



National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated

"BETTER BEEKEEPING — BETTER MARKETING"

Minutes of a meeting held in the Druids Club Rooms, Druids Chambers, Woodward Street, Wellington, commencing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday 7th March 1972 and continuing until Thursday 8th March 1972.

PRESENT:

Mr. D.M. Forsyth - President
Mr. I. Dickinson - Vice President
Messrs. P.H. Bartrum, H.D. Cloake, R.L. Jansen,
Mr. E.L. Neal, General Secretary
Mr. L.W. Goss, Editor of N.Z. Beekeeper

OPENING:

Mr. Forsyth declared the meeting open and extended a welcome to all members.
He said he understood that crop reports were not good. It was quite some considerable time since all members of the Executive had met and he was sure they would all be looking forward to this meeting to deal with all the matters which had accrued.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Whalley had been in touch with the President and the Secretary regarding non-attendance on Tuesday 7th March 1972.
On the motion of Mr. Forsyth, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that Mr. Whalley be granted leave of absence for 7 March 1972.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th and 8th September 1971 were queried for accuracy in two places.
On Page 3, heading "Conference 1971", Mr. Cloake said that the words "and escort them to their places" should be inserted after the word "arrived" and before the word "preferably" in the fourth line of the narration.
Mr. Cloake said that on page 6 in the second paragraph under Concept 4 the words "covering a producer levy" should be inserted in the second line between the word "remit" and the word "which" and the words "at Greymouth in 1971" be added on the second line after the word "Conference".
On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 7th and 8th September 1971, as amended above and as previously circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Wheams:

The Secretary reported that he had had an acknowledgment from this firm advising that they were investigating complaints about defective containers and had also had a reply from the General Manager of the E.M.S. stating that he had the matter continually under scrutiny.

(b) Discount Service:

The Secretary reported that he had had a reply from Federated Farmers on this matter and in the Secretary's opinion the easiest method would be for members of the Association to avail themselves of the Federated Farmers' scheme.

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(c) Carriage of Bees:

The Secretary reported that he had had consultations with an officer of the M.A.C. in this connection and it was agreed that endeavours should be made to have an officer of the Corporation attend the Executive meeting.

(d) President's Honorarium:

The President said that a member had queried the increase in his honorarium, but it was noted that this was by resolution in the September meeting and that Mr. Forsyth had abstained from voting.

(e) Level of Remuneration for Diplomaholders:

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Secretary write again to the Secretary of the Royal Institute of Horticulture to ascertain what progress had been made by the latter in his submissions to the State Services Commission.

(f) Honey Deal:

Mr. Bartrum said that at the time of the previous meeting of September 1971, he had seen a law draughtsman of the Crown Law Office and subsequently had seen the Private Secretary of Mr. D.J. Riddiford, the then Minister of Justice.

The Executive thought that this matter should be pursued.

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that a deputation of the Executive consisting of Messrs. Bartrum and Dickinson, endeavour to see the new Minister of Justice, Sir Roy Jack, during the term of this Executive meeting.

To this end the Secretary contacted a Mr. Tidswell, Private Secretary to Sir Roy Jack, asking him what progress had been made.

Mr. Tidswell telephoned back on 7 March 1972 and said in essence that the Government has decided to include in the next amendment to the Sale of Liquor Act, an amendment to allow manufacturers to sell Honey Deal - however, they could not sell direct to the public but must sell to holders of resellers' licenses.

The Secretary rang Mr. Tidswell and asked:

- (a) whether there were any indications when the legislation would be introduced;
- (b) whether a manufacturer could apply for a resellers' license.

Mr. Tidswell's replies were respectively:

- (a) he had no indication;
 - (b) the question was too technical for him.
- It was agreed that the Secretary should pursue this matter.

AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS:

The President said he had received a letter from a Mr. John L. Guilfoyle regarding an Australian Congress and mentioned that the Secretary had approached the Department of Agriculture re potential speakers. The President also reported on cost of travel which had been supplied by the Editor, Mr. L.W. Coes. On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Secretary reply to Mr. Guilfoyle advising him that the Association could not make arrangements for an organised tour as such, because of the timing, the reported poor honey crops and the fact that the Association was having its Conference and Annual General Meeting in July in the North Island and a South Island Seminar was to be held early in September, but that the Association make an offer to publicise the event editorially in the next issue of the "N.Z. Beekeeper" for support by individual beekeepers.

CARRIAGE OF BEES
BY AIR:

The President reported he understood Mr. Haines was being affected to a great degree by the ruling of the N.A.C. on the carriage of bees. The President said he understood that the airmailing of queen bees was permissible, but of course, this took a day longer in transit than airfreight. Mr. White, another queen breeder was concerned about this delay, it had affected Mr. Forayth in that it was necessary for him to pick up bees on a Saturday. On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that an approach be made to an officer of the N.A.C. to see if suitable fabric bags to contain packages of queen bees would be acceptable.

PACKAGE OF BEES:

(2 lb. of bees)
It was agreed to ask the officer of N.A.C. about this also.

REPLIES FROM DEPARTMENTS
ON REMITS:

Remit No. 7
Mailto re H.A.A. having adequate finance at 1%.
It was agreed that in the absence of any report from the Caucus Committee, this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.
Other replies on remits were noted.

ASSOCIATION'S
REPRESENTATIVE ON
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL
BOARD:

The Secretary tabled a letter from the Director-General of Agriculture advising that the term of office of Mr. T. Pearson expired on 31 March 1972 and asking whom the Association wished to nominate for the ensuing term of three years. On the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Bartrum, it was resolved that Mr. T. Pearson be re-appointed subject to his consent.

SOUTH ISLAND SEMINAR:

The Secretary reported having received a copy of a letter from Mr. I.H. Forbes of the Horticultural Division of the Department of Agriculture to Mr. H.D. Cloake re a South Island Beekeepers' seminar.

Mr. Cloake reported that this will probably be timed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday 31 August, 1 and 2 September 1972, the second day being the field day.

He advised that Mr. Vince Cook was on the Committee.

Some of the ideas being considered were:

1. Economic Use of Time
2. Economics of Mechanisation
3. Financial construction - what is an economic unit ?
4. Economic Carrying Capacity of Area
Survey of Honey Producing Areas
5. Honey Producing ...
6. Economics of Artificial Feeding
7. Colony Management

It was also envisaged that there would be a panel discussion and it appeared that a good speaker was necessary to speak in lighter vein on beekeeping in the past and beekeeping in the future. The next meeting of the Seminar Sub-Committee was to be held on 21 March 1972.

It was possible that the Venice Bay Tearooms or Seven Oaks at Timaru would be used and Mr. Cloake advised that an overseas lecturer was a possibility. The Committee comprised Messrs. Cook, Dawson, Robbin, Little, Cosky and Cloake.

The President thanked Mr. Cloake for his report and thought the matter was in capable hands and a lot of

thought had been given to this question.

ROSEWA:

Mr. Jansen said that his area was experiencing a lot of problems with this disease. He estimated that production had been cut by half in certain localities and asked what could be done. He said that Mr. Walton had detected signs of this disease in the Taupo area. The President said that he had had the same experience as Mr. Jansen with December and January appearing to be the worst months, but that he had also had the problem in the autumn.

SWEET CLOVER -
(MELILOTUS ALBA):

Mr. Bartrum reported that efforts had been made to import blue clover seed. He understood that two sacks had been imported into Wellington. Mr. Cloake said some had been grown in Southland for seed. He thought Beekeepers should obtain it and if necessary give it to farmers to grow. One possible disadvantage was that one strain of this seed caused bleeding in cattle if they ate too much of it. On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Secretary request the Crop Research Division at Lincoln University to run trial on Melilotus Alba to see what potential it had as a farming crop and secondly as an anti-erosion plant.

BLUE FORAGE:
(VIPER BUGLOSS OR
ECHIN VULGERE)

The Secretary was asked to follow up his letter of 1 October 1971 to the Horticultural Division of the Department of Agriculture with regard to the question of this (Viper Bugloss) being taken off the list of Noxious Weeds by the Department.

JAPANESE HONEY MISSION:

The President reported that he had been telephoned ten days previously by Mr. MacDonald of the H.M.A. re having a party of Japanese look over his property. This duly happened with a visit to Mr. Forsyth's plant in the morning and a visit to McKisack's in the afternoon. There were three gentlemen, Mr. Lucas, a liaison representative of Michimen, Mr. Yashima of Hand Mr. Otsuka, who was the Chief Honey Buyer of H.Z. Honey. Mr. Otsuka thought that New Zealand bees were very quiet compared with their Japanese counterparts. He said that production in Japan was 100 lb. per hive. There seemed to be similar plants in Japan. Mr. Forsyth understood they were wanting large quantities of honey in Japan this year.

PORT AGRICULTURAL
OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Cloake reported that in the Timaru Herald on Saturday 30th October 1971, there was an article by Mr. T.W. Smith the Port Agricultural Officer. Amongst recent items intercepted during his inspection of all luggage from overseas was "some second-hand beekeeper equipment from the U.K.". This apparently was a bee veil. The potential danger of course, was the importation of mites which could cause scarring diseases.

CARRIAGE OF BEES BY
AIR:

At 4 p.m. Mr. Fergusson from H.A.C attended the meeting. He said there were large shipments of hive bees from Mr. Haines in Kaitiaki. Mr. Fergusson outlined the history to date. The President noted that animal history was still acceptable for the carriage of bees. Mr.

Fergusson commented on this by saying that the Post Office's standards were not so restrictive.

Mr. Fergusson said also that from the Corporation's point of view it seemed that the problem was:

- (a) to provide a suitable package for queen bees;
- (b) the carriage of hive bees appeared to be unacceptable unless there was some relatively revolutionary packaging idea evolved.

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Dickinson, it was resolved that the Secretary should write to Mr. P. White, Kano, via Ubungwe, asking for a specimen of his queen bee package of 25 for submission to the N.A.C. and suggesting to Mr. White that the top cover of cardboard be replaced by a more substantial material for protection against damage of the gauze.

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Secretary write to Mr. Haines inviting him to submit to the Executive a container which would be safer and therefore acceptable to the N.A.C. for the carriage of packaged or hive bees.

CADETSHIP AND SYLLABUS FOR NATIONAL DIPLOMA:

Mr. Dickinson read a report of what had been achieved by the Cadetship Investigation Committee. He said in addition that he knew of three or four cadets who could start in beekeeping straight away.

It would seem that the first move was for the N.D.A. to appoint a national cadetship co-ordinator.

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Cloake, it was resolved that Mr. Dickinson be the first national cadetship co-ordinator.

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Secretary write to Messrs. Heinemann and Cook thanking them for their services whilst they were members of the Cadetship Investigation Committee.

BECKKEEPING COURSE FOR STUDENTS AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY:

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Secretary write to Lincoln University inquiring whether any progress had been made towards including a beekeeping course for all students following the visit by Messrs. Bartrum and Penrose in May 1971 and the bringing down of suggestions in a subsequent report from the University.

REVIEW OF DIPLOMA SYLLABUS:

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Dickinson, it was resolved that Mr. Bob Walsh be approached and asked to give his recommendation on the widening of the scope for examiners for the diploma in Agriculture and the subject Practical Stage 3.

At 5.45 p.m. on 7 March 1972 on the Motion of Mr. Cloake seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Executive go into Committee.

At 6.22 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Executive come out of Committee and confirm the business done in Committee. At 6.25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until the following morning.

The meeting was resumed at 9.12 a.m. on Wednesday 8th March 1972.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. BIRD:

The President raised the question of earlier correspondence received from Mr. Bird and stated that in his opinion

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Mr. Bird had regarded the matter as being closed.
On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Bartrum, it
was resolved that no further action be taken in regard
to Mr. Bird's correspondence.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:
Armstrong & Springhall
H. & Brydon
Woodward Typing Co.

The Secretary tabled a list of accounts paid since the
last meeting and needing authorization and another list
of accounts to be authorized and paid.
On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Bartrum it
was resolved that the accounts as listed be approved
for payment.

Accounts paid but not yet authorized:
H.Z. Insurance
Woodward Typing Co.
Neal & Brydon

Val. Pub. Liab. 4.75
Pkg. Stat. 6.34
Fee 208.33
Postages 4.58
Exec. Mtg. 2.96 215.87
Pkg. Stat. 1.69

Armstrong & Springhall
L.W. Goss

192.50
Editors Hon. 42.85 235.35
Mag. Other 208.33

Neal & Brydon

Postages 3.08
Tolls 23.35
Pkg. Stat. 0.25 235.07
Stamp Duty 0.06
Pkg. Stat. 4.40
Mag. Other 19.72 15.12
Mag. Other 12.98

Woodward Typing Co.

Mag. Other 208.33

Photo Engravers Ltd
Neal & Brydon

Fee 4.91
Postages 0.06 213.30
Stamp Duty 2.50
Pkg. Stat. 0.96 3.46
Journal other 3.97

Woodward Typing Co.

Pkg. Stat. Plates

Armstrong & Springhall

Pkg. Stat. Plates

To be authorized and paid:

D.W. Morayth
R.W. Goss
I. Dickinson
E. Whalley

32.41
3.00
13.20
30.04

Accounts paid but not yet authorized:

White Heron Travel
F. Bartrum
H.Z. Insurance
Vavara Typewriter Co
Armstrong & Springhall
Boughtwood Pkg. House

Conference 71 Travel 215.75
Executive Travel 7.25
Val. Pub. Liab. J.P. McDonnell 6.37
Pkg. Stat. 7.56
" " 8.88
" " 210.00
Journal Printing 68.97 278.97
" Other 122.52
" " 2.00

White Heron Travel
Cheque Book
Neal & Brydon

Exec. Accommodation 208.33
Sundry 18.89
Fee 13.74
Postages 0.02
Exec. Mtg. Expenses 20.58 261.56
Stamp Duty 6.00
Tolls 181.58
Val. Pub. Liab. - C.W. Ballantyne 208.33
Pkg. Stat. 5.64
Fee 4.60 218.57
Postages 9.56
Pkg. Stat. 20.31
Mag. Other 46.30
Pkg. Stat. 27.64
Mag. Other 10.00 Conf.

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208.33
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Royal H.Z. Inst. of
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Subscription

Strong & Springhall	Ptg. Stat.		
Al & Brydon	Postages	208.33	4.62
	Tolls	7.12	
Woodward Typing Co	Ptg. Stat.	<u>12.26</u>	227.71
	Exec. Other	9.79	
Druids Club	Ptg. Stat.	<u>0.76</u>	10.55
Armstrong & Springhall	Exec. Other		20.00
A. Gyles & Sons	Ptg. Stat.		3.69
Boughtwood Ptg. House	Jnl. Ptg.	220.00	45.90
	" Other	56.00	
	" "	<u>14.00</u>	290.90

WAIKATO BRANCH:

A letter from the Waikato Branch was tabled concerning three points:

1. the dissatisfaction with the service and supply of cans from Alex Harvey Industries.
2. The Branch's disappointment in the harmless remits relating to wasp baits.
3. The control of use of tape recorders at Conferences.

(i) Alex Harvey Industries:

The President said that he had taken the opportunity of calling on this firm and complaining about the service and he had since one personal instance when his order was delivered within one week.

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Secretary write to Alex Harvey Industries advising them that there were numerous instances of beekeepers suffering serious delays in the supply of stock lines of honey containers with subsequent disruption of their sales.

(ii) Wasp Baits:

It was felt by the members of the Executive that the Wasp bait criticism was somewhat harsh. On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Cloake, it was resolved that the Secretary advise the Waikato Branch that the matter of wasp baits had been dealt with in the minutes of the September meeting of the Executive, and would also be dealt with on the 8 March 1972 with the departmental officers and that the Executive were actively pursuing the matter.

(iii) Tape Recorders:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Executive recommend that Chairmen of all Annual General Meetings of the Association ask members for a declaration of all tape recorders in their possession and then for the Chairman to rule on their use.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Executive go into Committee.

CONFERENCE 1972:

The Secretary tabled a letter from Mr. Haines, Secretary of the Far North Branch, received by him on 6 March 1972 but undated.

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Conference be held on Wednesday 12 July, 1972 Thursday 13th July 1972 and Friday 14 July 1972 up until midday and that the preceding Executive meeting be held on Monday 10 July 1972 and Tuesday 11 July 1972, starting at 9 a.m. sharp on Monday.

At this stage, 10.45 a.m., Mr. Whalley arrived at the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Secretary approach Mr. Allan Dick M.P.,

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN
CAMPAIGNING PRIOR TO
CONFERENCE:

to open the Conference and on the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that the Hon. D.J. Carter, be invited if Mr. Dick was not available.

PRICE FREEZE:

Mr. Whalley mentioned the Caucus Committee findings and said he was of the opinion that the Executive should be unanimous in what they proclaimed the industry should adopt.

This matter was not pursued and discussions lapsed.

The President reported that he understood the H.M.A. had applied for exemption for the price freeze, but no official communication had been received from the Authority and the information was only verbal.

Mr. Whalley said he was against the Association supporting any such application.

The President said he was associated with the last application.

Mr. Cloake said it appeared that applications could be made:

1. if the overseas price affected the local market.
2. if there were hardships.

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Association give full support to the H.M.A. application to have honey both wholesale and retail, exempted from the price freeze.

It was also Mr. Bartrum's move that the motion be put.

RESIGNATION STRATFORD:

The Secretary tabled a letter of resignation from Mr. Stratford on the grounds that:

1. the proposed \$10 levy;
2. the decreased income owing to the H.M.A. absurd pay offers;
3. the ineffective co-operation of the H.B.A. and Government.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that Mr. Stratford's resignation be accepted and that the Secretary advise him.

1. that the \$10 levy was not yet in effect and the fate of the Notice of Motion would be decided at the 1972 Conference;
2. that he should direct his criticism about the H.M.A. payouts to the H.M.A., whose Board comprised of duly and democratically elected members;
3. his attention should be drawn to Rule 18 wherein he would see that the Executive were elected by the members and that had he not resigned, he would have had a remedy by displacing the present Executive at the next Conference.

Secondly, that he still has a remedy in the 1972 General Elections to displace his local member if he is dissatisfied with the Government.

H.M.A. GRANT:

The President reported that following the application of 16 August 1971 to the H.M.A. for an increase in the grant from \$2000 to \$4000 per annum, an addition of \$1100 and \$550 had been received from the Authority on 9 December 1971 representing an increase in the half yearly grant from \$1450 to \$2000.

PRODUCER RELATIONS:

Mr. Jansen said he thought that the Authority's relations with producers could be improved. There appeared to be gaps in their circularising to suppliers and he thought also that members should be travelling around talking to suppliers.

Mr. Jansen said that one of the staff of the Authority

had told him that he thought that this was one of their weaknesses.

Mr. Goss advised that he had received no response to requests to the Authority for material for publication in the "E.Z. Beekeeper".

The President on the other hand, said that the General Manager had been telephoning suppliers and he had had one tour in the Waikato area and one tour in the Hawkes Bay area.

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Authority stressing the importance of greater communication between the Authority and its suppliers, the use of which, the Executive felt, could be of advantage to the Authority in encouraging greater quantities of honey being supplied to it and further that the Authority be urged to exploit the potential of the "E.Z. Beekeeper" in the editorial columns and further that the Authority develop more fully their present newsletter.

LOW PAY OUT FOR DARKER HONEY:

Mr. Jansen said that he thought that for darker honeys there was too drastic a downwards adjustment. He felt he was not alone in this opinion. After some discussion Mr. Bartrum moved that separate pools be kept for the South Island and the North Island areas and pay-outs be made accordingly.

This motion lapsed for want of a second.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Forsyth it was resolved that this Executive ask the H.M.A., for a re-examination of the grading system with a view to providing more categories. This would make matters worse for the darker honeys.

IMPORTATION OF HONEY:

The President reported on what had transpired to date. An official submission had been sent to the Comptroller of Customs and copy to A. Dick and these had been acknowledged.

The Association's grounds for opposing the importation were:

1. the viability of the industry
2. the risk of the importation of diseases.

Mr. Bartrum had expressed the wish that a follow-up letter be sent, but Mr. Forsyth had persuaded him that this was not necessary.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS:

At 2.15 p.m. Mr. J.H. Watt Director Advisory Services Division, Dept. A. and Mr. E. Smellie, Superintendent of Beekeeping attended the meeting.

The President welcomed these two gentlemen and said he would like to think that the excellent relationship which existed when Mr. Arthur Greig was with the Department would continue.

Mr. Watt said that he would give the thoughts of the Executive every consideration.

He made the point that he would like to be warned in advance of the subjects to be brought up at these meetings. Specific subjects discussed:-

(a) Milcare for Apiary

Mr. Watt said there were not restrictions now.

(b) Honey Houses

The President said that as far back as 1964 the Department of Health were to bring forward legislation in this respect.

The Association was now becoming concerned at the delay in the legislation coming forward.
Mr. Smellie said that, until the legislation was passed, Apiary instructors should be handling matters in connection with honey houses, but there did appear to be a variation in standards imposed.

(c) Australian Congress

The President mentioned the idea of having departmental speakers.
Mr. Smellie wondered what benefit this would be to the New Zealand honey industry.
Mr. Watt thought that the Association should ask Mr. Guilfoyle to make a direct approach to the Director-General of Agriculture and to state the proposed subject matter for the addresses.

(d) Wasps

The President asked what new developments there had been in wasp eradication.
Mr. Smellie said that the Entomological Division of the D.S.I.R. was actively engaged in experimenting on attractant baits and Mr. Graham Walton was collaborating with them.
Mr. Forsyth said that the Waikato Branch of the Association was so concerned that they proposed to launch a radio and press campaign in the Waikato area.

Mr. Jansen said that Mr. Tuck, Secretary of the Waikato Branch, did not appear to have had a reply from the Department regarding wasps, but Mr. Smellie assured him that the letter had gone.

(e) Allocation of Expenses for Seminars

The President raised the question of the sharing of expenses for Seminars.
Mr. Bartrum said he recalled that Mr. Craig had said there was a section of the Department of Agriculture that organised schools etc., that could help in this way.
Mr. Watt said that the Apiary Section was the only section that did not do its own organising. Other branches of the Department of Agriculture organised this type of seminar themselves.
He thought it would be better for the beekeeping industry if the Apiary Section was on the same footing as other divisions of the Department.
He thought that it was not the system that had to be changed, but the approach. The financial part would have to be handled by the Association, not the Department, with any surplus funds being placed in trust.
It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr. V. Cook in line with the procedure suggested by Mr. Watt.

(f) Nosema

The President said he suspected Nosema was very prevalent and he would like to express thanks to the Department for making Mr. Walton available for investigation work.
He asked how this was progressing.
Mr. Smellie advised that the diagnostic work was still not completed.

(g) Blue Borage (Viper Bugloss)

It appeared that the Secretary's original letter had not been received by the Animal Health Division of the Department, but Mr. Watt undertook to see that this matter was pursued if the Secretary

provided him with a photostat copy of the original letter.

(h) Diplome Committee

The Royal Institute of Horticulture had suggested that Mr. Smaellie and Professor Vaele be on this Committee. Mr. Dickinson asked if Mr. Smaellie could recommend a further member of the Committee. It was agreed that this matter be left for Mr. Dickinson to action.

(i) Release of Control over the Importation of Honey

The President said the industry was alarmed over this possibility, if only on the grounds of the risk of importing diseases.

Mr. Smaellie did not think the risk of diseases was very great.

Mr. Jansen wondered whether diseases that New Zealand did not have at present, e.g. European Fowl Brood, could come into the country. He understood that after beescombs, honey was the best way of spreading diseases.

Mr. Smaellie said the bigger the dilution, the less risk was with honey.

Mr. Smaellie said that in his personal opinion, there was no great risk.

(j) Correspondence from the Department

The President said he was compelled to bring to the notice of the Department's officers the concern expressed by the Executive and from time to time by the Branches of the Association, at the lack of response by the Department to correspondence sent to them.

He said that this matter had been brought to a head through the editor bringing up a certain matter.

Mr. Smaellie said that if the President was referring to the Waikato Branch Secretary and the field day, he had already mentioned his resources and Mr.

Walton would be sent up there as soon as possible.

Mr. Walton had been informed just as soon as Mr. Smaellie had been able to do so.

The President said that what he was really concerned about, was the alleged illegal importation of bees.

Mr. Smaellie said that the Department had to go into the legal niceties of the matter, but legal advice was now available to the Department. He could tell the Executive that the matter was not as cut and dried as it appeared.

Mr. Goss said that the one and only reply he had had from the Department was on October 22, 1971. At this stage the President said that the matter was being regarded as one of policy, not of substance.

Mr. Smaellie said there were several factors all working at the same time and that he had spoken to Mr. Goss in December and thought that it was sufficient advice to him. He was watching the position closely. Mr. Watt summed up by saying that he hoped the Executive would accept his concern about the matter.

He accepted the criticism in this particular instance.

He was able to advise that he was contemplating his division adopting a routine of sending interim replies to correspondents.

At 5.57 p.m. Mr. P.A. Dover from the Market Research Centre of Hassey University, Palmerston North, attended the meeting.

After being introduced by the President, he opened his remarks by saying that the National Development Conference had recognised the need in marketing for some serious research.

He said his Centre worked on general projects with untied finance on the one hand, and for private firms on confidential assignment on the other.

Mr. Dover answered several questions for the Executive and produced samples of work already done.

The President thanked Mr. Dover for coming such a distance and thanked him for the information he had provided but advised Mr. Dover that of course, finance would be a problem from the point of view of the Association.

MR. T. PALMER-JONES:

At 4.40 p.m. Mr. T. Palmer Jones attended the meeting. It was some time since he had attended an Executive meeting and he expressed his delight at being present. He gave a summary of work being done by his Division.

1. One of the major things which was being pursued all the time was the effect of the application of agricultural chemicals.

In his opinion there had been no great bee losses because of good legislation and good liaison with both the Agricultural Chemical Board, the manufacturers and the D.S.I.R..

2. Sunflower pollination
3. Lucerne pollination
4. Mites on bees from Tonga
5. Testing bees for paralysis
6. Effects of external mites
7. The increase in diagnostic services.

Mr. Goss asked Mr. Palmer-Jones for his opinion on the risk of diseases from imported honey.

Mr. Palmer-Jones said that he could not see any risk and thought it would be safe with the exception of American Fowl Brood. There would be no danger with the European Fowl Brood.

Mr. Jansen asked whether there would be any results from Mr. Malton's research.

Mr. Palmer-Jones said these were being collated.

Mr. Bartrum asked whether if there were mites on bees from Tonga, would these also affect New Zealand bees.

Mr. Palmer-Jones replied in the negative.

Mr. Cloake said he would like to commend Mr. Palmer-Jones on the action he took in respect of Tongan bees.

Mr. Palmer-Jones said the testing of toxic honey was continuing within the finance available.

The President thanked Mr. Palmer-Jones for his informative insight into the industry and said that the Executive appreciated the work he was doing.

DRAFT REGULATIONS
RE: HONEY HOUSES:

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Health Department enquiring about progress achieved in the drafting of the regulations re honey houses, and requesting that a copy of the draft be sent to the Association as soon as possible.

HASSEY RESEARCH:

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the question of utilising the Hassey Marketing Research Centre be held over until the next meeting when it was hoped that Caucus Committee results would be known.

RIGHT RELIEF:

The Secretary reported that he had had an enquiry from the Canterbury Branch and later a telephone call from the President of the Canterbury Branch, regarding the procedures to be followed in applying for drought relief. The Secretary reported that he had forwarded to the Canterbury Branch a copy of the letter from Mr. Dick, giving a negative decision based on the recommendation of the Agricultural Production Council and had mentioned in the letter and then again on the phone to Mr. Cattermole that in his (the Secretary's) opinion, the only way to get assistance from the Government was to provide well documented cases where individual beekeepers were suffering extreme hardship. On the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that all branches be informed forthwith of the contents of the letter from Mr. Dick.

**SUGGESTION BY
MR. GUYTON:**

Mr. Guyton had written to the Secretary suggesting that persons buying bees should be acquainted with their obligations to register under the Apiaries Act. On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Association request the Department of Agriculture to include a suitable provision in the Apiaries Act.

**N.Z. HONEY PACKERS
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING:**

The President tabled his invitation to be present as the representative of the Association at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 1972. On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that Mr. Bartrum attend the Annual General Meeting of the N.Z. Honey Packers Association as the Assn's representative at 1.30 p.m. on 25 March, 1972.

HONEY ON TAP:

Mr. Whalley reported that producers were selling to grocers in bulk at more than the price they were getting from the H.M.A. but at considerably less cost to shops with no levy being paid. The President said this was starting in Hamilton also.

LEVY:

Mr. Whalley drew attention to the Waikato remit regarding the levy. It was agreed that this matter could not be dealt with until such time as the Caucus Committee report was published.

CONSUMER INSTITUTE:

Mr. Whalley wondered whether the Consumer Institute could be induced to investigate honey to the benefit of the product. The Secretary explained that the Consumer Institute were specifically precluded from investigating at the instigation of the marketers of products. Similarly it was his understanding that marketers of products could not utilise the findings of the Consumer Institute in their product advertising.

**RETURNING OFFICERS FOR
1972 H.M.A. ELECTION:**

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that Mr. E.R. Neal be nominated as Returning Officer for the 1972 H.M.A. Election.

**CULLING OF UNFINANCIAL
MEMBERS:**

On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the Secretary give notice to all unfinancial members that he has not received an advice of their subscription for the current and past years and if these amounts remain unpaid after 30 April 1972 their names may be removed from membership by virtue of the powers vested in the Executive under Rule 9 (c).

JOUS COMMITTEE:

The President reported on the constitution of the deputation which waited on the Caucus Committee on 30 November 1971 and said that the Secretary's report on this deputation dated 1 December 1971, was open for discussion.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The Meeting continued again on Thursday morning 9.12 a.m.

IN COMMITTEE:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Executive go into Committee. On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, Seconded Mr. Jansen, it was resolved that the Executive come out of Committee and confirm the business done in Committee.

BEREAVEMENTS:

The President reported the deaths of Mr. Gumbrill and Mr. Bray and said that the Secretary had written a letter of condolence to Mrs. Gumbrill and the President had written one to J. Bray.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Secretary tabled a written opinion from the Association's solicitor. On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Secretary instruct the Association's solicitor to redraft the rules to replace the delegates voting system with a pure proxy system. On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Executive's notice of motion be prepared for presentation at the 1972 conference altering the subscriptions to go up in stages of \$2 per 100 hives from 200 upwards with a \$60 maximum for 3000 hives. On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Secretary instruct the Association's solicitor to redraft the rules to provide for voting strength to be one vote per Dollar with the exception of 0-20 hives, which would carry an entitlement of one vote.

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Secretary instruct the Association's solicitor to redraft the rules so that all subscriptions be paid via the National Secretary and not via the branches with the National Secretary sending 30% of the proceeds to the respective branches at quarterly intervals.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Secretary instruct the Association's solicitor to redraft the rules to provide for direct members being regarded as notional members of their nearest branch and that the previous notice of motion by the Executive regarding additional cost to direct members be withdrawn.

WELLINGTON BEEKEEPERS' CLUB AND MANAWATU BEEKEEPERS' CLUB:

Mr. Whalley said that in his opinion it would be of mutual benefit if these two clubs were affiliated to one. He said he would endeavour to achieve this.

At this stage, 12.12 p.m., the Agenda was completed and the Chairman opened the meeting to general discussion.

HEAVY TRAFFIC LICENSES: Mr. Jansen thought that beekeepers running heavy trucks subject to heavy traffic licences, should get some exemption on the ground that the beekeepers did not run up the same mileage as a carrier. Discussion lapsed on this matter.

AMEND TO APIARY ACT: Mr. Goss tabled an amendment to the Apiary Act dated 8 December 1971, which was a tightening up of the regulations in regard to importation of bees or appliances.

CADETSHIP MEETING IN
WELLINGTON 12 APRIL
1972:

On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded Mr. Bartrum, it was ~~resolved~~ that the Association's cadetship co-ordinator, Mr. I. Dickinson, travel to Wellington for the day of 12 April 1972, to represent the Association at a Federated Farmers Cadetship meeting and that his air fares Dunedin - Wellington - Dunedin, be borne by the Association.

SPEAKERS FOR
CONFERENCE:

Mr. Bartrum wondered whether Mr. Dover from the Massey Research Centre would be available to speak at the Conference. It was thought that it would be too expensive for Mr. Dover to attend.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 12.45 p.m. and thanked all members for their contributing assistance. He thought there had been the maximum of co-operation and that it had been a very successful meeting with a lot of work being accomplished.



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1972

30.4.71

Accumulated Funds:

2538	These totalled at 1.5.71	4417.68
	<u>Plus Branch Balances</u>	
	less advance to South	
1723	Western Districts Branch 1971	-
-	less Decrease in Branch Balances	
	1972	3.48
4261		<u>4414.20</u>
157	<u>Plus Surplus of Income over</u>	
	Expenditure 1971	
-	<u>Less Surplus of Expenditure</u>	
	over Income 1972	1658.93
4418	<u>Total Accumulated Funds:</u>	<u>\$2755.27</u>

These are represented by:

732	Bank of New Zealand/Bank of		
	New South Wales	370.58	
272	P.O.S.B. Timaru	280.04	
2172	Sundry Debtors	710.04	
	Subscriptions in		
	Arrears	410.40	1120.44
259	Deposit with N.A.C.		
	(Bulk Travel)		233.00
-	Advance to South Western		
	Districts Branch	50.00	
3435		2054.06	
416	<u>Less Sundry Creditors</u>	<u>449.87</u>	1604.19
3019	<u>Less Special Funds:</u>		
250	Travel Bursary Fund	250.00	
433	Library Fund	433.01	
157	Seminar Fund	157.23	840.24
2179	<u>Net Funds Available:</u>		<u>763.95</u>
	Other Assets are:		
171	Library and Blocks	170.52	
183	Stationery & Publications		
	(written off in 1972)	NIL	
	Filing Cabinets & Plates at		
	cost		
112	less depreciation	101.00	271.52
1773	Branch Balances excluding		<u>1719.80</u>
4418	Far North & Auckland Branches -		\$2755.27
	not to hand in time		

To the Members of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Incorporated):

I have examined the books and accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 April 1972. I have obtained all the information and explanations as required by me. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account have been drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association.

Lower Hutt, 16 June, 1972..

N. Ryder-Lewis
Chartered Accountant.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1972

1971

1916	By Subscriptions - Remitted by Branches	1981.55
714	- Direct Members	553.12
2900	Grant from H.M.A.	2966.67
144	Commission	-
36	Interest	37.34
375	Journal Income - Advertising	282.39
310	- Subscriptions	230.13
<u>6395</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$6051.20</u>

Less Expenditure as under

1970	Administration Fee	2500.00
70	Audit Fee	136.62
184	Conference Expenses - Accommodation	424.19
286	- Travel	362.26
27	- Hall Hire & Sundry	52.40
314	Executive Meetings - Accommodation	254.27
666	- Travel	500.29
117	- Sundry	97.44
185	Insurances - Public Liability - Members	240.75
620	Journal - Printing	349.52
240	- Editor's Honorarium	385.00
466	- Sundry	318.28
63	Legal Expenses	50.00
-	Nectar Source Bulletins written off	122.50
314	Postages and Tolls	429.90
80	President's Honorarium	120.00
538	Printing & Stationery	1136.53
79	Travel Expenses - other Meetings	201.26
10	Sundry	17.92
- 3	Secretarial Appointment Costs	-
<u>12</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>11.00</u>
6238	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$7710.13</u>

157	Net Surplus 1971	-
-	Net Deficit 1972	\$1658.93



National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated

"BETTER BEEKEEPING — BETTER MARKETING"

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE
HELD AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY 10TH. JULY,
1972, IN THE GARDEN LOUNGE OF THE
KAITIAA HOTEL.



- PRESENT: Mr. B.W. Forsyth in the Chair.
- Messrs. F.W. Bartrum, N. Cloake, I.J. Dickinson, R. Jansen and Mr. E. Whalley.
- IN ATTENDANCE: E.R. Neal, Association Secretary.
- WELCOME: Mr. Forsyth welcomed members of the Executive and said that he was pleased that there was a full count.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Forsyth read his proposed report to the meeting. On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the President's report be adopted and printed for circulation to Conference.
- On the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Cloake, it was resolved that 75 copies be printed.
- TECHNICAL REPORTS: It was agreed that 75 copies of the report from Mr. Pearson on Agricultural Chemicals and Mr. Palmer-Jones Departmental report be duplicated.
- LIBRARIANS REPORT: This was read to the meeting by the President.
- On the motion of Mr. Cloake seconded Mr. Dickinson it was resolved that the Librarian's report be adopted.
- OPENING OF CONFERENCE: It was explained that due to Parliamentary pressure Mr. Alan Dick would be unable to open the Conference personally, but would be able to undertake this by a telephone interview.
- On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Forsyth it was resolved that Mr. Srhoj, the Chairman of the Maunganui County Council open the Conference instead of Mr. Dick.
- AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS REPORT: On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that the report be adopted and Mr. Pearson be commended for his effort and comprehensive report. It was agreed that Mr. Dickinson would present Mr. Pearson's report.
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 7th. 1972 as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed as being a true and correct record subject to amendments.
- ALEX. HARVEY: Mr. Forsyth reported that he had called at the Auckland plant of Alex. Harvey in connection with delays in delivery.
- AUSTRALIAN CONVENTION: It was agreed that Mr. Goss feature the Australian Convention in the August Journal.
- HONEY HOUSES: On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Secretary reply to the letter of 1st. May expressing

concern and looking forward to a copy of the Draft Legislation as soon as available.

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that publication re the Massey Research Unit be made in the N.Z. Beekeeper.

HONEY PACKERS
ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Forsyth thought that the Executive should reciprocate the previous invitation of the Honey Packers Association to members of the Executive and invite members of the Packers Association Executive to attend the N.B.A. Executive Meeting if possible, at this session.

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the President's decision in asking a Packers Representative to address the 1972 Conference be ratified.



Mr. Bartrum said that he gained the impression that the Packers thought there had been no serious conflict within the last twelve months. They were, however, concerned at cheap honey being on tap and were writing to the Health Department to see if the Department could prevent it.

There was some criticism by the Packers Association re \$1000 Government interest free loan, and the lateness the industry heard it was available to beekeepers. The Packers considered that with the high prices overseas the H.M.A. were getting the use of the seals levy for stabilisation was not justified. The Packers thought that prices should be fixed and then put out by the H.M.A. at the beginning of each year. Mr. Forsyth expressed thanks to Mr. Bartrum for his attendance at the Packers Association Meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that it be put to Conference that any member who had paid a subscription to any Branch Secretary or the General Secretary between the 1st. May 1971 and the 30th. April, 1972 be eligible to vote at the 1972 Conference only and that Rules 9 (c) and 9 (d) be waived for the duration of the 1972 Conference only.

ILLEGAL
IMPORTATION
BEES:

It was agreed that this lie on the table.

LIFE MEMBER-
SHIP:

On the motion of Mr. Forsyth seconded Mr. Martrum it was resolved that a recommendation be made to Conference that Mr. Bob. Walsh be elevated to the status of Life Member. In view of the fact that Mr. Walsh was unable to be present at Conference it was agreed that the certificate be handed to Mr. Walsh at the Department of Agriculture.

MONDAY NIGHT'S
BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that no new business be introduced after 9.30 p.m. on Monday 10th. July, 1972.

DEFERRED
BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr. Forsyth seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that Mr. Ekroyd's letter and Mr. Davies letter be deferred until the H.M.A. members were present on the 11th. July, 1972.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
AND AUDITORS
REPORT:

It was agreed that the sum of \$170.52 being stock and stationery be written off from the next year's accounts.

AUDITOR'S
REPORT:

On the motion of Mr. Jansen seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Auditor's Report be received and a proper Minute Book be purchased.

HONEY MEAD:

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Secretary see the Minister of Justice to have provision made in the Liquor Amendment Act to permit the sale of Honey Mead from Honey Mead Manufacturers premises.

VIPERS
BLUEGLOSS:

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the Secretary write direct to the County Council's Association and also to the Federated Farmers, pointing out that this should be removed from noxious weeds lists as it was not harmful to stock, not like gorse and it was O.K. for stock in drought times and O.K. for bees in drought times.

ADVERTISING:

The Secretary tabled an opinion from Mr. Hardie Boys the Association Solicitor.

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the letter from Mr. Hardie Boys be received and referred to the incoming committee.

INSURANCE:

Mr. Whalley reported that he had sprayed with arsenical spray. The cattle from a neighbouring farm had got a lick of the arsenic and pushed down a fence. Five heifers and one cow had died. The cows had been worth \$905 each and the heifers \$95 each, and the Vet's, fee disposed of \$120. Mr. Whalley's insurance with the N.Z. Insurance Co. had covered this.

Mr. Whalley was thanked for his report and on the motion of Mr. Bartrum, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that this information be published in the N.Z. Beekeeper.

SOUTH ISLAND
SEMINAR:

Mr. Cloake reported progress to date.

TARIFF AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ENQUIRY
INTO THE IMPORTATION OF HONEY:

Some considerable discussion took place on what submissions would be made. Points to be examined were:-

- (1) Selling price of foreign honey.
Sources H.M.A. and B.N.Z.
- (2) Capital cost of Plant and equipment, land and buildings and number of people employed.
Source Mr. Vince Cook.
- (3) The Secretary is to write to the Authorities to get the booklet "Notes for information and guidance of interested parties".

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that Mr. M. Cloake urgently obtain the information from Mr. Vince Cook as material for the Tariff Hearing evidence and provide it to the Secretary who will liaise with the President re submissions.

(Note) The afternoon meeting terminated at 5.41 p.m. and the evening meeting commenced at 8.12 p.m. The evening meeting finished at 10.30 p.m.

The meeting on Tuesday commenced at 9.07 a.m. At this stage the Secretary made arrangements regarding Mr. Dick and Mr. Forsyth informed the meeting that he would have to go to the tree planting at 10.30 a.m.

It was resolved that the programme be Departmental, H.M.A. and then Finance.

SECTION 9 OF
THE APIARIES
ACT:

In response to a request from Waikato Branch on the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that Waikato's letter be received and referred to the Department by letter and also at the Executive Meeting.

DISTRIBUTION
OF MINUTES:

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that the distribution of Minutes stay at the same level.

CAUCUS LEAK:

On the motion of Mr. Forsyth seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the question of the Caucus leak be taken up by the Executive with Mr. Dick in a private capacity.



STATE SERVICES
COMMISSION:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that Mr. Lemmon be advised that revision of the Agriculture Diploma should not effect the case being prepared for the recognition of the Diploma by the State Services Commission and that the Association would renew its offer of assistance to the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture.

METRIC
MEASUREMENTS:

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that Alex. Harvey be advised that the recommendation of the N.B.A. be that a 2 kilo container supersede the 5 lb. container and a 4 kilo container supersede the 10 lb. container and that this information be supplied also to the H.M.A. and to the Packers.

CADETSHIP:

Mr. Dickinson reported that the whole Cadetship scheme appeared to be getting under way. The revision of the syllabus was still to be done. The sub-committee had applications from one Cadet and from one employer, one U.E. student, one 35 year old.

CANADIAN
VISITOR:

Mr. Goss announced that there would be a Miss Sally McArthur at the Conference who was a Canadian visitor.

PROCEDURE AT
CONFERENCE:

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the times for speaking be recommended to Conference as follows:

Mover: Three minutes.

Seconder: Two minutes.

Subsequent speaker: Two minutes with extensions of three minutes each and right of reply two minutes.



On the motion of Mr. Cloake seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that Mr. Arthur Tucker be the time keeper and that Mr. Malcolm Haines be the runner.

At this stage Mr. Forsyth withdrew for the tree planting ceremony together with Mr. Goss.

Mr. Dickinson then took the chair.

PROCEDURE AT
CONFERENCES:

On the motion of Mr. Jansen seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that for the next Conference Agenda business not be shown as on any specific day.

DELEGATES
RETURNS:

The Secretary reported that once again he had had difficulty through incomplete information of arriving at delegates voting rights, but that he had done his best with them.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Secretary accept the delegates returns.

HONEY MARKETING
AUTHORITY:

On the motion of Mr. Bartrum seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the incoming committee consider the question of the maximum voting strength for the H.M.A. elections be doubled i.e. 56-60 tons to get 60 votes.

LIBRARY FEES:

Mr. Cloake introduced the question of Library fees, but this was not pursued.

REPLIES TO
DEPARTMENTAL
LETTERS:

Mr. Goss raised the question of replies to letters he had written re illegal importation.

The meeting adjourned at 12.42 p.m. with the Executive to meet at 1.45 p.m. and the Secretary to attend at 2 p.m. after working on delegates votes calculations.

At 2.12 p.m. Mr. Forsyth welcomed the H.M.A.

Those present were Mr. Poole, Mr. Ekroyd, Mr. Cloake, Mr. Frazer and the General Manager Mr. R. MacDonald.

CONFIDENTIALEDITOR:

Mr. Goss notified the Executive of his intention to resign due to pressure in his own business.

Mr. Forsyth asked the Executive what they planned to do.

Mr. Goss said that if the Executive wished he would make some enquiries.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen seconded Mr. Whalley, it was resolved that the Executive accept the kind offer of Mr. Goss to try and find a successor as Editor to the N.Z. Beekeeper.



EKROYD ALTERNATIVE

SCHEME: On the motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded Mr. Cloake it was resolved that Mr. Ekroyd be advised that the only way Conference could deal with his report was under Rule 25 (f).

MR. DAVIES
SUBMISSION: On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that Mr. Davies submissions of 23rd. June, 1972 be received.

MR. T. PALMER-
JONES: Mr. Forsyth welcomed Mr. T. Palmer-Jones who spoke to the report he had supplied. Mr. Whalley wondered whether there was any opportunity of Queen Bees from the Islands being imported. Mr. Palmer-Jones did not think this was possible.

Mr. Goss raised the question of B.L. Mr. Palmer-Jones said that this was a real risk. The American B.L. spores were dangerous but the European B.L. spores were not a risk. The trouble with the American ones was that antibiotics had been used to suppress them.

DEPARTMENTAL: At 4.15 p.m. Mr. Forsyth welcomed Mr. J. Watt and Mr. E. Smaellie from the Department.

WASP BAITS: Mr. Smaellie said that the matter had been handed over to the Entymological Division of the D.S.I.R. He understood baits were used in the U.S.A. but they were not successful in New Zealand. Work was continuing.

SOUTH ISLAND
SEMINAR: Mr. Watt said he was leaving the door open to make changes for the future and to this end perhaps the Executive should approach him. Mr. Cloake asked whether the printing costs for the proceedings would be borne by the Department. Mr. Watt asked how many copies and how long the report would be. Mr. Cloake thought there would be 150 copies each of 100 pages. The question was left open by Mr. Watt.

SECTION 9 OF
THE APIARIES
ACT: Mr. Forsyth said there were cases where Apiaries had changed hands but section 9 was not being implemented thoroughly enough. He wondered whether the Department could ask Mr. Bennet to move more promptly when there were changes to ownership.

ILLEGAL
IMPORTATIONS: Mr. Goss reiterated his previous complaints that he hadn't had replies about illegal importations.

Mr. Watt said his advice from the Departmental Legal Adviser was that the Department would not take action but that the gap had been plugged in the amendment No. 82 of the 8/12/71. Mr. Watt said the Legal Section distributed copies of the amendments. Mr. Bartrum thought that the N.B.A. should always be consulted before amendments were made.

Mr. Forsyth asked whether interim replies could be made by the Department to all correspondence.

Mr. Watt said he was trying to achieve this but changes could not take place overnight.

REMIT 31 OF THE
1971 CONFERENCE: Mr. Watt advised that this was a matter for the Department of Health.

REMIT 17 OF THE
1972 CONFERENCE: Mr. Watt said he would make some remarks about this at the Conference.

ANNUAL
STATISTICS: Mr. Forsyth said that he understood that Statistics were only being produced every two years and asked whether they could be made yearly. Mr. Smaellie said he had been thinking along the same lines and this would be done.



5.15 P.M.: Messrs. Poole, Ekroyd, Fraser, Cloake and MacDonald attended.

METRIC

MEASUREMENTS: Mr. Pool wondered what the consumer reaction would be. Mr. MacDonald thought that sizes should be 250, 500 and 1000 grammes for wax or plaster and that a date for change over should be fixed.

PRICES OF

IMPORTED HONEYS: Mr. Poole said that the H.M.A. would help in this respect.

PRICE FREEZE:

Mr. Poole explained that there were two categories. Category (a) where there could be no increase in price prior to approval from the Stabilisation Authority. Category (b) prices could be increased so long as there could be justification of the increases after 1/10/71 on the basis of increases in costs from 1/10/71 to the date of the increase.

FINANCE:

Mr. Forsyth pointed out to the H.M.A. the dire financial situation in which the N.B.A. found itself.

AMALGAMATION:

Mr. Whalley wondered whether the N.B.A. and H.M.A. could become one body.

At 6.05 p.m. the H.M.A. members withdrew.

At 6.06 p.m. Messrs. Ekroyd, Poole, Fraser and Cloake appeared to speak to the Ekroyd Alternative Scheme.

This meeting terminated at 6.45 p.m.

FINANCE:

The President and Secretary spoke at length on the financial situation in which the Association found itself.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen seconded Mr. Bartrum it was resolved that in view of the acute situation of the finances of the Association that Minutes be sent to the Executive and Branch Secretaries only in future.

On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Jansen it was resolved that the Secretarial fee remain the same until the announcement of any general cost of living adjustment, when it should be again reviewed.

On the motion of Mr. Jansen seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Secretary's statement of accounts as listed be authorised.

Accounts paid but not yet authorised:

N.Z. Insurance Co.	Vo. Pub.Liab. Dellow	4.25
Boughtwood Ptg.House	Jul. Ptg.	190.00
	" Other	<u>57.66</u>
		247.66
White Heron Travel	Exec.Accom.	121.75
Woodward T. & D.	Ptg. & Sty.	9.22
	Mag. Other	<u>10</u>
		9.32
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33
	Post. & Tolls	29.81
	Ptg. & Sty.	78
	Exs. Sec.	<u>40.74</u>
		279.66
Gordon & Gotch	Refund Mag. Sub.	1.50
White Heron Travel	Bulk Air	400.00
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33
	Postages	25.47
	Sundry	.08
	Ptg. & Sty.	<u>5.75</u>
		239.63
Woodward T. & D.	Ptg. & Sty.	173.82
Armstrong & Springhall	Pty. & Sty.	5.47
Druids Club	Exec. Mtg. Sundry	20.00
North Otago Branch	Refund Pty. & Sty.	2.39



Armstrong & Springhall	Pty. & Sty.	22.00
N.Z. Insurance	Vol. Pub. Liab. R. Price	7.50
A. Gyles & Sons	Ptg. & Sty.	45.90
Armstrong & Springhall	Ptg. & Sty.	1.18
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33
	Postages	11.27
	Tolls	42.45
	Exec. Mtg.	2.22
Woodward T. & D.	Ptg. Sty.	13.77
	Mag. Other	10.18
N.Z. Insurance Co.	Group Pub. Liab.	114.25
Boughtwood Pty. House	Jul. Other	11.00
Photo Engravers	Mag. Other	8.57
Armstrong & Springhall	Ptg. & Sty.	5.77
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33
	Conf. Travel	
	(E.R. Neal)	61.02
	Ptg. & Sty.	8.94
	Stamp Duty Sundry	.09
	Sundry (stamps	
	Roberts)	1.01
	Postages	29.86
Woodward T. & D.	Ptg. & Sty.	129.94
N. Ryder-Lewis	Audit	100.00
Boughtwood Ptg. House	Jul. Ptg.	250.00
	" Other	57.20
		307.20

VOTE OF THANKS: Mr. Dickinson proposed a vote of thanks to the President Mr. B.W. Forsyth.

Mr. Forsyth replied by thanking Mr. Dickinson and expressing the opinion that a solid amount of work had been done by the Executive. He thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.03. p.m.





National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated

"BETTER BEEKEEPING — BETTER MARKETING"

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE
ROOM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
CHRISTCHURCH, COMMENCING AT 9 A.M. ON
MONDAY 11TH. SEPTEMBER, 1972 AND CONTINUING
THROUGH TO 12TH. SEPTEMBER, 1972.

PRESENT:

Mr. I.J. Dickinson in the Chair.

Messrs. J. Bray, M. Haines, D. Penrose, E. Whalley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. E.R. Neal, Association Secretary.

OPENING:

Mr. Dickinson welcomed members of the Executive to the second meeting since they took office. He said there was a lengthy Agenda and some very important business to be transacted.

APOLOGIES:

There was a written apology from Mr. M. Cloake which was read out by the Secretary. In speaking to his motion Mr. Penrose said in his opinion there were three reasons only which could be advanced for absence, and elaborated on them. He did not think any of these applied to Mr. Cloake. On the motion of Mr. Penrose seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that Mr. Cloake's apology be not accepted on the grounds that it did not fulfil the criteria of (a) personal illness (b) an immediate bereavement or (c) an unexpected emergency.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS

MEETING:

The Secretary explained that owing to pressure of work he had not been able to prepare the Minutes for the 10th. and 11th. of July, 1972, but he had a summary of the matters discussed therein.

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at Kaitaia on the 14th. July, 1972 as previously circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

HONEY HOUSES:

Mr. Penrose explained that Health Department Inspectors were just looking at honey houses and not inspecting them.

EDITOR:

Mr. Penrose queried why the matter of the new Editor's appointment had been kept confidential. Mr. Haines raised the question of whether the new appointment should have been advertised. The President ruled this out of order in line with the July Executive Minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that the Executive confirm Mr. N. Stanton's appointment as new Editor.

On the motion of Mr. Haines, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved that in future it be recommended to incoming executives that all appointments be advertised.

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved that Mr. L. Goss be thanked for his services in the past and his services to Beekeeping generally.



TARIFF AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD INQUIRY ON THE
IMPORTATION OF HONEY:

Mr. Dickinson reported on the proceeding. It appeared that there was certain work to be done by the Honey Marketing Authority in supplying the Board with the price range of imported honies over the previous years.

RANGIORA SUB-
BRANCH:

It was moved by Mr. Penrose that the letters be received and the Executive move on to the next business. It was agreed that the Secretary write to Mr. Jeffries.

RESIGNATION OF
MR. FRANKLIN:

It was agreed that this was a Branch matter.

RESIGNATION OF
MR. JACK DAVIES:

It was reported that the letter of intention to resign had now been withdrawn.

SEMINAR REPORT: Mr. Dickinson recapitulated what had transpired from March onward in regard to the South Island Seminar. On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Penrose, it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Department of Agriculture advising that the Executive understood that the present position had come about through the over zealousness of a member, whose actions however, the Executive did not condone. Further, that the Executive would revert to the original procedure because of its advantages. Further, that it be explained to the Department of Agriculture that established policy was departed from by a Beekeeper who was a member of the South Canterbury Branch and incidentally only a member of the Executive.

It was reported that there were 100 registrations for the Seminar. There would be two major and 100 other tree presentations. A social had been arranged for the Friday night. There was some doubt about who would bear the printing costs.

CADETSHIP:

Mr. Dickinson reported that there were three stages in the Diploma of Agriculture. A junior certificate, an intermediate certificate and a full Diploma. He thought that it would be of advantage to have a certificate in Beekeeping instituted at the stage where the intermediate certificate had been gained. It was agreed that Mr. Stanton run an article in the New Zealand Beekeeper regarding cadetship.

NEW ZEALAND MOTOR
CORPORATION:

The Secretary explained that he had had an approach from this motor firm which seemed to envisage discounts for members buying from that particular supplier. It was agreed that the Secretary write to the New Zealand Motor Corporation saying a pre condition would be that firms take a whole page of paid advertising in the N.Z. Beekeeper. On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded Mr. Haines, it was resolved that the Executive agree in principle with the offer by the New Zealand Motor Corporation and that the President and Secretary have power to act.

CONFERENCE 1972:

Suggestions for improvement of procedure were canvassed. Mr. Penrose congratulated the Far North Branch on its performance. From the Executive's point of view everything was excellent. There was no doubt that the folders, the public address system, and the Public Relations amongst the local people were ideal. The Kaitaia people certainly knew the Beekeepers were there. It was agreed that a check list be made up for future conferences.



In regard to procedure at the meetings proper, it was suggested that to stop disorganised debate the President should make an example of someone early on in the meeting. It was agreed that the Secretary purchase a copy of Joske on procedure and also a stop watch. Some discussion took place on whether discussion groups would be practicable at conferences, but this idea was abandoned. It was also wondered whether there should be more direction by the Chairman, and also more assistance by the Executive in assisting the Chairman.

RULES:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that remit 34 in regard to alterations of rules be registered.

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that Executive prepare a remit for the next Conference that Rule 30 be altered to delete "one vote only" and substitute "one vote for each full dollar of annual subscription actually paid by him in the preceding financial year".

SOUTHLAND BRANCH RESOLUTION

AMENDMENTS TO REMITS:

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Haines it was resolved that the Southland Branch be advised that their resolution required a remit for the next Conference.



On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Bray, it was resolved that the Government be requested to amend the appropriate regulations in order to implement g (1) as amended and (i) as amended by Conference of the Caucus Committee report and that the Government be advised that urgency would be necessary as the industry was approaching a new honey season.

REMIT 6:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that this be referred to the Department of Agriculture.

REMIT 15:

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved that the remit be received.

REMIT 17:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that remit 17 be referred to the Department of Agriculture.

REMIT 23:

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved that this be referred to the Municipal Counties Association in an endeavour to obtain their assistance in having more funds allocated to the Department of Agriculture for the destruction of wasps.

REMIT 24:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that remit 24 be received.

REMIT 26:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that Mr. McIntyre in his position of Minister of Forests and also in his position of Minister of the Environment be written to twice separately.

REMIT 29 AND 30:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Branch be asked to put forward the ideas to the next Conference as an alteration to rules.

REMIT 31:

It was agreed that this remit needs to be referred back to Conference. .

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE:

It was agreed that the Secretary write again to Mr. Lemmon, the Secretary re case being prepared to State Services

Commission on recognition of Diploma of Agriculture.

METRIC MEASUREMENTS:

On the Motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Whalley it was resolved that the Executive approach the Department of Industries and Commerce to ascertain what are or will be commercially acceptable sizes in Japan, Canada, Australia, U.S.A., U.K. in tin and glass, and if proved to be acceptable the adoption of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4, and 10 kilogram quantities, with a copy to the H.M.A. and a copy to the Packers Association. It was agreed that the Secretary then write to Alex Harveys, Winstones and the Metric Board.

RURAL RADIO:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that the question of rural radio report be referred back to Waikato Branch for specific names, instances, facts etc.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP:

It was agreed that Waikato Branch be advised that the matter was under action.

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Bray it was resolved that a method be formulated to compare lists of members with lists of registered beekeepers.

REMIT 22:

It was agreed that the Secretary make discrete enquiries from the Industries and Commerce Department re pegging of profit margins on grocery lines and report to the next meeting.

ALISON HOLST:

Mr. Stanton reported that he could help with contact in this direction.

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved Mr. Stanton be empowered to contact Alison Holst and also that other suitable uses of honey be distributed to publications.

BUSINESS IN COMMITTEE:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that the Executive go into committee.

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that the Executive come out of committee and confirm the business done therein.

ALISON HOLST:

Mr. Stanton reported that he had spoken on the phone to Alison Holst who was very interested. Mr. Stanton said he would like someone to supply her with some honey. She may be able to make reference to it in her next book and perhaps on T.V.

ALTERNATIVE MARKETING SCHEME:

A resumé of Branch reactions to the alternative marketing scheme is detailed hereunder:-

Waikato resolution:	Against.
Southland and Otago:	Mr. Dickinson reported against.
Canterbury:	Mr. Bray reported against.
South Western:	Mr. Whalley reported against.
Auckland:	Mr. Haines reported that Auckland was for but wanted more information.
Far North:	Mr. Haines reported for.
Northland:	Mr. Haines reported for.

Note: All the foregoing refer to the Haines alternative scheme.

On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that the matter lie on the table.

In summary there were five against and three for.



THE EKROYD SCHEME:

The following is a summary of the reaction to the Ekroyd Scheme.

Waikato:	Against by resolution.
Canterbury:	For by resolution.
South Western:	For by resolution.
Otago:	Against reported by Mr. Dickinson.
Southland:	Against reported by Mr. Dickinson.
Far North:	Against reported by Mr. Haines.
Northland:	Reserved opinion reported by Mr. Haines.
South Canterbury:	Reserved opinion reported by Mr. Dickinson.
Auckland Central:	Reserved opinion reported by Mr. Haines.

On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded by Mr. Haines it was resolved that the amended alternative marketing scheme, namely, the Ekroyd Scheme be put to the industry and a sub-committee be appointed to examine it under the following terms of reference.

- (1) Method of presentation of the Scheme.
- (2) Ways of financing.
- (3) The type of poll.
- (4) Timing.
- (5) The involvement of H.M.A. members or organization.
- (6) The opinion of the H.M.A. Board.

Composition of the sub-committee:-

I.J. Dickinson	proposed	Whalley	seconded	Bray
K. Ekroyd	"	Bray	"	Whalley
J. Bray	"	Penrose	"	Haines

The sub-committee is to report back to December meeting.

PREVIOUS EDITOR
OF N.Z. BEEKEEPER:

On the motion of Mr. Whalley, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved that services in the past of Mr. L. Goss be recorded as being much appreciated and a note in the N.Z. Beekeeper made to this effect.

FINANCE:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Haines it was resolved that all Branch balances as at 30th. April, 1972 be called up for the general fund payable in two instalments, 50% being payable on the 30th. September, 1972 and 50% being payable on the 15th. December, 1972 as per the authority of the 1972 Conference. It was agreed that the Secretary also point out to Branches the intention of the Executive to seek 10% of the proposed Industry levy to finance the Association in lieu of all but nominal subscriptions.

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT:

The Secretary tabled a statement of the cash balance, and accounts paid needing ratification. On the motion of Mr. Whalley seconded Mr. Bray it was resolved that the Secretary's statement be received and the accounts listed be ratified.

ACCOUNTS PAID BUT NOT YET AUTHORISED

B.W. Forsyth	Conference Travel	\$ 37.98
I. Dickinson	" "	116.46
F. Bartrum	" "	113.60
E. Whalley	" "	56.54
R. Jansen	" "	45.90
M. Cloake	" "	93.60
L. Goss	" "	25.66
Kaitaia Hotel	" Accommodation	396.95
Geo. Jeffery & Co. Ltd.	Printing & Sty.	8.50



Armstrong & Springhall	Pty. & Sty.	2.78
L.W. Goss	Editors Hon.	92.50)
	Postages, tolls	43.25) 235.75
N.Z. Insurance	Vo. Pub. Liab.	6.37
1972 Beekeeping Seminar	Seminar Fund	20.00
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33
	Postage	6.93
	Tolls	51.15
	Stamp Duty	.02
	Conf. Exs. Trav.	10.74
Woodward T. & D.	Pty. Sty.	12.20
	Mag. other	10.98
		277.17
B.W. Forsyth	Pres. Hon.	120.00
	Tolls	45.15
	Postages	1.00
K. Sullivan	Ptg. & Sty.	4.00
Nth. Otago Br.	Refund	0.70
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33
	Postage	11.93
	Stamp Duty	0.06
	Tolls	25.17
		245.49
Photo Engravers Ltd.	Mag. other	8.90
Boughtwood Ptg. House	" "	22.00
Armstrong & Springhall	Ptg. & Sty.	3.57
Woodward T. & D.		28.10
Mr. Haines	Travelling Exs.	44.70
Blenheim Motor Inn	Accommodation	73.75
E. Whalley	Travelling Exs.	9.10
J. Bray	" "	6.00
N. Stanton	" "	2.00
M. Haines	" "	.95
I. Dickinson	" "	22.90
D. Penrose	" "	12.30
"	" "	9.00
		<u>\$2120.05</u>

Balance now available \$651.25

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO

JOURNALS:

It was agreed that this be carried forward to the next meeting.

It was also agreed that the financial position be re-appraised at the December meeting.

LIAISON BETWEEN N.B.A.

AND PACKERS ASSN:

It was agreed that this question be carried forward to the next meeting.

HONEY MARKETING

AUTHORITY ELECTIONS:

On the motion of Mr. Penrose seconded Mr. Haines it was resolved that the Association recommend to the Honey Marketing Authority that the maximum votes ceiling be raised from 30 to 100 votes.

Note: Mr. Whalley moved an amendment that the ceiling be raised from 30 to 80 votes but this lapsed for want of a seconder.



COST OF
PRODUCTION
SURVEY:

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded Mr. Haines it was resolved that it be recommended to the H.M.A. that in the elections a statutory declaration from the packer receiving the honey rather than the producer supplying the packer be sufficient.

Mr. Penrose brought forward this matter and a resolution from the Southland Branch was tabled on the same subject. Some discussion took place and it was agreed that Mr. Penrose pursue the matter further with departmental officers in Christchurch and report back to the next meeting.

CHANGES TO RULES:

On the motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded Mr. Penrose it was resolved that as an interim measure 50 only of the changes of rules be cyclostyled and these be circulated to the Executive and Branch Secretaries.

NEXT MEETING:

It was envisaged that, tentatively, this would be the first week in December.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Just prior to the closure Mr. Penrose moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Dickinson who had just chaired his first full meeting.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3.21 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th. September, 1972.



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. (INC.)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive held in the Library of the Department of Agriculture, Christchurch, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 December 1972

PRESENT:

I.J. Dickinson, President (in the Chair); Messrs J. Bray, M. Cloake, M. Haines, B. Penrose and E. Whalley.

In attendance: E.R. Neal, Association Secretary.

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING:

On the motion of Mr Whalley, seconded by Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 and 11 July 1972 in the lounge of the Kaitaia Hotel, as previously circulated, be confirmed as being a true and correct record of the proceedings.

On the motion of Mr Whalley, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the word 'approve' be substituted for the word 'condone' in line 7 of the paragraph on the Seminar in the Minutes of 11 September 1972.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held in the Board Room of the Department of Agriculture, Christchurch, on 11 September 1972 as previously circulated, and as amended by this meeting, be confirmed as being a true and correct record of proceedings.

FINANCE:

The President reported that letters had been received from various branches in response to the directive by Executive to send to general headquarters half of their branch balances at 30 April 1972. The President said he proposed to take these letters branch by branch.

Far North Branch: On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the letter be received and that no further action be taken.

Auckland Branch: It was moved by Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Whalley, that Auckland contribution be accepted with thanks and that any further claim be waived.

It was moved by Mr Dickinson that this motion lie on the table.

North Otago Branch: On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the President telephone during the course of the meeting the President of the North Otago Branch.

Waikato Branch: On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that a letter of sincere thanks for their contribution be sent to Waikato Branch.

Bay of Plenty Branch: On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that during the course of the meeting the President ring the President of the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Hawkes Bay Branch: On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the President during the course of the meeting ring the President of the Hawkes Bay Branch.

Central & Southern Hawkes Bay: On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Central and Southern Hawkes Bay Branch explaining the position.

South Western Branch: It was agreed that the Secretary write expressing thanks for their contribution.



Nelson Branch: On the motion of Mr Whalley, seconded Mr Bray, it was resolved that, in view of Nelson Branch hosting the 1973 Conference, no further action be taken but that the branch be thanked for their contribution.

seconded Mr Haines,
On the motion of Mr Penrose, /it was resolved that West Coast Branch, Canterbury Branch, South Canterbury Branch, Southland Branch and Otago Branch be thanked for their contributions.

Auckland Branch: On the motion of Mr Penrose, the previous motion which had lain on the table was lifted. This was as follows:

Mr Penrose moved and Mr Whalley seconded a motion that Auckland's contribution be accepted with thanks and that any further claim be waived. When the motion was put it was lost.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Bray, it was resolved that Auckland's contribution of \$30.00 be accepted and the branch advised that, following considerable discussion by the Executive of Auckland's balance sheet, it was Executive's opinion that a further \$70.00 should be contributed by Auckland in fairness to other branches.

H.M.A.: The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the Chairman of the H.M.A. and that no temporary assistance could be regarded as forthcoming from the H.M.A.

"N.Z. BEEKEEPER" Journal: On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the Editor of the Journal bring down a report on the Journal with particular reference to the cutting of costs in respect of the using of two colours, the quality of the paper, the format, etc., and any other relevant information.

Proposed Alteration to Homey Marketing Regulations: The President referred to a letter from Mr A. Dick, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Agriculture, which indicated that Mr Dick had asked the Department to consider implementing the changes suggested by the 1972 Conference.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the President and Secretary immediately approach the new Minister of Agriculture in respect to the urgency of the new levy and also the financial situation of the N.B.A.

At this point, 12.28 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch, and resumed at 1.20 p.m.

At this stage Mr Dickinson was due to make his 'phone call, so Mr Penrose took the Chair.

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT:

The Secretary tabled a report on the cash available and a statement of accounts paid needing authorisation and unpaid needing authorisation.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the Secretary's report be received and the accounts listed below be authorised:



Accounts Paid but not yet Authorised:

A. Gyles & Son	Ptg. & Sty.		28.20
Armstrong & Springhall	" "		3.50
Montys Disc Inn	Conf.- Sundry		30.00
Kaitia College	" "		30.00
Boughtwood Ptg. House	Mag. Printing	262.00	319.10
C. Bearsley	" Other	<u>57.10</u>	13.00
N.B.A. Far North	Conf. Sundry		4.00
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33	
	Postage	6.83	
	Tolls	16.32	
	Ptg. & Sty.	0.60	
	Bk. Chgs. Sundry	0.02	
	Exec. Meeting	7.39	
	Exps. & Travel		239.49
Woodward Typ. & Dup.	Pt. & Sty.	0.70	
	Mag. Other	<u>2.00</u>	2.70
L.W. Goss	Ed. Hon.	96.25	
	Tolls, phone	14.73	
	Postages	<u>1.70</u>	112.68
Scott, Hardie-Boys,)	Legal fees		205.00
Morrison & Jeffries)			
N.Z. Insce. Co.	Vol. Pub. Liab (contra)		6.00
" " "	" " "		13.50
Dalgety N.Z. Ltd	Exec. Travel		174.42
Woodward Typ. & Dup.	Ptg. & Sty.		50
Armstrong & Springhall	" "		2.41
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33	
	Postages	4.54	
	Stamp Duty	<u>0.04</u>	212.91
Woodward Typ. & Dup.	Ptg. & Sty.		1.15
Armstrong & Springhall	" "		2.66
Neal & Brydon	Fee	208.33	
	Postages	11.20	
	Ptg. & Sty.	0.75	
	Tolls	<u>5.94</u>	226.22
N.Z. Insce. Co.	Vol. Pub. Liab. (contra)		4.00
Woodward Typ. & Dup.	Ptg. & Sty.		107.25
N.S. Stanton	Honorarium	96.25	
	Postages	3.00	
	Tel. rental	18.51	
	Parking,		
	Bridge tolls	<u>2.00</u>	119.76
N.Z. Insce. Co.	Vol. Pub. Liab. (contra)		
	R.D. James	5.00	
	A.C. Webb	<u>4.00</u>	9.00

Accounts Unpaid needing Authorisation:

I.J. Dickinson	Tolls	15.05
M.D. Cloake	Exec. Travel	17.10
E. Whalley	" "	5.60

\$1,905.20


CARRIAGE OF
BEES BY AIR:

The Secretary reported on a conversation with an officer of N.A.C.

On the motion of Mr Haines, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the Secretary write to N.A.C. saying that the N.B.A. had approved the 'White' type of wooden cage and the 'Haines' type of plastic cage for carriage of queens by air and that Mr Haines undertake to supply the necessary photographs re the bundling of cages.

Mr Haines reported on packaged bees and said that one of the dangers was of sharp projections which could damage the packages, also stray bees which were attracted to the packaged bee. He wondered whether there was a repellent which could solve the second problem.

On the motion of Mr Haines, seconded Mr Bray, it was resolved that the Secretary write to N.A.C. that Mr Haines is still investigating the question of packaged bees.

NOXIOUS WEEDS: Mr Cloake reported that he was dealing with this matter at branch level and that he would report back to the next meeting.

FINANCE:

Subscriptions: Mr Cloake moved and Mr Haines seconded a motion that subscriptions be subject to a surcharge of \$2.00 per year throughout the whole scale. Mr Penrose moved that this lie on the table.

Mr Bray moved and Mr Haines seconded that the Journal be charged to all members at \$1.00 per annum and non members at \$2.00 per annum, with the increase being effective for non members as renewals came up and for members from May 1973 onwards.

Mr Penrose moved that this motion lie on the table.

At this point Mr Dickinson resumed the Chair.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that outstanding branch contributions be pursued by the President and the Secretary.

METRIC
MEASUREMENT:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Dickinson, it was resolved that correspondence be entered into with the H.M.A. and the N.B.A.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Mr Penrose moved that the motion regarding subscriptions previously lying on the table be uplifted. On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that Executive prepare a notice of motion for presentation at the 1973 Annual General Meeting that all subscriptions be subject to a surcharge of \$2.00 per annum throughout the whole scale, effective as soon as possible under the Rules.

Mr Cloake moved that the motion on the Journal previously laid on the table be uplifted. On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Journal be charged to all members at \$1.00 and to non members at \$2.00 with effect for non members when renewals came up and for members from May 1973 onwards.

LIAISON WITH
PACKERS:

The President reported on correspondence he had received from the New Zealand Honey Packers' Association. Mr Whalley moved and Mr Bray seconded a motion that the N.B.A. accept the invitation to send a representative to the N.B.A./Packers talks on 7 December 1972. Mr Penrose moved and Mr Haines seconded an amendment that the word 'representatives' (plural) be substituted for the word 'representative' (singular) and that the pronoun 'a' be deleted. Upon the amendment being put, it was carried and the substantive motion became that the N.B.A. accept the invitation to send representatives to the N.B.A./Packers talks on 7 December 1972. This when put was carried.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the representatives be the Vice-President plus Mr Bray plus Mr Haines.



On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the action of the President and Mr Bray at the preliminary Timaru discussions with some of the Executive of the New Zealand Honey Packers' Association, with particular reference to the formation of a Packers Sub-Committee within the N.B.A. be recorded and further that this concept be approved in principle with the Executive of the N.B.A. nominating one of their number to be the Packers' Association nominee.

Donations: In view of the serious state of the N.B.A. finances, the question of donations was discussed.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that a letter be sent to all members asking them to forward a donation of at least 50% of their last yearly subscriptions to tide the Association over the current difficult period in terms of the following letter:-

"You will note that over the last several years this Association's funds have been declining - last year's deficit was \$1,659.00 - to the point where it can no longer carry on its functions as an effective Industry body.

"At the last Dominion Conference a suggested amendment to the Regulations was approved to make the seals levy applicable to all extracted honey and legislation is now being considered to have this put into effect.

"Until the contribution to the Association from the levy funds is increased to provide adequate funds, it has been found necessary to make an appeal to producers for an amount to tide us over. This is in spite of some branch balances being received. Accordingly we enlist your support and ask that you make a donation of an amount at least equal to half your annual subscription. Unless this money is forthcoming by 15th January 1973 at the latest, the Association's activities will come to a halt through lack of liquid funds.

"Please forward donations, which will be individually recorded, direct to the General Secretary, P.O. Box 1879, Wellington."

SEMINAR:

Mr Cloake reported on the Seminar held on the 14, 15 and 16 September 1972. He said that the reason the Seminar proceedings had not been published was because of the serious financial state of the Association. The Seminar Sub-Committee felt that steps should not be taken to publish until after the Executive meeting of 5 December 1972, because it might be necessary to call on the profits of the Seminar. He said that there was approximately \$200.00 in hand and there were several ways in which to publish the papers. He enumerated these.

Mr Penrose moved that the Executive congratulate the Seminar Sub-Committee for the prudent handling of the finances and suggested that the Sub-Committee prepare papers for distribution under the plan costing \$60.00. This motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

On the motion of Mr Whalley, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the recording of the Seminar talks be in subsequent issues of the Beekeeper Journal.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Bray, it was resolved that the Executive record their thanks in appreciation of the work carried out by the Seminar Sub-Committee.



FINANCE:

Branches: The President reported that he could not get the President of North Otago on the 'phone nor the President of the Bay of Plenty Branch, but had talked to the President of the Hawkes Bay Branch.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that in the absence of a presented case from the North Otago Branch and the unavailability of the Branch President on the 'phone on 5 December 1972, the Branch be asked to send 50% of their 30 April 1972 balance forthwith.

Bay of Plenty: On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the Bay of Plenty Branch be advised that their case had been considered but that it was found not acceptable and that they be asked to forward 50% of their 30 April 1972 balance forthwith.

Hawkes Bay: On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that Hawkes Bay Branch be advised the Executive had considered their case but that Executive felt that in fairness to other branches an exception could not be made in their case and the branch be asked to forward 50% of their 30 April 1972 balance forthwith less any contribution to date.

Discountable Subscriptions: The President reported that this was a matter he intended to bring up at the next Conference.

Overdue Subscriptions: The Secretary reported that it would entail some cost to follow up on overdue subscriptions.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Dickinson, it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to carry out the work involved in following up on overdue subscriptions.

Priority for paying of Accounts: It was agreed by Executive that if the Secretary had any difficulty in paying accounts on time the claims for out-of-pocket expenses by the Executive be given lowest priority.



Secretarial Fee: On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Whalley, it was resolved that the secretarial fee be increased by 4.2%, being the cost-of-living increase, from the date the increase became effective, in terms of the resolution of Executive passed at Kaitaia in July 1972.

Editorial Fee: On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the question of the editorial fee be carried forward to the March meeting.

PROPOSED
ALTERNATIVE
MARKETING
SCHEME:

The President tabled a letter he had received from Mr Lee of the Department of Agriculture containing suggestions in regard to ascertaining the industry's feeling on the scheme.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the matter be deferred until the March meeting of Executive on the grounds of (1) the financial state of the N.B.A. and (2) that the time was not opportune owing to the present good payout from the H.M.A.

RULES:

The Secretary reported that he had delayed having the change of Rules implemented on the grounds of cost.

On the motion of Mr Whalley, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the registration of the Rules be implemented forthwith.

RETAIL PRICES:

The President wondered whether Executive were considering recommending higher retail prices. Mr Bray mentioned that the H.M.A. had had to reduce their suggested prices under the Stabilisation Regulations.

packers

On the motion of Mr Whalley, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the H.M.A. be asked to consider remitting the seals levy to ~~packing firms~~ with a view to equalising the export and domestic return.

Mr M. Cloake asked that his dissent be recorded.

LIBRARY
COMMITTEE

Mr Cloake explained that Mr Bartrum had been a member of the Library Committee but was no longer on the Executive.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that Mr M. Cloake be appointed a member of the Library Committee.

NEXT MEETING:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the next Executive meeting be held in March 1973 in Wellington immediately following the Waikato field day and that a large motel be utilized to accommodate Executive members rather than a hotel.

GUIDELINES FOR
CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that Mr Haines be thanked for the Kaitaia notes and that these be typed up for the use of Executive and Nelson Branch.

SECRETARIAL
PRIORITIES:

The Chairman directed the Secretary to deal with secretarial matters in the following order:-

1. The circular asking for donations.
2. The letters.
3. The Minutes.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.12 p.m.



[Signature]

12th March 1973