

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE GRAND HOTEL,
WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY 25th AND THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY 1959 COMMENCING
AT 9.30am ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT.

Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman) J.W. Barber, G.E. Gumbrell, R. Chandler,
J.K. Bray, J.I. Jay, and the Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser.)

ATTENDING.

Mr. J. Mc Fadzien (Editor - N.Z. Beekeeper.)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of the previous meetings of the Executive held in Wellington
on 4th and 7th August 1958 having been already circulated to members, were
confirmed as a true record on the motion of Messrs. Gumbrell and Barber.

H. M. A. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The written report of the meeting of the Authority held on 27th and
28th January 1959 was tabled by the Chairman as the Executive's Representa -
tive on the Authority and the contents of the report were discussed a length.
Mr. Fraser also advised on various matters concerning the Authority's
operational business. At the conclusion of the discussion members thanked
the Chairman for his report and expressed their continued faith in him as
their representative.

HONEY & ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

Correspondence was read from the Minister of Customs in reply to our
representations for a licence to produce Gin from a distilled honey mead
and indicating that Government had granted a sole licence to Messrs.
Hancock & Co., of Auckland for Gin production from a grain base. On the
question of Mead production Mr. Fraser advised that Mr. E.D. Williams was
still endeavouring to interest brewery holdings in Auckland and had made
some progress. Mr. J.R. Barber said that he had sold some heather honey
to a Mr. Parowski of Lower Hutt for mead making and believed that his client
was already producing and selling mead in fair quantities. The Secretary
doubted this report as his latest approaches to the Minister of Justice
had drawn a firm refusal to grant licences for the sale of Mead. Later

Mr. Porowski attended the meeting at the request of Mr. Barber and it transpired that he had been successful in obtaining a licence to produce and sell "Honey Wine." From this it was deduced that the Ministry of Justice was drawing a distinction between "Mead" and "Wine," all wines having to conform to a certain low specification of alcoholic content. After Mr. Porowski had departed Mr. Chandler suggested that the Secretary write to Mr. Roger Morse at the Cornell University, Ithaca, New York who had carried out some highly successful experiments in mead making and who had reputedly developed a very fine yeast for the purpose. It was considered that Mr. Morse may be willing to pass on some useful information regarding his experiments.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1.00pm.

Resumption 2.15pm.

MEETING WITH H.M.A. CHAIRMAN.

Mr. W.W. Nelson the new Chairman of the H.M.A. who had been elected since the previous meeting of the Executive waited upon the meeting. He made it clear that his visit was primarily a goodwill one and that one of his foremost concerns was the promotion of harmony and understanding between the Authority and the Executive. The proposed Second Grade Pack was discussed in general terms as were a number of other matters before Mr. Nelson departed.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BILL.

The Secretary reviewed the steps which had been taken in an endeavour to obtain beekeeper representation on the proposed Registration Board, the composition of which was set out in the draft Bill which had been referred to the Executive for comment. He advised that he had not yet received any reply to his representations. Telephone communication was had with the Director - General of Agriculture at this juncture of the meeting and it was learned that recommendations on proposed representation had been forwarded by the Director to the Minister but that the matter was confidential until the Minister had had an opportunity of studying the matter.

RESOLVED. (Chandler / Gumbrell)

"THAT THE MINISTER BE ADVISED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BILL IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE INDUSTRY IN ITS PRESENT FORM IN THAT NO PROVISION IS MADE FOR BEEKEEPER REPRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED REGISTRATION BOARD."

LIFE ASSURANCE AGENCY PROPOSAL.

The Secretary reported on the development of negotiations between the Assn. and the M.L.C. Life Assurance Co for the Association to act as a sponsoring body for all forms of life Assurance for beekeepers in return for ^{an} introductory commission. The Company now proposed to inaugurate the scheme on a trial basis in the Otago - Southland area on the following conditions:-

1. General Secretary to prepare a circular letter of introduction from the Assn. to beekeepers in the area acquainting them with the scheme and advising specifically,
 - (a) That a representative of the M.L.C. Assurance Co will be calling on them shortly to discuss their life assurance requirements.
 - (b) That the Assn will receive an introductory commission where any business is written.
 - (c) That there is absolutely no obligation to take life assurance with the M.L.C.
2. General Secretary to supply a list of names and addresses of beekeepers in the area so that the Coy can post out the circular letters at intervals to enable fairly rapid personal follow - up.
3. General Secretary to service any enquiries ^{or} on complaints by mail.
4. Coy. to pay the Assn. 20% of first years premium as an introductory commission.
5. Coy to pay General Secretary by way of private arrangement a 10% introductory commission in recompense for extraordinary duties outside the those/The association in the conduct of the scheme.
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6. Coy to be responsible for collection of all renewal premiums and the maintenance of the contracts

After lengthy discussion it was finally RESOLVED (CHANDLER / JAY)

" THAT THE EXECUTIVE ACCEPT THE INTRODUCTORY AGENCY FROM THE M.L.C. ASSURANCE
FOR THE TRIAL AREA PROPOSED AND ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ALREADY AGREED
ON WITH THE COMPANY".

(Messrs. Gumbrell & Barber were opposed)

MEETING ADJOURNED 10.0.pm.

Resumption 9.0am 26th February.

HEAVY TRAFFIC LICENCES.

Correspondence and circular advices to members in this matter were reviewed. It was agreed that individual beekeepers who wished to operate vehicles of over 6½ tons gross laden weight against the rail should undertake their own appeals to the licensing authorities and that the Executive should not actively interfere unless the decisions of the authorities were manifestly unjust and prejudicial to the best interests of the industry. Mr. Bray stated that he understood Mr. P. Berry of Havelock North had located a loophole in the re-licensing regulations and suggested that the Secretary write to him for information.

GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID.

Following the reports to members on the latest discussions conducted by the Chairman and Secretary with the Minister from which had arisen the Government proposal to increase the incidence of the Seals Levy as a means of bolstering the payout to H.M.A. Suppliers, later correspondence with the Minister was reviewed and a late reply from the Minister dated 25th February was considered. The Minister advised that he could not agree with the objections to the proposal which the Executive had raised and intimated that Government was not prepared to go further in the matter of financial aid.

RESOLVED. (Fraser/Gumbrell)

"THAT THE MINISTER BE INFORMED THAT, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF HIS LETTER DATED 25TH FEBRUARY 1959 IN REPLY TO OUR FAIR REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF NEW ZEALAND HONEY PRODUCERS, WE NOW FEEL WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO ADVISE BEEKEEPERS IN THE DARKER HONEY- PRODUCING AREAS THAT THE FUTURE HOLDS NO BETTER PROSPECTS FOR RECOUPING THEIR COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND THAT THEIR CONTINUED PRODUCTION IS A MATTER FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL DECISION."

ASSOCIATION FINANCE.

This matter was held over for discussion at the next Executive meeting by which time the results of the full years working would be available and a better assessment of the position possible.

RICE CONTROL DIVISION SURVEY.

Correspondence between the Association and the Division preparatory to the carrying out of the survey of honey-producers accounts was reviewed in conjunction with the confidential circulars from the Secretary relating to discussions which he had had with the Division. As the survey was still in progress there was little to be discussed but endorsement was given to the Secretary's

representations to the Division on behalf of the Executive.

1959 CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Gumbrell and the Secretary reported on the preliminary arrangements made by the South Canterbury Branch for the hosting of the 1959 Conference in Timaru on 14th, 15th and 16th July. Halls had been booked for day sessions by the Branch. "Post Mortem " questionnaires from the last conference were analysed with a view to improving Conference planning. It was decided to leave Conference programming in the hands of the General Secretary.

BEEKEEPING FILMS.

Replies from U.S.A. and England on the availability of new beekeeping films were tabled. It ^was decided to forward these to the Superintendant of Beekeeping with a request that further suitable films be obtained for use at instructional and educational gatherings.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE.

Was read and dealt with as follows-

TO. Manager, N.Z. Honey marketing Authority conveying Conference Resolutions - approved.

FROM Same in reply (Previously circulated) - received.

To Director of Horticulture - conference resolutions - approved.

FROM Same in reply - received.

TO. Director, American Honey Institute re honey recipes.

FROM. Same in reply forwarding copies of two booklets of honey recipes -received -no action.

TO. The Principal, American Dental Association re significance of honey in the incidence of dental caries.

FROM. Same in reply and enclosing treatise on causes of dental caries - received.

FROM. H.Winslade, West Otago Branch advising that Branch had gone into recess and forwarding balance of funds. - Received.

TO. Same in reply - approved.

FROM W.W.Nelson - re Seals Levy proposal - received.

PROPOSED AIRWORK SYMPOSIUM.

The Secretary's action in making tentative arrangements for N.B.A. participation in the addresses at the proposed Air Work Symposium being arranged

by the Civil Aviation Department was endorsed.

Mr. Gumbrell advised that he would be willing to attend and give an address provided the times and venue, when set, were convenient. It was considered that the Dept. of Agriculture should be approached to release Mr. I. Forster also for an address at the symposium.

OVERSEAS STUDY.

The desirability of obtaining up to date knowledge on American developments in honey-house plant by sending a specialist to U.S.A. on a tour of study was discussed. It was suggested that the cost of approximately £1200 for a four-months tour could be raised by subscription. After discussion it was considered that the matter would best be brought forward as a remit at next conference when the possible level of financial support could be better gauged.

EXECUTIVE RESIGNATION.

A letter of resignation was received from Mr. G.E. Gumbrell following his election to the H.M.A. In accepting the resignation the Chairman and fellow Executive members paid tribute to the interest and devotion which Mr. Gumbrell had shown during his term of office and wished him well in his new sphere of influence. Mr. Gumbrell suitably replied.

REPRESENTATION ON FEDERATED FARMERS.

The Secretary drew attention to the fact that Mr. E.A. Field was still recognised by Federated Farmers as the Association's official representative on their Dominion Council despite the fact that he had not held any official post in the N.B.A. for some years. It was RESOLVED (Fraser/Bray)

" THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY (MR. R.A. FRASER) BE APPOINTED THE ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVE IN VIEW OF MR. FIELD AND THAT THE FEDERATION AND MR. FIELD BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY."

NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBER.

RESOLVED (Fraser/Bray)

" THAT MR. S. GRAHAM OF WEST COAST BE APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY MR. GUMBRELL'S RESIGNATION."

This concluded the business of the meeting which then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

.....13/7.....1959

.....*J. Fraser*.....CHAIRMAN.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman), J.R. Barber, R. Chandler, J.K. Bray, J.I. Jay, S. Graham and the General Secretary, Mr. R.A. Fraser.

ATTENDING: Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of the New Zealand 'Beekeeper'.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held in Wellington on 26th and 27th February 1959, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as read on the motion of Mr. Bray seconded by Mr. Chandler.

H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Mr. J.W. Fraser as the Executives' representative on the Honey Marketing Authority discussed at some length the affairs of the Authority in elaboration of his previously circulated written reports of meetings. Discussion of marketing matters ensued until the luncheon adjournment at 1.p.m. and ended with a vote of confidence in Mr. Fraser as representative on the Authority.

The meeting resumed at 2.15.p.m. when the Executive met Mr. A.M.W. Greig, Director of Horticulture and Mr. E. Smaellie, Superintendant of Beekeeping.

RE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BILL:

Mr. Greig advised that the Bill was on the list of legislation to be considered by Parliament this session. Members asked what safeguards would be afforded beekeepers during this Spring and Summer spraying season. Mr. Greig advised in reply that the Apiary Protection Regulations were still in force and would be operative during this period. He would be prepared to consider representations from the Executive for an extension of these regulations if such an extension was considered necessary although he personally held the view that the existing regulations provided reasonable protection for beekeepers against the application of toxic pesticides.

RE DIPLOMA IN APICULTURE:

The Secretary read correspondence from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture in which the Secretary of the Institute expressed a desire to have the syllabus for the proposed diploma course finalised as soon as possible so that examinations could be held next year. He was looking to Mr. Greig (a member of the Examining Board) and the Executive to reach finality on the syllabus at this meeting. Copies of the draft syllabus were again considered by members of the Executive and after lengthy consideration a number of minor amendments were made to the prescriptions. It was resolved (Barber/Graham) "That the proposed syllabus for the Diploma Course in Apiculture as amended be endorsed by this Executive." The Secretary, when writing to the Institute was asked to stress the point that a Diploma Course was required and not a certificate of proficiency course.

POISONED HONEY: Mr. Greig referred to the Department's action in closing an area in the Bay of Plenty to beekeeping where tute and other

plants which secreted a poisonous nectar were profuse. After closing the area the Department had received a complaint of poisoned honey which had arisen through an unregistered apiary being placed in the area. He asked whether the Executive considered that the Department should prosecute the offender and risk bad publicity for honey generally or whether educational steps should be taken quietly by the Department to make beekeepers in the area aware of the danger. The Executive considered that the latter course was preferable and Mr. Greig advised that the Superintendent of Beekeeping would shortly be going to the area and communicating with all beekeepers to discourage them of entering the area at present closed.

HONEY MEAD: Mr. Greig was asked what his Department's official attitude was towards granting of licenses for the production and sale of Honey Mead. The question was asked because in two recent applications to the Court for such licenses the Government Viticulturist (a member of Mr Greig's department) had opposed the applications. Mr. Greig stated that his Department had no official policy on Honey Mead although he personally could see no objection to the production and sale of Mead of a good quality. Although discussion on this matter was of a lengthy nature little satisfaction was achieved by the time Mr. Greig and Mr. Smaellie withdrew from the meeting at 4.30.p.m.

Discussion at this stage reverted marketing matters while the Secretary was absent preparing material for the following days opening of Conference. The meeting finally adjourned at 5.45.p.m.

Resumption - 8.0.p.m.

The President was absent at a meeting of the Honey Marketing Authority and accordingly Mr. J.R. Barber, Vice-President, presided at the Meeting. Business was considered as follows:-

AIRWORK SYMPOSIUM:

The Secretary reported that the Association had been represented at the Wanganui Airwork Symposium by Mr. G.E. Gumbrell and Mr. I.W. Forster and detailed steps which had led up to the delivering of a joint address by these two people at the Symposium. A report on the presentation of the paper was to hand from Mr. Gumbrell and reports from those attending indicated that the Association's effort in representing the beekeepers attitude on Toxic Agricultural Chemicals and their dangers to Honey Bees had been well worthwhile. It was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Gumbrell and Mr. Forster.

EDITOR'S REPORT: A written report from Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of the "New Zealand Beekeeper" was received and considered. Amongst other comments, Mr. McFadzien reported the rising tendency of costs in the printing of the Journal resulting mainly from enlarged issues, the use of photographs and a slightly more elaborate layout. Members in considering the report felt that the changed format of the journal was a considerable improvement and considered that no major reduction in size or features should be undertaken unless costs showed a further tendency to increase. On the Motion of Messrs. Bray and Chandler the Editor's Report was adopted and a vote of thanks passed to Mr.

McFadzien for his excellent work in the production of the industry's mouthpiece. Approval was given for the publication of a short history of West Coast Beekeeping to be published over the four issues of next year to mark the centenary of Beekeeping in the West Coast.

LIFE ASSURANCE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME:

The Secretary expanded his previous written report to members on this matter and advised that the M.L.C. Assurance Company had not yet put the scheme into operation as intended owing to personnel changes in the Otago-Southland area. Formal Agency agreements were being forwarded to Timaru for completion by the Executive. There was no discussion on this matter at this stage.

PRICE CONTROL DIVISION SURVEY:

The Price Control Division now planned to seek further sets of accounts from certain beekeepers who had not originally responded to the Divisions request for information. The Secretary reported that the Division had promised to consult with the Superintendant of Beekeeping in this regard following a meeting which he had had with Officers of the Division recently. The Division had also signified its willingness to extend the period of survey so as to make due allowance for the low Dominion crop of Honey experienced during the past season. Members agreed that no further action could be taken at the moment and this business was passed over after brief general discussion.

CROP ESTIMATES: Mr. Bray raised the matter of the Department of Agriculture's annual crop estimates and the fact that they were generally recognised in beekeeping circles as being far wide of the mark due to the method of estimating which the Department employed. He sought support for the Executive to undertake an independent survey of 1960 Honey crops by means of a confidential circular questionnaire addressed to all beekeepers so that the present inaccuracies in the Departments estimates could be brought to light and proved. This matter was discussed at some length, the general ^{consensus} of opinion being that the Executive could not hope to get records from all producers and this would make any results virtually valueless. It was suggested that possibly the Department of Agriculture could be influenced to obtain crop figures by means of questionnaire as a trial in one year but no decision was reached in this regard.

HONEY MEAD: Mr. Barber and the Secretary reported on Mr. Parowski's latest difficulties with the Health Department over labelling of his Honey Wine for sale. A full discussion was held on all matters relative to licensing but as two remits which were to come before Conference dealt with similar businesses a decision on future action by the Executive was deferred.

BALANCE SHEET AND ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary presented the Annual Report and Audited copy of the Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st May 1959. It was noted ^{that} although income in the general account increased during the year no great effect had been shown in reducing the working deficit carried forward from the previous year. A

number of suggested means of further increasing revenue were considered without finality being reached and at length the Report and Annual Accounts were received and adopted on the motion of Messrs. Barber and Bray.

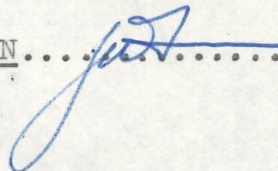
CONSIDERATION OF REMITS:

Brief consideration was given to the subject of Remits coming before Conference and in this regard it was decided to recommend to Conference that Nos. 23 and 24 be decided by delegates vote and it was further decided that nos. 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 29 be offered to Conference for Group Discussion prior to decision.

There being no further major items of business the meeting concluded after brief discussion on general matters.

CONFIRMED

DATE.....20th Oct 1959.....

CHAIRMAN..........

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE GROSVENOR HOTEL, TIMARU, ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY 1959 COMMENCING AT 3.40.PM.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman), J.R. Barber, J.K. Bray, J.I. Jay, T.E. Pearson, L. Holt and the General Secretary, Mr. R.A. Fraser.

ATTENDING: Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor N.Z. 'Beekeeper'.

WELCOME: The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the new members of the Executive Messrs. Pearson and Holt and expressed the hope that the harmonious relations which had existed during the previous years term of the Executive would continue in the new year to the benefit of the Association.

APPOINTMENT OF N.B.A. REPRESENTATIVE TO HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Bray that Mr. J.W. Fraser be re-appointed as the Association representative on the Honey Marketing Authority for the ensuing year.

LIFE ASSURANCE - AGENCY AGREEMENT:

Draft Agreements from the M.L.C. Assurance Company were to hand through the mail embodying the terms of arrangement previously arrived at between the Executive and the Company for the Association to sponsor Life Assurance through the M.L.C. in the Otago and Southland areas for beekeepers in those areas. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Jay seconded Mr. Barber "That the Executive now execute the Agreement and that the Common Seal of the Association be affixed in the presence of the President, the General Secretary and Mr. J.K. Bray."

SUBMISSIONS TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

Submissions having previously been drafted and approved by the Executive in the matter of the Government Investigation into the marketing system for Honey it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Fraser seconded Mr. Pearson "That Mr. J.R. Barber be authorised to present the Executive's submissions to the Minister of Agriculture if able to secure an interview with the Minister when passing through Wellington the following day, Friday 17th July 1959. This concluded the business of the Special Meeting which then terminated.

CONFIRMED

DATE..20th 07.1959...

CHAIRMAN.....

to Editor,

12 July

Dear Mr Goss,

I wish to advise, for publication in the next issue of the "NZ Beekeeper" that the president of the Waikato Branch is now Mr. B.W. Forsyth. R.D.3. Ohaupo. Secretary as before

Personal.

Mr. D. Carey, a well known beekeeper of Huntly, has been elected to the Waikato Hospital Board.

Yours Faithfully.
H. P. Mack.

Secretary.

REPORT AND MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE HELD IN
THE GRAND HOTEL WELLINGTON, ON 20TH AND 21ST OCTOBER, 1959,
COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.W. Fraser (Chairman) J.R. Barber, J.I. Jay, J.K. Bray, T. Pearson, L. Holt and the General Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser.)

ATTENDING:- Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor N.Z. Beekeeper.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Resolved on the motion of Messrs Holt and Jay that the Minutes of the meetings held in Timaru on 13th and 16th July, 1959 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

INVESTIGATION INTO HONEY MARKETING: The Chairman confirmed that the main purpose of this meeting was to meet the Government Committee Investigating Honey Marketing for general discussions and clarification of Branch submissions; the presentation of such further submissions from the Executive thought desirable. The Chairman sought agreement with:—

- a. The proposed order of the proceedings for the meeting as set out in the Agenda paper and
- b. The invitation extended to the Chairman on the Honey Marketing Authority to attend the discussions with the Committee.

Endorsement was given by the Executive in both cases. (It was subsequently learnt that the Chairman of the Authority had not yet returned from U.K. and would therefore not be present.)

SUBSIDY AT POINT OF WHOLESALE. The Chairman explained that this proposal, which had emanated from a conference notice of motion, had not been conveyed to the Minister with other submissions previously made by the Executive because the Executive in common with branches had had no opportunity to study it's full ramifications before the time that the previous submissions were made. He now invited discussion on this matter and Mr. Bray was asked to elaborate the

After full discussion, merit was conceded in many of the features outlined by Mr. Bray but three major points of disagreement were expressed as follows:-

1. The scheme would not provide the Authority with sufficient additional finance to substantially improve the payout to suppliers.
2. Too much control would be vested in the hands of merchants under the scheme.
3. The amount of finance required to make the scheme operate effectively was unlikely to be forthcoming from Government in the form of a direct subsidy.

BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMITTEE: The Chairman read a draft Statement summarizing in broad outline the position of the honey industry, the relative functions of the Authority and the Executive and the variable factors which the industry had to face in production and marketing. He sought opinion as to whether this statement would form a reasonable basis on which to commence informal discussions with the Investigating Committee later in the day. After full and lengthy discussion agreement was expressed with the form of approach outlined by the Chairman.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS: The Secretary reported on the action taken to date in dealing with Conference Remits Nos. 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 25, 26, 31, 33, and 34 which had been endorsed at Conference and in this connection read correspondence as follows:-

To The Manager, N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority. Approved. No reply to hand.

To Minister of Agriculture. Approved. No reply to hand.

To The Director General of Agriculture. Approved. No reply to hand.

To The Manager, N.Z. Railways Dept. re Freight Rates for Honey carriage. Approved.

From General Manager, N.Z. Railways Dept. advising that no further concessions would be given to beekeepers in the matter of freight rates for honey cases in shooks. Received. No further

CONFERENCE VENUE 1960. (Conference Remit No.1.) Resolved
(Pearson/Barber) "that the 1960 Conference of the Association be held in Auckland."

LICENSING FOR HONEY MEAD: (Conference Remits Nos. 9 and 10.)
The Secretary advised why action on these two remits had been withheld and the Executive decided to defer consideration of action to be taken until after Mr. Parowski (the only person at present holding a valid licence to produce and sell mead) met the Executive later in the day to outline the difficulties which he was experiencing with Health Authorities and the Justice Department.

(The Executive met Mr. Parowski at 5.30 p.m. but no decision was made as to the action which should be taken in implementing the Conference decisions.)

INCIDENCE OF TAXATION. (Conference Remit No. 28.) This remit urged the Executive to investigate the incidence of taxation in the Honey Industry and to make representations to the Inland Revenue Department for provisions to be made enabling beekeepers to spread their taxation liability over seasons of fluctuating income. The views of the General Secretary were sought from his experience as a practising accountant and after full consideration it was decided on the motion of Messrs. Pearson and Bray "that no action be taken."

CROP SURVEY: Further to the Conference Resolution expressing doubt at the correctness of the Department of Agriculture's Annual Estimate of total honey crops and requesting the Executive to conduct an independent survey to verify the figure it was resolved (Bray/Pearson) "that a questionnaire seeking from all individual producers the quantity of honey produced during the 1958/59 season be included in the November issue of the Journal."

N.B.A. REPRESENTATIVE ON H.M.A. - TERM OF APPOINTMENT. The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Gazette notice under

the Honey Marketing Regulations advising his reappointment as a member of the Honey Marketing Authority had fixed his term of appointment as three years whereas the Executive had always assumed that it had the power to recommend to the Minister re-appointments annually following the Election of a new Executive at each Dominion Conference. After discussion of various aspects of N.B.A. Representation it was resolved (Pearson/Holt) "That the Minister be advised of the Executive's understanding of the N.B.A. Appointment to the Honey Marketing Authority and it asked that the regulations be amended to permit any incoming Executive to change it's Representative annually if so desired."

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1.p.m. for lunch.

RESUMPTION: The meeting resumed at 2.p.m. and the afternoon session was completely occupied in informal discussions with Messrs. Purser and Greenberg of the Government Committee investigating the Honey Marketing position. The meeting adjourned at 5.30.p.m.

TUESDAY. 21ST OCTOBER.

Resumption 9.30.a.m.

SUBMISSIONS ON HONEY MARKETING: Members considered it advisable to clarify their views on matters which had been discussed earlier with the committee and after full and lengthy discussion the following submissions were finalised:-

1. That the whole of the operations of the Honey Marketing Authority be fully investigated by properly qualified Industrial Efficiency Consultants in order that the operational and administrative efficiency of the Authority may be definitely established.
2. That the present constitution of the Authority and the method under which elections of members are held meet the requirements of the Industry but it is recommended that some procedure be laid down by the Authority for

dealing effectively with the possibility of deadlock in the election of Authority Chairman. Direct representation of the National Beekeepers Association on the Honey Marketing Authority is important for an effective and harmonious relationship between the two bodies and accordingly must be retained.

3. That it is the decided opinion of the industry as a whole that the Authority should sell honey entrusted to it to the best advantage making the fullest possible use of the local market where considered desirable or necessary but without undue restriction of private enterprise.
4. That the present grading system be reaffirmed.
5. That the seals levy as at present established be retained AND that the fund so created be subsidised by Government. Provided however, that the Industry would desire the levy to be abolished in the interest of reducing consumer prices and increasing consumption so long as sufficient funds are made available from other sources to enable the Honey Marketing Authority to operate in the proper fulfilment of its objects.
6. That any increase in the seals levy is strongly opposed.
7. That any levy such as the seals levy should be enforced by arranging to have containers suitably imprinted at source of manufacture.
8. That the Honey Marketing Authority be relieved of its Stock Debt by having it transferred to a permanent fluctuating Reserve Bank overdraft at not more than 1% interest.

Resolved (Barber/Jay) "That this statement of views be approved for presentation to the committee." (Carried unanimously).

CONFERENCE REPORT: The Secretary referred to the fact that under normal conditions obtaining at Conferences of the Association it was

practically impossible for him to compile the official Report of the Conference in addition to carrying out his other duties and that while this job had been undertaken previously through the engagement of a conference stenographer at fees ranging up to 30 guineas the report this year had been compiled by the Editor at the request of the General Secretary, and had proved one of the most accurate and adequate reports which had ever been obtained on Conference Proceedings. The Chairman and the Secretary considered that this work was outside the normal scope of duties which the Editor was required to perform and after discussion it was resolved (Fraser/Barber)

"that the Editor be paid £15 for the recording and compilation of the report of the 1959 Conference of the Association."



SUNDRY CORRESPONDENCE: Was read and dealt with as follows:-

To N.Z. Institute of Horticulture. re diploma course. Approved.
From Same. in reply. received.
To Messrs. I.W. Forster and G. Gumbrell conveying thanks for efforts at Agricultural year work symposium. Approved.
To Director General of Agriculture. re Association Representative on H.M.A. Approved.
From M.L.C. Assurance Company Ltd. returning Agency Agreements and advising that the scheme had not yet got properly under way. Received.
From. Superintendant of Beekeeping advising list of Beekeeping films available in this country. Received.
From Mr. R.R. Chandler advising preliminary arrangements for addressing Federated Farmers in Hamilton on Nectar Secretion in Clover. Received.

PROPOSED LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR MR.A.BATES: The following resolution was received from the South Auckland Branch. "That a recommendation be made to the Executive that Mr.A.Bates be elected a life member of the N.B.A." Decided that Secretary should write to the Branch pointing out the circumstances under which life membership of the Association was granted and asking the Branch to forward a biography of Mr. Bate's activities in the service of the Industry in support of his nomination.

NECTAR SECRETION IN CLOVER: A further resolution from the South Auckland Branch was received asking that the investigations asked for by Conference be carried out in the Waikato area. It was decided to refer this matter to the Director of Horticulture for comment and advice, before reply.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1.15.p.m. for luncheon.

RESUMPTION: At 2.p.m. the meeting resumed for further discussions with the Honey Marketing Investigation Committee and to present the Statement of Views decided upon earlier. Discussions with the committee lasted until 4.p.m. when the committee members withdrew after thanking the Executive for the co-operation which it had extended. Before the committee retired the Chairman conveyed a plea by the Executive that some indication of what assistance may be expected from Government be given to the Honey Marketing Authority in time for it's meeting early in November at which time the conditions for supply of the 1960 Honey Crop were settled.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE: At 4.p.m. the Executive received Mr. A.M.W. Greig, Director of Horticulture and Mr. E. Smaellie, Superintendant of Beekeeping for an informal discussions on matters of mutual interest. Mr. Greig was able to advise that the Agricultural Chemicals Bill had been passed with the inclusion of beekeeper representation of the Agricultural Chemicals Board and he suggested that the Executive give early consideration to the question of it's appointee on the Board because of the large amount of study which would be required before the Board held it's first meeting.

With regard to the Diploma Course in apiculture Mr. Greig advised that the prospectus had now been finalised by the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture and that examinations were expected to commence next year.

After further discussion on various matters Messrs. Greig and Smaellie withdrew from the meeting at 5.45.p.m.

ASSOCIATION FINANCE: The Editor advised that he had received from Mr. Kevin Ecroyd of Christchurch an alternative proposal for future publications of the N.Z. Beekeeper using a photographic-copy-printing process which was considerably cheaper than standard methods of printing. There were however a number of draw-backs to this system of printing a Journal and it was considered that this alternative should be resorted to only if the financial position of the Association made future production under the present method impossible. The General Secretary pointed out that it was still too early in the year to obtain an accurate assessment of the Associations true financial position for the current year and it was decided to leave the question of a change in Journal publication methods to the Editor, Secretary, and President to decide in the light of the financial position obtaining at the end of November.

After brief discussion of general topics the meeting terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE.....

20th June 1960.

CHAIRMAN.....

Acting J.R. Barber.