :- The urgent necessity of arranging for Executive members to visit Branches in the interests of the Association was discussed and it was agreed that this be a recommendation to the incoming Executive.

JOURNAL MATTERS :- Mr. Lennon in referring to his position as Editor, brought up various points for discussion, including the episode of Mr. Stoupe's letter as dealt with at the last Executive meeting. Explanations were given by both Mr. Lennon and the President and a good deal of discussion ensued, following which Mr. Kirk moved, "that an apology be made to the Editor on the letter of censure from the Executive." The motion lapsed for the want of a seconder.

Mr. Lennon also reported upon the issue of the booklet "Bees in their Bonnets" and said that he had agreed, in order to assist the Southern Branches in recognising the Centennial of Otago, that the printers cost of type and blocks used in the publication would be a charge against the "N.Z. Beekeeper."

The question of continuing to supply non-members with the Association's official Journal, was raised by the Secretary and was discussed at some length, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the supply of Journals to direct subscribers be limited to persons overseas and persons within the Dominion who are hot beekeepers."

MARKETING COMMITTEE :- The President gave an outline of the work of this Committee since its inception and explained his reasons for agreeing to the adoption of the final draft of the regulations governing the operations of the Committee for the approval of the Minister. Messrs. Pearson and Williams endorsed the action taken by the President during the deliberations of the interim Committee. Mr. Kirk said he regretted the action taket by the President in agreeing to the final draft of the regulations, which he considered were not in the best interests of the Industry. Mr. Mc.Fadzien said he felt it was a mistake to have agreed to set up the Committee on the regulations as finally framed.

There followed a lengthy general discussion on the subject and the meeting adjourned at 6-15 P.M. without any resolution having been considered.

RESUMPTION:- The meeting resumed at 9-30 A.M. on the 6th July in the City Hotel, all members being present, Mr. J. R. Barber tendering an apology for absence on the previous day.

MARKETING COMMITTEE :- When the discussion on this matter was resumed, Mr. Barber praised the action of the President in agreeing to the suggested regulations rather than hold up the matter of securing an elective Marketing Committee. At this stage if was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Pearson "that the action taken by the President in supporting the draft Honey Marketing Committee Regulations be endorsed." The motion was carried, Messrs. Kirk and Mr.Fadzien wishing their votes against the motion to be recorded.

DISPOSAL OF CORRESPONDENCE :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McFadzien "that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be approved."

PRICES OF HONEY :- Relative to the correspondence dealt with on the previous day, a general discussion took place, in which Mr. Kirk moved, "that we acknowledge the Price Tribunal ruling that sales from the honey-house door in consumer's own tins are excluded from the retail schedule on the ground that 'the several prices fixed by this Clause include the price of the container,' but as the bulk schedule contains exactly the same provision, such sales cannot come under that schedule, therefore we take it that sales from the honey - house door in customer's own containers are not covered by the Regulations." This motion lapsed for the want of a seconder.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS: - from the following were read and received :-Auckland Central (1947): King Country (1947): Wairoa (1947): North Otago (1947): Otago (1947): Taranaki (1948): Canterbury (1948): Manawatu (1948): Auckland Central (1948): Far North (1948).

REMITS :- The question of endeavouring to secure a Delegates' Vote on the more important remits coming before the Conference was introduced by Mr. Williams and discussed in the light of what had occured at previous Conferences. Finally it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Executive consider the Remits and when unaminously of the opinion that a particular remit be decided on a Delegates' vote, a suggestion be given to Delegates to that effect."

Consideration of the Remits was then proceeded with and certain ones selected for special consideration by Delegates.

APPRECIATION :- Before the conclusion of the meeting the President expressed thanks to Mr. Mc.Fadzien for arranging a tour of inspection of the premises of Messrs. Cadbury, Fry & Hudson and New Zealand Breweries. He also congratulated Mr. Lennon on his production of the Otago Centennial Booklet.

After the President had expressed thanks to the Executive for their work during the year, the meeting was declared closed, the time being 11-30 A.M.

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B&C No. 303-12.000-1/47 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) <u>The General Executive</u> duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) <u>The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated.</u> 19 48 July on the Ninth 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. Incorporated. " (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at "(d) Fox ton. 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.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE

EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 7TH AND 8TH DECEMBER 1948.

COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.A. Field (President) E.D. Williams (Vice-President) J.R. Barber, T.E. Pearson, A.A. Lennie, R.H. Hobbs and the General Secretary (Mr. G. V. Fraser).

MINUTES :- of the meeting held on the 5th and 6th July 1948 and of the Special Meeting held on the 9th July 1948 were read and confirmed.

EDITORSHIP OF JOURNAL :- Referring to the Minutes, the Secretary reported that Mr. J. McFadzien Jr. had been approached and had agreed to undertake the work.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the action of the President and Secretary in appointing Mr. McFadzien as Editor be endorsed." A letter from Mr. McFadzien was also read.

A letter was read from Mr. W.J. Lennon confirming his resignation as Editor as from the 30th November and pointing out that it would probably take another month to clean up the work in hand at that date.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that Mr. Lennon continue his duties until the 31st December 1948 and that Mr. McFadzien's appointment date as from the 1st December 1948."

Resolved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Lennon for his services as Editor of the Journal during the past six years."

It was also decided to draw the attention of the new Editor to the lateness of the Journal issues, pointing out that every effort should be made to have the Journal in the Mail by the 20th of the month of issue.

WEED HORMONES :- At this stage there was a discussion on the effect that the use of weed hormones was likely to have upon bees if used in spraying large areas, such as golf links etc. and it was decided to ask that Apiary Instructors be requested to collect data on the subject.

COMPLAINTS FROM CENTRAL OTAGO BRANCH :-

A personal letter from Mr. A.T. Myers, Secretary of the Central Otago Branch and also one from the Branch expressing dissatisfaction at the lack of action by the Executive in regard to the price of bulk honey and of the action of the Executive in allowing the President to commit the Association to the Honey Marketing Regulations were read and discussed in the light of the Secretary's letter in reply to Mr. Myers. The Secretary's letter to Mr. Myers was unanimously approved and it was decided also to point out to the Central Otago Branch that the President in his address to Conference regarding the decision he had made, had been accepted by Conference almost without dissent.

LICENSING OF APIARY SITES :- Following upon a discussion on this matter it was decided that the Secretary should have copies of the draft legislation prepared and circulated to Branches in time for the matter to be discussed by members generally before the next conference.

CONFERENCE DECISIONS :- The Secretary read copies of the letters he had forwarded to the various Ministers of the Grown and Heads of Government Departments regarding the decisions taken at the Dunedin Conference and also the replies he had received in this connection. OWNERSHIP OF PACKING PLANT. (I.M.D):- Concerning a reply from the Minister of Marketing to the effect that the packing plant at Auckland was the property of the Government, Mr. Barber said the Minister's statement was contrary to fact. Mr. Honeyfield and other responsible GoveRNMMENT officials had always assured them that the plant was the property of the Beekeepers. Members agreed that this was so and following a general discussion it was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Lennie, "that this Executive strongly resents the Minister's statement that the plant of the Honey Section of the I.M.D. is the property of the Government and maintain that the statement is contrary to fact. This conclusion is borne out by repeated assurances given by responsible officers of the Department over a period of years that the plant belonged to the Beekeepers and also by the fact that it appears as such in the Balance Sheet of the Honey Section of the Internal Marketing Division."

MARKETING COMMITTEE ELECTION :- The Secretary drew attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which the recent election of the Honey Marketing Committee was carried out and in doing so said that he had received no advice whatsoever from the Minister, the Secretary of the Committee or the Returning Officer regarding the calling of nominations, date of election or results. Also that he had not seen any announcements in the Press concerning the election and he felt that many Beekeepers throughout the Dominion would not know that an election had taken place.

The Chairman said that he had not seen anything in the daily papers about the Election and that he would not have known anything definite about it if Mr. Williams had not telephoned him about the nominations. Messrs. Williams and Barber said that mention of the election appeared in the Auckland papers.

The Secretary said he thought a very bad effect would result from the fact that the only nominations received by the Returning Officer were those from the members of the previously appointed Committee and that as a result there had been no real election, the members being re-elected unopposed. At this stage it was decided to telephone the Returning Officer (Mr. Beard) and ask him to call and discuss the matter.

When Mr. Beand arrived he answered various questions from members and outlined the steps taken concerning the election in conformity with the Regulations already approved by the Marketing Committee. He said that it had never occurred to him to advise the General Secretary of the date on which nominations were to be received. In view of the result of the election however, he undertook to see that more publicity was given to the matter in future.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Beard for his courtesy in coming to the meeting and also for the frank explanations given.

Subsequently the matter was discussed at some length, after which the following resolution was carried :- Moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that this Executive is greatly concerned at the result of the recent Honey Marketing Committee election, in that insufficient publicity was given to Beekeepers generally as to persons eligible for nomination, also the date on which nominations were to close and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Marketing and the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee."

It was also decided that in forwarding a copy of the resolution to the Minister, that he be requested to arrange on future occasions for notification to be given to the General Secretary at least six weeks prior to the calling of nominations, giving date on which nominations were to close and the names of those producers eligible for election, balso that advertisements relating to the election be inserted at least twice in ALL papers published daily in the Dominion. COMPLAINT FROM GORE BRANCH RE MANAGER OF HONEY SECTION :-

The Secretary read a letter from the Gore Branch expressing strong dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Manager of the Honey Section of the I.M.D. had carried out his duties and containing a resolution passed by the Branch requesting the General Executive to take immediate steps to have him removed from office.

The Secretary read his letter in reply to the Branch asking for specific charges to be stated and also a subsequent letter received from the Branch Secretary stating in general terms, the grounds upon which they had based their request.

Members were unanimous in the view that such a drastic step could not be taken on the evidence produced by the Branch and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Gore Branch be notified that in future the policy to be adopted by the Marketing Department is for the Producer members of the Marketing Committee to be the means of direct contact with the Beekeepers throughout the Dominion."

It was agreed also that the General Secretary should forward the Gore Branch's complaint on to the Marketing Committee and to advise the Gore Branch that any specific information supplied re names and dates will be sent on to the Marketing Committee.

With regard to Gore's request that all Branches be communicated with in order to ascertain their views on matters relating to the Management of the Honey Section of the I.M.D. it was decided to suggest to the Gore Branch that they submit a suitable remit for consideration at the next Conference.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS were received as follows :-Otago, 1948: Gore, 1948: Wairoa, 1948: Canterbury, 1948:.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE :- was read as follows :-To and from the Minister of Health re Honey in advertisements in the Press. To and from the Under-Secretary, Dept. of Internal Affairs re honey-bearing trees. From the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council, re same, asking for a detailed list of tree species suitable for planting.

Decided to mention the Basswood tree known also as the Linden tree and as the Lime tree. It was also decided to refer the matter to the Horticulture Division with a request that they supply the desired information direct to the Soil Conservation Council.

To and from the Commissioner of State Forests re honey-bearing trees. Decided to reply on the same lines as that furnished to the Soil Conservation Council. To and from Federated Farmers of N.Z. re Wasp menace. To and from the Under-Secretary, Dept. of Internal Affairs re opossum menace. From T. Palmer-Jones re pollen supplement and reply thereto. To and from the Director of the Horticulture Division re location of the headquarters of the new Apiary Inspection District in the South Island. To and from the Public Service Commissioner re salaries of Apiary Inspectors. From the Australian Honey Institute seeking information as to the consumption of honey per head of population in New Zealand. Decided to advise that the average was 51bs. per head.

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

A letter was also read from Mr. Wallace Nelson re increase in price of Beeswax. Decided to advise Mr. Nelson that the matter had already been taken up with the Director of Price Control and that negotiations were still proceeding.

PRICES OF BUIK HONEY AND BEESWAX :-

The Secretary reported having previously interviewed the Price Control Officials regarding the remits passed at the last Conference and read copies of letters subsequently forwarded by him to the Director of Price Control in support of the submissions made. In view of the fact that no definite reply had been received, it was decided that the Secretary should telephone the Department and enquire as to what progress had been made with the applications.

Following the telephone conversation, the Secretary was able to report that very favourable consideration was being given to the application for an increase in beeswax prices to 3/6 per lb. The Price Tribunal however sought additional information in regard to the quantity of wax which would be available from an economic unit (450 hives).

Members considered that a fair average would be 90 lbs. of wax from the cappings of 100 hives and that further 25 lbs. per 100 hives could reasonably be expected if all waste wax were reclaimed. That is to say that an additional 1 cwt of wax could be secured from a 450 hives unit if the material at present being wasted was reclaimed. This information was duly passed on to the Price Tribunal who promised a definite reply early in the New Year.

Concerning the application for an increase in the size of retail containers to 60 lbs., Mr. R.J. Smith of the Price Tribunal staff waited upon the meeting and asked for and received clarification on several points relating to the retail sales of honey before controls were enforced. Particular emphasis was given to the fact that 60lb. and 28tb. containers were standard retail packs before controls were introduced. Mr. Smith said that the discussion he had had with the Executive was most helpful and would enable him to explain the position more fully to the Director. It was pointed out to Mr. Smith that the production season was fast approaching and he said that he would endeavour to have an announcement made as soon as possible.

TAXATION :- A general discussion on this subject was then continued until the meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday

the 8th December.

TAXATION :- When this discussion was again opened Mr. Pearson said that he had received a complaint from Mr. R. Davidson regarding a letter which he had sent in for publication in the Journal. The basis of Mr. Davidson's complaint was that the letter had been banned by the General Secretary and the Editor.

The Secretary said that the Editor of the Journal had sent Mr. Davidson's letter to him for comment just before the November issue went to the Printer. He had replied to Mr. Lennon stating that he considered that its publication might do more harm than good at the present time and advised Mr. Lennon to suggest to Mr. Davidson that he withdraw the letter. Mr. Lennon had informed him that Mr. Davidson's letter reached him after the August issue had been printed, whereas it now appeared that Mr. Lennon had himself withheld it from publication at that time. The Secretary further stated that he had told Mr. Lennon that Mr. Davidson had the right to have his letter published if he wished.

After some discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Lennie, "that copies of extracts of the correspondence to and from the Secretary and the Editor in relation to Mr. Davidson's letter to the Journal be forwarded to Mr. Davidson." Following a general discussion on the question of taxation in relation to the matter of treating hives and bees as capital assets and not as stock in trade, it was decided to take no action in the matter as it was considered that the individual Beekeepers concerned should make the best arrangements possible with the Taxation Department in regard to their own particular business.

JOURNAL TO NON-MEMBERS :- Following upon a discussion on the resolution passed at the last Conference, it was decided to adhere to the decision taken by the Executive just prior to the Conference.

RETIREMENT OF MR. DALLAS :- The Chairman read a letter he had received from Mr. W.K. Dallas on his retirement as Director of the Horticulture Division, in which Mr. Dallas expressed his appreciation of the friendly manner in which the Association had worked with him throughout the years. On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Pearson, it was decided to place on record the valuable service given to the Industry by Mr. Dallas and to recommend to the next Conference that Mr. Dallas be elected a Life Member of the Association.

VENUE OF CONFERENCE :-It was agreed to adopt the recommendation of Conference that the 1949 Conference be held in Rotorua. In this connection Mr. Barber Sain that he had been approached by a number of Beekeepers, particularly in the South, to see whether it would be possible to hold the Conference during the School Holidays in August instead of in July. The suggestion was approved and it was left to the Secretary to fix the dates accordingly.

SECRETARY'S SALARY :- The Chairman referred to statements made at the last Conference concerning an increase in the Secretary's salary. Although the Secretary had not asked for an increase he said, he knew that the amount of work done by the Secretary and his Staff was worth more than the Association was paying. Mr. Pearson said that judging by the amount of correspondence which had come before the Executive at this meeting it was evident that the Secretary was kept pretty busy with Association affairs.

It was thereupon resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Secretary's selary be raised to £200."

MARKETING COMMITTEE: - Mr. Barber asked the Chairman whether he was in a position to give the meeting any information concerning the work of the Committee. Mr. Field gave an outline of what had taken place at the two meetings which the Committee had held since Conference and said that the Producer members of the Committee were pressing the Minister for a definite statement concerning the application of the Seals Levy.

A general discussion on the Marketing policy of the Committee then ensued, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Executive fully supports the President in any effort he has made for action to ensure the continued successful operation of the I.M.D. with a special reference to the necessity for the collection of the Seals Levy."

It was decided that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Marketing.

The Secretary drew attention to the lack of information concerning the work of the Marketing Committee and urged that steps be taken to induce the Committee to publish full reports of its business in "The N.Z. Beekeeper" in order that Beekeepers generally be given the opportunity of knowing what was taking place in regard to the Marketing problem. It was decided to request the Committee to adopt this suggestion.

This concluded the business of the meeting which terminated at 12 noon, the Chairman thanking members for their attendance.

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