

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD ROOM, LEVEL 14, PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 30TH AND 31ST MARCH 1978 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON THURSDAY THE 30TH MARCH.

PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (in Chair), M.J. Stuckey, A. Clissold, K. Herron, E.R. Robinson and I.J. Dickinson.

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary, Mr G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: The President welcomed members to the meeting and indicated the times visitors to the meeting would be present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: It was moved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12/13 DECEMBER 1977 BE TAKEN AS READ."

Robinson/Clissold  
Carried.

The minutes were then checked through and it was moved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12/13 DECEMBER 1977 AS CIRCULATED BE CONFIRMED."

Robinson/Clissold  
Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- CONFERENCE: It was agreed that invitations should now be issued to ;
- (a) The Hon. Minister of Agriculture to address and open the Conference.
  - (b) His Worship the Mayor of Hastings to welcome Conference delegates and members to Hastings.

TRANSPORT ACT: New arrangements.

The Executive noted that a brochure on the new law was obtainable from most Post Offices and it was decided that members attention be drawn to this.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: It was noted that the Board had recently paid a visit to Southland. Resolved

" THAT A LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS BE SENT TO THE RETIRING MEMBER MR J.W. FRASER THANKING HIM FOR HIS SERVICES AS THE INDUSTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE."

BEEKEEPER: In attendance Mr Trevor Walton the Editor.

1978 CONTRACT - refer letter ex Mr Walton dated 9 December 1977.

The Chairman invited questions from members and a detailed discussion ensued on the Editorial Contract and the Advertising rates. It was then moved

- (1) "THAT THE CLAUSES A TO E AS SET OUT IN THE LETTER OF 9 DECEMBER 1977 BE ACCEPTED."

Robinson/Stuckey  
Carried

- (2) "THAT THE SUGGESTED REVISED ADVERTISING RATES AS SET OUT ON PAGE 2 OF THE 9TH DECEMBER 1977 LETTER BE ADOPTED."

Stuckey/Robinson  
Carried

CONSIDERATION OF LETTER EX MR ECROYD - re Advertising:

The Association's letters to Mr Ecroyd were tabled and read to the meeting.

A draft letter to Mr Ecroyd was tabled, discussed and confirmed for dispatch. The Executive Committee accepted that it wished recognition to be given to Mr Ecroyd's contribution to the Industry journal over many years and that it was important at this stage to acknowledge that position.

RE W. COTTON'S MANUAL: Resolved

"THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN."

NECTAR AND POLLEN SOURCES BOOKLET - REPRINT: An offer to handle some sales on a commission basis was received from the Printer Messrs David Jones. It was resolved

- (1) "THAT THE ASSOCIATION ACCEPT AN OFFER FROM DAVID JONES TO ADVERTISE THE AVAILABILITY OF NECTAR & POLLEN SOURCES IN THE N.Z. "GARDENER" AND THAT HE BE AUTHORISED TO SELL COPIES ON A COMMISSION BASIS."
- (2) "THAT THE BOOKLETS BE SOLD TO DAVID JONES AT \$2 EACH AND THAT THE SELLING PRICE BE NOT GREATER THAN \$2.50 A COPY."
- (3) "THAT THE SELLING PRICE TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS BE \$2 A COPY AND THAT BRANCHES BE ADVISED THAT THEY MAY 'ON SELL' AT UP TO \$2.50 A COPY."

RE GUIDE TO BEES & HONEY: The Executive noted the arrangement applying and agreed that it should accept the arrangement as satisfactory and acceptable to it.

HONEY MARKETING REGULATIONS - AMENDMENT: In attendance Mr Don Hayman, Ministry of Agriculture.

The amendment dealt with the need to make dates and times in the running of H.M.A. elections more flexible. The Executive noted that it was a machinery amendment. Resolved:

"THAT THE DRAFT BE ACCEPTED."

(Note: The H.M.A. is really the body responsible and it is a matter of courtesy that the draft is referred to it.)

DRAFT HIVE LEVY ACT: A draft of the Bill to transfer the responsibility for collecting the Hive Levy from the H.M.A. to N.B.A. was tabled and explained by Mr Hayman.

At the conclusion of the consideration it was resolved

"THAT THE DRAFT BE ACCEPTED WITH THE AMENDMENTS AS AGREED."

(Minute Note: A further draft will be made available in the near future.)

Mr Hayman LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS:

- (1) DATES: Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th July 1978.

(Note: If a Seminar/Field Day is held this will take place on Tuesday the 25th July.)

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(2) RE SEMINAR: This matter was held over until the following morning when the Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture) was present.

(3) VENUE FOR CONFERENCE: Angus Inn Motor Hotel, Hastings.

MR I.G. FORBES - Advisory Services Division: Advising that Mr J. Smith, Apiary Advisory Officer, Christchurch would be the person keeping in touch with farm forestry matters. Noted.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS: It was noted that discussion with the newly appointed Chief Advisory Officer had been held pending his availability - it was expected that the matter would be attended to in the near future. Noted.

MR I.G. FORBES - Advisory Services Division: Replying to Executive's letter re Foul Brood. It was resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH MR GRAHAME WALTON THE FOLLOWING DAY."

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH: Re matters raised at the February meeting.

(1) FOUL BROOD: Report of discussion with Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture).

(2) TRANSPORT: That it now be noted that the Transport Explanatory Bulletin is now available from the larger Post Offices.

(3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTING: Moved

" THAT THE PROCEDURE REMAIN THE SAME."

Dickinson/Robinson  
Carried

M.A.F. OFFICE - TAURANGA: Re Nucs, and the payment of Hive Levy.

The Executive Secretary advised that the position was that a hive was accepted if it was suitable for use in the production of honey. Noted.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: The Gazette Notice covering Mr M.J. Stuckey's appointment to the Board from 1 April was tabled and received.

METRIC ADVISORY BOARD: Re Metric Pricing. Received and noted.

The Executive Secretary was requested to get progress report for the next meeting.

OUTWARD LETTERS TO EXPORT INCENTIVES COMMITTEE: Re (a) Packed Honey.  
(b) Queen Bees.

The Executive Committee noted that replies were awaited.

RETURNING OFFICER H.M.A. ELECTION Moved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BE APPOINTED  
RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE 1978 H.M.A. ELECTION."

Robinson/Clissold  
Carried

It was left to the Executive Secretary to check whether it was necessary for Companies to reappoint where there was no change.

H.M.A. ELECTION DATES: A schedule detailing the 1978 H.M.A. election programme was tabled and received.

INTERVIEW WITH MR GRAHAME WALTON - Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture):

The Chairman in welcoming Mr Walton to the meeting said all would extend to him their congratulations on his appointment to the post.

The Chairman pointed out that it was almost two years since Mr Smaellie had retired and the settlement of the appointment was pleasing to all.

Mr Walton briefly thanked the Chairman and Executive for the welcome and said he hoped an effective and cordial working relationship would be developed.

The following matters were then discussed with Mr Walton.

- (1) Government Statistician: It was noted that this matter would be discussed with the Executive Secretary in the near future.
- (2) Foul Brood: Mr Walton undertook to have another look at this matter and report to the July meeting.
- (3) Seminar to Coincide with Conference: The Hawkes Bay Branch had put forward a proposal that a one day seminar be held on the Tuesday of Conference week.

The President indicated that the Association would be prepared to meet the cost of hall - in this case the Angus Motor Inn Conference Hall.

Mr Walton expressed keen interest in the proposal.

The Executive Committee expressed the view that -

- (a) The Seminar should be held on the Tuesday
- (b) That the "day" be an annual event
- (c) That if possible a Seminar day be held to coincide with the 1978 Conference.

It was agreed with Mr Walton that the Association would make an early application in the matter to M.A.F. Also it was noted that the programme for the day would be sponsored and developed by Mr Walton.

(Minute Note: The Ministry has now agreed to have a Seminar Day on Tuesday 25 July 1978.)

- (4) CAWTHRON INSTITUTE - re Study of Honey Quality: It was left to the Executive Secretary to contact Mr Hayman in the matter.
- (5) EXPORT REGULATIONS: Mr Dickinson raised this matter. Mr Walton advised that the regulations were now in the final stages of preparation.
- (6) Metrication of Beekeeping Equipment: The point was made that the patterns were not consistent. This applied particularly to the "end bar". Mr Walton undertook to have a look at the matter and advise back to the Association.
- (7) Grading; re problems in the South Island. It was pointed out that there were problems in beekeepers submitting appropriate lots for grading. Also some consideration should be given to "core" sampling equipment. Mr Walton advised that the matter was under investigation.
- (8) Wasp Baits: Mr Walton reported that investigations were proceeding and the matter should probably go back to Research.

The Chairman thanked Mr Walton for his attendance and said the Executive would look forward to meeting him at the next meeting.

PRIVATE HONEY EXPORTS: The Chairman reported that as arranged at the December meeting he and Mr Dickinson met with the two Executive Officers of H.M.A. in Auckland on 10 February.

The Executive Secretary had produced a "Discussion" paper and this had been circulated to members and the H.M.A.

The Chairman in reporting further said it was clear that there was a division of opinion on the basic principle: it had been a topic of industry opinion for many many years. The Auckland Committee meeting had looked at the question and it was suggested in the Executive Secretary's report that the Association should seek the release of 150 tonnes as a market research quantity.

Mr Dickinson confirmed that the Auckland Committee had looked at all aspects of the matter - it is a major matter and of vital concern to the industry and to H.M.A. operations. There was also the question of stabilisation involved.

The Executive noted that any decision in the matter rested with the H.M.A. - the Association could only make its view known to H.M.A.

The whole question was the subject of detailed debate at the conclusion of which the following was moved

"THAT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE REPORT DATED 29/2/78 OF THE AUCKLAND COMMITTEE MEETING, THIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N.B.A. RECOMMENDS TO THE H.M.A. THAT IT ALLOW DURING 1978 A RESEARCH QUANTITY OF BULK HONEY UP TO 150 TONNES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE (UNDER CONDITIONS TO BE PRESCRIBED BY H.M.A.) FOR EXPORT BY PRIVATE BEEKEEPERS."

Robinson/Clissold  
Carried

ACCOUNTS: (1) A schedule of the accounts paid since the December meeting was tabled and circulated. It was moved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE SINCE THE DECEMBER MEETING AND COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED 823 to 840 INCLUSIVE AND TALLING \$8936.40 BE APPROVED AND CONFIRMED."

Robinson/Clissold  
Carried

- (2) AUDIT: It was noted that the Audit of the 1977 accounts was now complete, and that annual reports would be distributed shortly. The question of Audit services was raised.
- (3) LETTER EX MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that the allocation of 1978 Hive Levy Income would be \$20,000, the same as in the previous year. The H.M.A. had already paid the first instalment of \$10,000.
- (4) ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 1977; It was moved

"THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 1977 BE RECORDED."

Mr Chairman/Herron  
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) JULY MEETING OF EXECUTIVE: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 24TH JULY COMMENCING AT 11.30 A.M."

- (2) CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION: The requirements of Executive were noted.
- (3) SOCIAL EVENING - CONFERENCE: It was noted that the principal social function would be held on the Wednesday evening. A fee would apply to this function.
- (4) CONFERENCE MORNING & AFTERNOON TEAS: The Hawkes Bay Branch were planning that this would be on a pay as you go basis - however Mr Berry advised that he would discuss the matter again with the Branch as an "all in" charge or registration fee appeared more simple.

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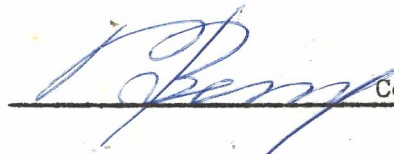
(5) DISPLAYS AT CONFERENCE: The Executive Committee noted that as the meeting hall space was very limited there would be no room available for displays this year.

(6) CONFERENCE GRANT: It was resolved

"THAT \$100 BE PAID TO THE BRANCH AS SOON AS CONVENIENT."

RE METAL TINS EX A.H.I. CHRISTCHURCH: Mr Clissold advised that honey tins were being consigned by rail without the lids being inserted - this led to tins arriving in a dirty state. Referred to the Executive Secretary to take up with the Company.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3.30 p.m.

  
Confirmed  
24-7-78 Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) AND THE CONFERENCE OF BRANCH DELEGATES HELD IN THE ANGUS INN MEETING ROOM, HASTINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 26TH AND 27TH JULY 1978 COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 26TH JULY.

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PRESENT: The President Mr P. Berry (in chair) the Executive Committee members Messrs Stuckey, Robinson, Herron, Clissold and Dickinson; ninety five members of the Association including delegates from the fourteen Branches of the Association.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Ivan Dickinson, Chairman and Mr Curtis Wicht, General Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority; Messrs G. Walton, P. Clinch, D. Hayran, Ministry of Agriculture; Mr Trevor Walton, Editor Beekeeper and the Executive Secretary G.A. Beard.

There were also in attendance other visitors as well as representatives of the Press and Radio.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS:

The President extended a warm welcome to all attending Conference and said he was sure all would endeavour to make the discussions useful and helpful to the Industry organisation and its members.

The Hawkes Bay Branch had worked very hard to ensure the success of Conference and he was sure all would enjoy the hospitality as the week progressed.

OPENING PRAYER: At the invitation of the President a life member of the Association, Mr J. McFadzien read the opening prayer.

ADDRESS AND WELCOME TO HASTINGS: Mr J. O'Connor the Mayor of Hastings and Mrs O'Connor attended Conference at this stage.

Mr O'Connor in his address of welcome thanked the Association for selecting Hastings as the venue for the conference. Mr O'Connor pointed out the many facilities the city had available to visitors and referred to the great value of bees to the area's large fruit growing industry.

Mr O'Connor said he hoped all would have a most pleasant stay in Hastings and said the Conference would look upon it as a city of confidence.

The President then asked Mrs O'Connor to accept a manuka tree from the Association and he hoped the city would be a suitable location for it.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE BY MR M.L. CAMERON -  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE:

The President introduced Mr Cameron to the Conference and said members were extremely pleased Mr Cameron had been able to accept their invitation to attend and address their Conference.

Mr Cameron in his address referred to three special areas of activity

- (1) The Advisory Services
- (2) Research
- (3) Regulations

The change in Ministry policy in the Advisory Services was similar to that operating for other primary industries. Mr Cameron made reference to the financial grant made available to Mr John Smith to visit Poland on Bee A.I. development. This had been a generous grant and was fully appreciated by the Ministry.

The research was largely in the hands of Mr P. Clinch and Mr Clinch would be submitting a paper later to the Conference.

Mr Cameron then dealt with the need to include honey dew and comb honey within the definition of honey and it was proposed to amend the Apiaries Act in the near future.

In marketing Mr Cameron pointed out that one of the problems was the extremely wide range of views and it was really up to the industry to reconcile its requirements.

Mr Cameron concluded his address by stressing

- (1) That the battle would be to continue to monitor access to markets - tariffs, residues, grades were factors. Unless quality is maintained access could be affected.
- (2) That the industry must determine the policy for exports - centralised marketing has many advantages but it was not the only basis. There was a need to work with Trade and Industry.
- (3) That the industry should be aiming to build stability into the marketing system.

Mr Cameron then declared Conference officially open. The address was received with acclamation.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION MR P. BERRY:

In his address the President pointed out that there had been further progress towards political and financial stability. The year had been a good one production-wise and that there appeared to be increasing capital being spent in the industry.

The recent advice of the export taxation incentive for packed lines of honey would be welcomed by the industry.

The President then dealt with Honey Marketing Authority operations and also the Apimondia Congress held in Adelaide in October 1977.

Mr Berry also raised the question of the departmental sector government representatives should be drawn for Honey Marketing operations and suggested that the Department of Trade & Industry could be more satisfactory than the Ministry of Agriculture.

The President concluded his address by saying that the industry faced many challenges. He also thanked his colleagues and also the staff for their support. He also informed members that he would not be a candidate for the Presidency again, although he would continue his close association with and interest in the industry.

The address was received with acclamation.

VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr M.G. Stuckey the Vice President on behalf of the Association then moved a vote of thanks to Messrs O'Connor and Cameron for their attendance at Conference and for the addresses each had given.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

WELCOME TO HAWKES BAY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HAWKES BAY BRANCH - MR W. ASHCROFT:

Mr Ashcroft extended a warm welcome to fellow beekeepers and visitors and said the local branch had drawn up a good programme for all to enjoy. Mr Ashcroft said his branch sincerely hoped all would find their visit pleasant and useful.

ADDRESS BY MR I.J. DICKINSON, CHAIRMAN HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Dickinson in his address referred firstly to the retirement of Mr Eric Lee and then to the altered concept in Government/Industry relationships in the marketing field. The Authority had received close to 2400 tonnes: the export market was not as active as it had been.

Mr Dickinson then referred to the equality of producer member voting on the Authority and the significance of this in relation to the Government member. The finances available from government sources to support the operations of the Authority was a matter causing concern and it was clear that new measures could well apply in the future. There was also a proposal for a Promotion Fund of around \$30,000/\$50,000 had been



mentioned. This would of course mean a higher Hive Levy. A more serious proposal was the suggestion that the Base Price should be reduced by 5 per cent: if adopted this would reduce the Base Price from 81 cents to 73 cents.

The Authority, said Mr Dickinson, would try and resolve some of the financial problems by the end of the week.

Mr Dickinson closed his address by saying that he and other Authority members were available to the Industry and he hoped members would take full advantage of this opportunity to keep in close touch with industry marketing affairs.

Mr Dickinson's address was received with acclamation.

Mr Dickinson then answered questions for a period and covered many aspects in greater detail during this question and answer session.

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

APOLOGIES: The following apologies were received

Messrs	Ian Forbes	L. Tweeddale	C. Dawson
	Ted Roberts	E. Whalley	M. Gordon
	D. Bates	C. Bromell	N. Glass

OBITUARIES: The Conference stood in silence as a mark of respect to Messrs Cropp, R. Brewster and W.J. Lennon who had passed away since the 1977 Conference.

Mr McFadzien advised that Mrs Lennon was present and said she had been greatly comforted by the help given during her bereavement. Mrs Lennon had asked him to extend on her behalf her warmest greetings to all.

#### ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER:

Mr R. Robinson - Waikato Branch moved that Mr Dudley Lorimer be elected a Life Member of the Association. In speaking to the motion Mr Robinson outlined the long period of service Mr Lorimer had given to his fellow beekeepers both as a member of the Association Executive and as a member of the Marketing Authority. Dudley Lorimer said Mr Robinson was respected by the whole industry and accordingly was a man fully worthy of Life Membership.

Mr Broadley seconded the motion and endorsed all Mr Robinson had said of Mr Lorimer.

Other members to speak in support were Messrs Stuckey, Poole and the President..

The motion was then put and carried by acclamation.

Mr Lorimer in accepting the honour conferred by the Conference said that to him the Life Membership award was a great honour and it gave him a great deal of pleasure. Mr Lorimer said service to the industry was really service to his fellow men and he treasured the fellowship he had established with so many. It was he said pleasing to see the younger men coming forward - the Association would be stronger for this: he had and would continue to enjoy the pleasures of membership.

#### REPORT OF MEMBER AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD - MR M.G. STUCKEY:

Mr Stuckey in reporting said he had only been recently appointed - the Executive Committee had resolved that the Vice-President for the time being would be the Association's representative. There was a short question and answer session and at the conclusion of this, the Executive Committee's attitude to the appointment of its Vice President to the Board.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mr Dawson, the Librarian, Mr A. Clissold reported on the activities of the Committee. It was reported that some 38 new books had been added and the provision of a Cassette Library was being investigated.

The President in thanking Mr Clissold for his report referred to the wonderful continuing job Mr Dawson was doing for the library.

APPOINTMENT OF TIMEKEEPER: Resolved

"THAT MR PAUL ASHCROFT BE APPOINTED TIMEKEEPER"

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS: Resolved

"THAT MESSRS P, CLINCH AND G. WALTON BE APPOINTED SCRUTINEERS."

SPEAKING TIME: Resolved

"THAT THE SPEAKING TIMES BE 5 MINUTES FOR THE MOVER OF A MOTION AND 3 MINUTES FOR OTHER SPEAKERS."

NOTICES OF MOTION: Receipt of the Notices of Motion were recorded

- (1) Waikato Branch - one motion
- (2) Canterbury " - two motions
- (3) Sth Canterbury - one motion

MINUTES OF 1977 ANNUAL MEETING Resolved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1977 ANNUAL MEETING ON JULY 27/28 AS CIRCULATED BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED."

ADJOURNMENT OF 1978 ANNUAL MEETING Resolved

"THAT THE 1978 ANNUAL MEETING BE ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES CONCLUDES."

CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES: The President declared that the Conference of Delegates was convened.

REMIT NO. 1 - BAY OF PLENTY

The Remit read "That this Conference move to have the H.M.A. payment for Rewarewa honey, which is heavily penalised because of its colour, brought more into line with the price it is realising on the retail market."

Moved Stanley/Mossop and carried 12 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 2 - CANTERBURY The Remit read

"That Conference supports the principle that honey-dew exports be continued on the present basis with minimum controls."

Moved Jeffery/Hanz and carried 12 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 3 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That Conference reaffirms support of the principle of exports of appropriate quantities of bulk extracted honey by exporters other than H.M.A. but subject to H.M.A. control and equal involvement in H.M.A. price smoothing."

Moved I. Berry/Marshall and carried on a Poll vote  
For 2157 Against 2142

REMIT NO. 4 - WAIKATO The Remit as amended read

"This Conference is opposed to private exports of bulk honey not under the control of the H.M.A."

Lost on a Poll vote For 1914 Against 2156

REMIT NO. 5 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That Conference urges the Honey Marketing Authority to use its best endeavours to maximise exports of New Zealand honey."

Moved Marshall/Ian Berry and carried 12 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 6 - R.L. JANSEN The Remit read

"That this Conference request the N.B.A. to actively assist and promote the export of honey with particular regard to packed lines. Additionally, to provide relevant information re labelling, weights, levies, etc. concerning countries that promise potential markets for N.Z. honey."

Moved Jansen/Mitchell and lost on Poll vote.

REMIT NO. 7 - WEST COAST The Remit as amended read

"That in the event of private exports being allowed the H.M.A. only permit exports by those private exporters who can substantiate selling prices greater than the nett prices obtainable by the H.M.A. for similar lines of honey."

Moved Braid/Glasson and lost 10 votes to 3.

REMIT NO. 8 - S.M. BOOTH The Remit read

"That before any major changes in the marketing policy of the H.M.A. are made (i.e. private exports of honey) a referendum of all hive levy payers be held to gauge the true feeling of the industry."

Moved Booth/Marshall and lost 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 9 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That Conference reaffirms support of the principle of exports of appropriate quantities of retail packs of extracted honey by commercial beekeepers other than the H.M.A. but subject to H.M.A. control and equal involvement in H.M.A. price smoothing."

Moved Marshall/Ian Berry and carried on a Poll vote  
For 3120 Against 1188

REMIT NO. 10 - R.L. JANSEN The Remit read

"That this Conference views with serious concern the apparent inability of the Authority to justify its policy of retail honey packing for the following reasons:

- (1) The Authority admitted at the 1977 Conference it was unable to recover its packaging costs.
- (2) Being a Statutory Board, no provision can be made for a profit margin on which private enterprise is dependant.
- (3) Its current export of retail packs based on the above criteria is having the effect of underpricing the product on the overseas market. In turn, this sets price precedents which private packers will find extremely difficult to compete with."

Moved Jansen/Cropp and lost on Delegates Vote 13 votes to 1.

- REMIT NO. 11 - R.L. JANSEN The Remit read
- "That this Conference request that the administration of private exports be removed from the jurisdiction of the H.M.A. and be placed in the hands of an impartial body, be it industry oriented or a suitable government agency. "
- Moved Jansen/Stuckey and lost 13 votes to 1.
- REMIT NO. 12 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read
- "That Conference press the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to publish information regarding their research into wasp control."
- Moved Marshall/Broadley and carried 12 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 13 - OTAGO The Remit read
- "That Government be urged to provide compensation for all hives affected by Bacillus Larvae subject to being certified by the District Apiary Instructor as being diseased."
- Moved Richards/Jeffery and lost 10 votes to 3.
- REMIT NO. 14 - CANTERBURY Withdrawn
- REMIT NO. 15 - SOUTHLAND The Remit read
- "That the M.A.F. give full support to the Queen Bee Artificial Insemination programme with a view to the eventual establishment of a breeding station."
- Moved Booth/Clissold and carried 8 votes to 6.
- REMIT NO. 16 - NORTHLAND The Remit read
- "That beekeepers directly affected by appointments within the Apiary Section of the M.A.F. should be given the opportunity of expressing their ideas on the appointment to the State Services Commission, or to the Appeal Commissioners, should the appointment go to appeal."
- Moved Gavin/Haines and lost on a Poll Vote  
For 1681 Against 1899
- REMIT NO. 17 - OTAGO The Remit as amended read
- "That Conference ask the Ministry to hold another seminar at the venue of next year's Conference."
- Moved Heineman/Richards and carried 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 18 - NORTHLAND The Remit read
- "That the Association seek Government co-operation in the growing of "Trees for Bees"."
- Moved Gavin/Jeffery and carried 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 19 - NORTHLAND The Remit read
- "That the appropriate branch of the D.S.I.R. be requested to determine by tests the probability of the German wasp (Vespa Germanica) being involved in the distribution of bacillus larvae spores."
- Moved Mossop/Gavin and carried 11 votes to 3.

- REMIT NO. 20 - FAR NORTH The Remit read
- "That this Conference request reasons why the Apicultural Division of M.A.F. saw fit not to implement Notice No. 4 on the Order Paper of the 1977 Annual Conference which was passed unanimously."
- Moved Haines/Gavin and carried 10 votes to 3.
- REMIT NO. 21 - FAR NORTH The Remit read
- "That this Conference reaffirms its support of a total ban on the importation of Queens and semen."
- Moved Haines/Jeffery and carried on a Poll vote  
For 3009 Against 1443
- REMIT NO. 22 - CANTERBURY The Remit read
- "That Conference draw the attention of the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries to the necessity of appointing qualified beekeepers as Apiary Instructors."
- Moved Jeffery/Hanz and carried 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 23 - BAY OF PLENTY The Remit read
- "That this Conference recommends that the Executive of the N.B.A. work with the Health authorities to produce a set of workable amendments to the Food Hygiene Regulations which would be applicable specifically to the Honey Industry."
- Moved Jessop/Broadley and lost 9 votes to 4.
- REMIT NO. 24 - T.J.L. BROADLEY Withdrawn
- REMIT NO. 25 - WEST COAST The Remit as amended read
- "That this Conference encourage the Forest Service to continue its efforts to eradicate opossums from indigenous forests."
- Moved Braid/Glasson and carried 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 26 - BAY OF PLENTY The Remit read
- "That this Conference approach the national Pest Destruction Board with a view to enlisting their aid in the destruction of wasp nests encountered in the course of their normal duties."
- Moved Stanley/Mossop and carried by 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 27 - NORTH OTAGO Withdrawn
- REMIT NO. 28 - NELSON The Remit read
- "This Conference request the N.B.A. Executive to approach the Rural Bank and Finance Corporation with a view to having beehives regarded as security for borrowing."
- Moved Cropp/Whitehead and carried by 12 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 29 - NELSON The Remit read
- "This Conference would like to see the N.Z. Beekeeper Journal printed with
- a. more reading for beekeepers
  - b. articles printed in full.
- Moved Cropp/Whitehead and carried by 11 votes to 2.

- REMIT NO. 30 - OTAGO The Remit read  
 "That the industry phase out the 900 gram container and replace with 1kg."  
 Moved Heineman/Morris and lost by 9 votes to 3.
- REMIT NO. 31 - CANTERBURY The Remit as amended read  
 "That urgent attention be given by the M.A.F. to the development implication of bee repellents in sprays."  
 Moved Jeffery/Hay and carried by 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 32 - OTAGO The Remit as amended read  
 "That it is this Conference's opinion that the Rules should be altered to provide for members attending Conference to be free to cast their votes through their Branch Delegate."  
 Moved Bray/Broadley and carried by 12 votes to 2.
- REMIT NO. 33 - CANTERBURY Withdrawn
- REMIT NO. 34 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read  
 "That appropriate steps be taken to prohibit any one person being on the Board of the Honey Marketing Authority and the Executive on the National Beekeepers' Association at the same time."  
 Moved Lyttle/Bartrum and lost by 11 votes to 2.
- REMIT NO. 35 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read  
 "That the Rules of this Association dealing with the method of voting for National Executive be amended to state "That the voter may vote for any number of candidates up to the number of vacancies to be filled."  
 Moved Bartrum/Heineman and carried by 9 votes to 5.
- REMIT NO. 36 - C.W. FOOTE The Remit read  
 "That this Conference direct the Executive to organise a postal referendum of all members to determine whether they are satisfied with the present undemocratic voting system."  
 A letter from Mr Foote was read in support.  
 The remit was moved by Heineman/Dickinson and lost 14 votes to nil.
- REMIT NO. 37 - S.J. LYTTLE The Remit read  
 "That voting for Honey Marketing Authority members on the Authority revert to a similar basis as previously, with votes on hive holdings plus one vote for every tonne of honey supplied to the Authority."  
 Moved Lyttle/Bartrum and lost by 10 votes to 3.
- NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1 - WAIKATO The Notice read  
 "That this Conference reaffirms its concern that adequate Reserve Bank finance on reasonable terms be available to meet the H.M.A. commitment to the Industry."  
 Moved Robinson/Mitchell and carried on a Delegates Vote by 14 votes to nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2 - CANTERBURY

The Notice read

"That Conference request that an amendment be made to the Apiaries Act that "no person shall spray or dust any flowering plant which is attractive to bees, with any substance which is toxic to bees unless permission is obtained from the M.A.F."

Moved Jeffery/Hay and carried by 14 votes to nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3 - CANTERBURY BRANCH

The Notice read

"That Conference request that the Commission for the Environment be approached to investigate the feasibility of allowing farmers to plant roadsides with suitable flowering shrubs and small trees. The local Counties can be encouraged through the Commission to allow this departure from present by-laws. Permits are envisaged to ensure suitability. Benefits which would arise are:

protection of pastures from drying winds  
 saving in fencing costs for shelter belts  
 enhancing the aesthetic value of our roadlines  
 provision of pollen and nectar sources for bees  
 provision of nesting sites for many birds."

Moved Jeffery/Hay and carried by 12 votes to 2.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 4 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Notice read

"That this Conference deplores the action of the Government in suggesting a lowering of the Base Price of honey for the 1978/79 season without regard to the full years trading by the Authority."

Moved Bartrum/Morris and carried by 14 votes to nil.

1979 CONFERENCE

It was moved by Messrs Winslade/Robinson

"THAT THE INVITATION OF THE NORTH OTAGO BRANCH TO HOST THE 1979 CONFERENCE IN OAMARU BE ACCEPTED WITH THANKS."

The motion on being put was carried.

RESEARCH PAPER - MR P. CLINCH:

Mr Clinch's paper had been tabled and circulated the previous day.

Mr Clinch addressed Conference and elaborated upon points covered in his paper. The discussion was then taken on a question and answer basis and members took advantage of this opportunity.

At the conclusion of the session the President thanked Mr Clinch on behalf of Conference for a most interesting address and this was supported by acclamation.

ADDRESS BY MR G. WALTON - CHIEF ADVISORY OFFICER (APICULTURE):

Mr Walton had made available this paper the previous day.

Mr Walton outlined in detail a number of matters of interest and concern to the industry in the organisation and operation of the Advisory Service.

He also dealt with disease problems, Queen Bee imports ex Tonga, the importation of honey and hive products, the Apiaries Act and definition of honey.

Mr Walton then answered a series of questions from members on a number of pertinent points - at the conclusion of which a hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES:

The President then closed the Conference of Delegates and resumed the Annual General Meeting.

ASSOCIATION'S REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 1977:

The audited Accounts together with the Annual Report of the Association for 1977 were tabled. It was then moved

"THAT THE 1977 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION TOGETHER WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT BE RECEIVED AND ADOPTED."

Robinson/Broadley Carried

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 1978/79: It was moved

"THAT MR M.G. STUCKEY BE ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR 1978/79."

Winslade/Robinson

Carried by acclamation

MR STUCKEY THEN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT: The nominations of Mr P. Marshall and Mr A. Clissold were advanced.

As the result of a poll Mr P. Marshall was duly declared elected Vice-President for 1978/79.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: It was moved Messrs Robinson/Broadley that Mr N. Ryder Lewis be appointed Auditor to the Association for the ensuing year.

Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) Good Wishes to Mr M. Gordon - competitor at Edmonton Games.

Resolved

"THAT A CABLE EXTENDING CONFERENCE'S GOOD WISHES BE SENT TO MR GORDON."

- (2) Retirement of Mr Russell Poole

Mr Dickinson made reference to the outstanding service Mr Poole had made to the industry and especially during his term as Chairman of the Authority. It was with regret that members learned of Mr Poole's decision to become only a hobbyist beekeeper and he hoped his other business venture would be most successful. Mr Poole could look back with pride on his work for the industry.

A motion recording the Association's appreciation was carried with acclamation. Mr Poole suitably replied.

- (3) Destruction of Voting Papers: It was resolved

"THAT ALL VOTING PAPERS BE DESTROYED."

- (4) Thanks to Host Branch: Mr Clissold on behalf of Conference extended to the President and members of the Hawkes Bay Branch the deep appreciation of Conference at the excellence of the arrangements made.

A motion to this effect was carried by acclamation.



RETIRING PRESIDENT - MR P. BERRY

Before the Conference closed a member rose and made reference to the wonderful work done by Mr Percy Berry during his term of office. All would acknowledge that he gave to the Association of his best and the Association had been fortunate to have enjoyed a period under his leadership.

A motion of confirmation was carried by a standing ovation to Mr Berry.

CONFERENCE CLOSE:

The President thanked all for their contribution to Conference proceedings and declared the Annual Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

M. G. Stuckey CONFIRMED

25 - 7 - 1979 DATE

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, ANGUS MOTOR INN, HASTINGS ON MONDAY 24 JULY 1978 AND FRIDAY THE 28TH JULY 1978 COMMENCING AT 11.30 a.m. ON MONDAY JULY 24TH 1978

PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (in Chair), M.G. Stuckey, A. Clissold, K. Herron, I.J. Dickinson and E.R. Robinson.

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary - G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: The Chairman before taking the business of the meeting welcomed members to the meeting in Hastings. Reference was also made to the loss of Mr Herron to the Executive and also Mr Robinson who did not seek re-election.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 30/31 1978 which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Robinson/Stuckey.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Returning Officer to President advising the result of the Executive Committee Election:

The following results were recorded

(a) NORTH ISLAND Mr P. Marshall 2987 votes  
Mr T. Gavin 1630 votes

Mr Marshall declared elected.

(b) SOUTH ISLAND Mr A. Clissold 3369 votes  
Mr Mr M. Cloake 2585 votes  
Mr K. Herron 1942 votes  
Mr G.L. Jeffery 1282 votes

Messrs Clissold and Cloake declared elected.

WAIKATO BRANCH: Recommending Mr Dudley Lorimer of Hamilton for election as a Life Member of the Association. It was duly moved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE 1978 INDUSTRY CONFERENCE THAT MR DUDLEY LORIMER BE ELECTED A LIFE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION."

MR CHRIS DAWSON - LIBRARIAN re Annual Report. Received and noted.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Re 1977 remit No. 20 re statement of number of hives. The Executive noted that until an amendment was made to the Apiaries Act the proposed change could not be made. Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: The Ministry replied to the Association on the following matters

- (a) Apiary Statistics
- (b) "Foul" Brood disease
- (c) Hastings Seminar
- (d) Honey Export regulations

Received and noted.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: re term "hive" for H.M.A. voting qualification. The class of hives affected were those used for Queen breeding and comb honey.

The Executive resolved

"THAT IT BE RECORDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS NOT FAVOURABLE TO ANY CHANGE BEING MADE."

MR G.L. JEFFERY - HONEY DEW ASSOCIATION: Forwarding copies of letters sent to Minister of Agriculture re honey dew and related matters. Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE KEEP MR JEFFERY ADVISED ON MATTERS COVERED IN HIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE HON. MINISTER."

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that the minor amendment to the Honey Marketing Authority Regulations relating to the election of H.M.A. members had now been passed. Received.

WAIKATO BRANCH: Submitting notice for Conference consideration - re H.M.A. finance. Resolved

"THAT THE WAIKATO BRANCH BE ASKED TO PRESENT THE REMIT TO CONFERENCE AS A NOTICE OF MOTION."

WAIKATO BRANCH: Re action taken to accept a members voting, where the member had not attended the "remit" meeting.

After considering various aspects of the matter it was resolved

"THAT AS THE NOTICE OF THE ADDITIONAL MEETING HELD WAS NOT SENT TO ALL MEMBERS THE MEMBERS VOTE CONCERNED BE NOT ADDED TO THE VOTES RECORDED AT THE "REMIT" MEETING."

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY: Advising that packed lines of honey had now been approved within the exports taxation incentive scheme. Received - refer to Beekeeper.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER - 26 April - received.

D.S.I.R. - ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION: Forwarding programme for Conference to be held in Auckland on January 22/26 1979. Received.  
To be raised at September meeting.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that in keeping with the provisions of the 1978 Budget, Honey Inspection Fees would be withdrawn from October 1st 1978. Received and referred to Beekeeper.

GLASS BROS LTD: Raising matter of Australian honey being brought into New Zealand by travellers. The disease risk question was raised. The question was later discussed with Mr G. Walton who detailed that action was being taken to meet the position. It was expected formalities could take up to a month to resolve. Noted.

N.Z. HONEY PACKERS ASSOCIATION: Advising that the Association favoured a standard set of health regulations for honey packing buildings being adopted nationally.

The Executive noted that the question was covered by a Conference remit and it was decided that the matter be left over until the next meeting.

Mr Dickinson pointed out that the matter had previously been taken up by the N.B.A. but no real progress had been possible.

N.Z. HONEY PACKERS ASSOCIATION: Re metric weights for honey packs.

Referred to Executive Secretary for reply.  
The weights outlined were in line with those advocated by the Executive Committee.

MR T.H. GODDARD: Requesting advice on a number of technical points.

The Executive Secretary reported that the matter had been referred to Mr G. Walton for direct reply. Received and noted.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Re Honey Containers. Received.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR: Re metric sizes for honey packed in glass jars.

It was resolved

- (a) "THAT IT BE NOTED THAT THE ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT IN GLASS JAR PACKAGING IT WAS DESIRABLE TO HOLD OPEN ALL POSSIBILITIES."
- (b) "THAT ALL UNSPECIFIED "BLOWN" GLASS IS SO VARIABLE IN SIZE IT IS DESIRABLE THAT BEEKEEPERS BE ABLE TO USE ANY TYPE AND SIZE OF SUCH JARS."

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR: Advising the effect of the metrication (retail trading) regulations 1978. Received - referred to Beekeeper.

MR P. BERRY: Forwarding to Executive background paper used in February 1978 discussion on private exports of bulk honey. Received.

HIVE LEVY BILL: A copy of the draft Bill was tabled. It was noted that it had now been introduced in Parliament and that it would be enacted later this year. Received.

CANTERBURY BRANCH: Advising (a) Change of Secretary  
(b) A remit for Conference re Apiaries Act  
(c) A remit for Conference re Environmental matters.

It was resolved

"THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO THE CANTERBURY BRANCH THAT THEY ADVANCE THE TWO REMITS TO CONFERENCE AS NOTICES OF MOTION."

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising details re Hastings Seminar. Received.

MR PAUL MARSHALL: Advising particulars about Conference. Received.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that he would be unable to attend the 1978 Conference and further the Director-General, Mr M.L. Cameron would be deputising for him. Noted.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Advising re meetings to co-incide with Conference. Received.

MR G.M. WALTON }  
MR P. CLINCH } - Ministry of Agriculture - Accepting the Executive's invitation to attend Conference. Received.

A. ECROYD & SON LTD: Advising that the company would not require advertising space in the next Beekeeper. Received.

MR E.R. ROBINSON at the invitation of the President assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

ACCOUNTS:

(1) PAYMENTS FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE/JULY 1978

A schedule detailing the accounts paid during the above period was tabled and circulated. It was duly resolved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED FROM 841 TO 874 INCLUSIVE AND TOTTALING \$8907.27 BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED."

(2) ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS - 1977 Resolved

"THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1977 BE REFERRED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING."

DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF ADVISORY OFFICER (APICULTURE) - MR G.M. WALTON

The following matters were discussed with Mr Walton.

- (1) Foul Brood
- (2) Imports from Australia (refer Glass Bros. Letter).
- (3) Letter to N.B.A. re proposed change to Apiaries Act to clarify the position of Honey Dew.

Mr Walton indicated that the Ministry would like to get the Amendment to the Act passed this year if at all possible.

After a full discussion on the matter it was resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND RECORD THAT IT EXPECTS THE MINISTRY TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH THE HONEY DEW ASSOCIATION BEFORE PROCEEDING."

- (3) GRADING AND MARKETING: It was noted that amending regulations would be advised to the Association in due course.

- (4) M.A.F. - APICULTURE Section report to Conference. Mr Walton quoted from his report and it was noted that Honey Production for the past year was 8279 tonnes.

REPORT FROM MR ROBINSON ON RESTRICTED AREA: Mr Robinson reported fully on a recent Committee meeting. He advised that a number of recommendations had been made to the Minister. Mr Robinson also advised that the Committee was working extremely well. Received.

REPORT FROM MR A. CLISSOLD ON LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Clissold tabled and read a full report covering the operation of the Committee.

The Executive noted the proposal to increase fees and concurred in this proposed course of action.

It was agreed that the matter could be discussed further when Mr M. Cloake attended the meeting on Friday. It was resolved

"THAT MR CLISSOLD'S REPORT BE RECEIVED AND THAT HE BE THANKED FOR IT."

CONFERENCE REMITS: The Executive Committee went through all the remits on the Conference Agenda paper.

RETIRING MEMBERS: Before the meeting adjourned Mr Berry said he would like the Executive to record its appreciation to Messrs Ray Robinson and Keith Herron for the services they had rendered the industry as Executive members. This was supported by other members.

The meeting then adjourned until 8.30 a.m. Friday the 27th July.

PRESENT: Messrs M.G. Stuckey (in Chair), I.J. Dickinson, P. Berry, P. Marshall, A. Clissold and M. Cloake.

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary G.A. Beard.

The Chairman welcomed members and especially the recently elected members - Messrs M. Cloake and P. Marshall to the meeting and advised that the principal business was to consider the action that should be initiated on the remits passed by Conference.

REMIT NO. 1: Payments for Rewarewa honey - referred to H.M.A. for consideration and comment.

REMIT NO. 2: Honey Dew Exports - It was the view of the Executive Committee that Honey Dew should be graded and that the H.M.A. be advised accordingly. It was also decided that the H.M.A. be requested to contact the Honey Dew Association on the matter.

REMIT NO. 3: Exports of Bulk Honey by private persons - referred to H.M.A.

REMIT NO. 5: Re measures to maximise honey exports - referred to H.M.A.

REMIT NO. 9: Re exports of private packs - referred to H.M.A.

REMIT NO. 12: Research into Wasp Control. Referred to Mr G. Walton. Also seek the publications that have been published on the subject. Refer reply direct to Branches.

REMIT NO. 15: Re Queen Bee A.I. and establishment of Breeding Station - refer to Director-General of Agriculture.

REMIT NO. 17: re Seminars in South Island. Resolved

- (a) "THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BE CONGRATULATED ON THE EXCELLENT SEMINAR SPONSORED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HASTINGS CONFERENCE,"
- (b) "THAT THE MINISTRY BE REQUESTED TO SPONSOR ON THE TUESDAY PRECEEDING 1979 CONFERENCE IN OAMARU A SIMILAR TYPE SEMINAR."

REMIT NO. 18: Re trees for bees. Resolved

- (a) "THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO
  - (i) THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
  - (ii) THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE."
- (b) "THAT THE SUBJECT BE RAISED AGAIN AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING SO THAT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE FORMULATED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE RESPECTIVE MINISTERS."

REMIT NO. 19: Re possibility of wasps being involved in the distribution of bacillus larvae spores - referred to

- (a) Director-General of Agriculture
  - (b) The D.S.I.R.
- for comment.

REMIT NO. 20: Re inspection declaration forms - no action necessary.

REMIT NO. 21: Re imports of honey, pollen etc. - Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE AND CUSTOMS."

It was also decided that the use of the terms "Queens" and "hive products" may be more appropriate.

REMIT NO. 22: Re Apiary Instructors - Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE AND THAT EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE BE MADE."

REMIT NO. 23: (Lost)

The Executive decided it could be helpful to obtain copies of the Food Hygiene Regulations for members.

REMIT NO. 25: Re eradication of browsing animals in forests. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE."

REMIT NO. 26: re control of wasps - referred to Pest Destruction Board.

REMIT NO. 28: re Rural Bank Finance - Resolved

"THAT MR KEN WATERS HEAD OFFICE RURAL BANK BE INVITED TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING."

REMIT NO. 29: Re "Beekeeper"

- (a) Referred to Editor for his information.
- (b) The subscription for "ordinary" members be raised at the September meeting.

REMIT NO. 31: Re development of bee repellents in sprays - referred to Director-General of Agriculture.

REMIT NO. 32: re Rules (Bray Amendment). Resolved

- "(1) THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S SOLICITOR BE ASKED FOR AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESENT RULES DO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERS TO CAST THEIR VOTE THROUGH THE DELEGATE AT CONFERENCE.
- (2) THAT IF NOT THEN ASK FOR PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULES."

REMIT NO. 35: Re method of voting in Executive elections. Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE RAISED AND CONSIDERED AT THE MARCH 1979 MEETING."

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 1: Re finances for H.M.A. operation. Resolved

- "(1) THAT THE REMIT BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER OF FINANCE.
- (2) THAT A COPY OF THIS LETTER BE MINUTED TO THE H.M.A.

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 2: Re Apiaries Act and spraying and dusting.  
Referred to Director-General of Agriculture for consideration and comment.

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 3: Re Planting of roadsides.

- (1) Referred to Minister of Environment.
- (2) Also referred to Editor and Apiary Officers and Farm Advisory Officers.

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 4: Protesting at Government request to H.M.A. to lower 1978/79 base price. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO

- (a) The HON. MINISTER OF FINANCE
- (b) THE HON. ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
- (c) THE H.M.A."

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 5: 1979 CONFERENCE - Resolved

- "(1) THAT THE PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE 1979 CONFERENCE IN OAMARU BE CONFIRMED.
- (2) THAT THE CONFERENCE DATES BE WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 25/26/27 JULY 1979 WITH THE PROPOSED SEMINAR ON TUESDAY THE 24TH JULY."

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) Retirement of (a) Mr Russell Poole  
(b) Mr Eric Lee. Resolved

"THAT SUITABLE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION BE SENT TO MESSRS POOLE AND LEE."

- (2) Retirement of Executive Committee Members - Mr E.R. Robinson and Mr K. Herron.

Resolved

"THAT LETTERS BE SENT TO MESSRS ROBINSON AND HERRON THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE."

- (3) Library Committee Resolved

"THAT MR A. CLISSOLD BE RE-APPOINTED TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE."

- (4) Remit ex Far North Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WRITE A LETTER OF EXPLANATION."

- (5) Restricted Area Committee: It was noted that Mr Robinson's retirement from the Executive raised the question of a new appointment. Resolved

"THAT MR P. MARSHALL BE APPOINTED TO THE RESTRICTED AREA COMMITTEE."

- (6) Agricultural Chemicals Board: The Executive Committee's policy that the Vice President should represent the Association was discussed and confirmed. Resolved

"THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO THE HON. MINISTER THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT MR P. MARSHALL BE APPOINTED VICE MR M.G. STUCKEY."

NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 18TH AND 19TH SEPTEMBER 1978 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 18TH.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10 A.M.

*M. J. Stuckey 18 Sept 78*



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE/JUNE 1978

841	Hotel Waterloo	156.25	(Exe, Cotte Exes)
842	Agpress	2804.87	(Beekeeper)
843	D. Williams	15.00	( " Contributions)
844	N. Wallingford	25.00	" "
845	A. Fussell	70.00	" "
846	H.M.A.	24.50	(Exec. C. Exes)
847	K. Herron	45.00	" " "
848	M. Stuckey	20.50	" " "
849	W. Clissold	49.00	" " "
850	E. Robinson	28.60	" " "
851	H.B. Branch	100.00	(Conference Exes.)
852	I. Dickinson	19.85	(Exec. C. Exes)
853	Agpress	56.80	(Beekeeper)
854	Far Nth Branch	161.00	(Capitation Fee)
855	Nelson Branch	92.50	" "
856	Otago Branch	165.00	" "
857	West Coast Branch	81.50	" "
858	Waikato Branch	254.00	" "
859	H.B. Branch	94.50	" "
860	S.W.D. Branch	218.50	" "
861	Canterbury Branch	193.00	" "
862	Agpress	40.54	(Beekeeper)
863	Instit. Horticulture	15.00	(Subscription)
864	Agpress	1555.26	(Beekeeper)
865	Still in Book		
	Cheque Books	4.00	
866	P.I.C.	2292.98	(Fee 3 months)
867	A. Matheson	29.00	(Beekeeper Contributions)
868	M. Reid	43.00	" "
869	H. Beazer	10.00	" "
870	D. Williams	25.00	" "
871	M. Stuckey	16.00	" "
872	Copy Shoppe	31.40	(Printing)
† 873	R. Haines & Son	167.09	(Books - money recovered)
874	J.A. McKay	2.63	(Stationery)
		<u>8907.27</u>	

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, LEVEL 14 PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 18TH AND 19TH SEPTEMBER 1978 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 18TH SEPTEMBER.

PRESENT: Messrs M.J. Stuckey (in Chair), P. Marshall, P. Berry, I.J. Dickinson, A. Clissold and M. Cloake (from 2 p.m.).

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary G.A. Beard.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting held on July 24 and 28 1978 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed with one amendment - reference page 5 Remit 2 "H.M.A." should read "M.A.F.".

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1978 CONFERENCE: Mr Marshall reported that the Hawkes Bay Branch had come out of Conference expenses satisfactorily and felt they would be able to refund the \$100 advance made to them. Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SCOTT, HARDIE BOYS, MORRISON & COY - Solicitors to the Association advising the drafting of proposed Rule amendments providing for members to cast their votes to their Branch delegate at Conference.

The Executive after discussing the question in some detail resolved

"THAT THE SOLICITORS BE ASKED TO DRAFT A RULE ALTERATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE REMIT BRANCH MEETING IF THEY WISHED TO BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO CAST THEIR VOTES TO THE BRANCH DELEGATE AT CONFERENCE."

(Minute Note: The Executive considered that to be satisfactory it was desirable that it be obligatory upon members who wished to exercise the disposal of their votes at Conference to attend the Remit Branch meeting.)

D.S.I.R. RE ANZAAS 1979 CONFERENCE - Auckland January 20/26 1979. Received.

MR CHRIS DAWSON - Librarian - thanking office for copies of Nectar and Pollen Sources. Received.

ARVANT - APIMONDIA - Advising travel arrangements for 1979 Congress in September. Received.

OUTWARD CABLE TO MR GORDON - Expressing good wishes in his competition at Commonwealth Games. Noted.

OUTWARD LETTER TO E.W. LEE - Expressing industry's thanks for services to the industry and wishing him a happy retirement. Noted.

OUTWARD TO MR RUSSELL POOLE - Thanking him for his long services to the industry. Noted.

MR R. ROBINSON )  
MR K. McC. HERRON ) Thanking them for their services to the Executive Committee. Noted.

OUTWARD TO HON J.B. BOLGER - Re Association's representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board. The Chairman advised that he had discussed the matter with the Chairman and Registrar and the appointment of Mr P. Marshall would be confirmed shortly. Noted.

REMITTS EX CONFERENCE TO HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Letters conveying Remit Nos. 1, 3, 5, and 9 to H.M.A. were tabled. It was noted that the Authority would not be meeting for a couple of weeks.

HON ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE - Advising the appointment of Mr P. Marshall to the Apiaries Advisory Committee vice Mr R. Robinson. Received.

OUTWARD TO MR R.G. CHURCH - LABOUR DEPT in reply to an enquiry on metrication of glass jars. Noted.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE - Replying to remit on bee repellents. Resolved "THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO BRANCHES AND BEEKEEPER."

MR G.M. WALTON - Replying to letter of 8 August on spraying and dusting of flowering plants. The Association had suggested an amendment to Section 35 of the Apiaries Act.

Mr Walton confirmed that an early amendment to the Act was not anticipated but the Association's request had been noted. Received.

HON MINISTER OF CUSTOMS - Replying to Association's representations regarding the importation of honey and honey products.

It was noted that an amendment to the Apiaries Act was now under way. Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - Re appointment of Advisory Officers ex Remit No. 22. Received and referred to Beekeeper.

HON MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - Replying to Association's representations in regard to the eradication of opossums from indigenous forests, ex Conference remit.

Received and referred to Beekeeper.

MR G.M. WALTON, M.A.F. - Replying to Association's Remit No. 19. The remit dealt with the spread of disease spores by german wasps. Received and referred to Beekeeper.

AGRICULTURAL PESTS DESTRUCTION COUNCIL - Re control of wasps. The Executive Committee noted that the matter was to be considered at the next Council meeting.

MR G.M. WALTON, M.A.F. - Published information on Wasps. Received.

MR G.M. WALTON, M.A.F. - Re Queen Bee breeding programme. Refer Remit No. 15. Received and referred to Beekeeper.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY - Advising that the export incentive scheme now included packed honey. Received.

The Executive also considered the advice that Queen Bee exports had not been included. It was accepted by the Executive that

- (1) an increase in exports would strengthen the production of Queen Bees
- (2) there was a potential for expansion in selling to both hemispheres.

The Executive decided that Commercial producers should be circularised in order to gain some further information on interest/prospects and that the matter be considered again at the December meeting.

A letter from Mr G. Jeffery on the subject was also received.

OUTWARD LETTER TO H.M.A. FORWARDING ON REMIT NO. 2 - Re honeydew exports.

A letter from Mr G. Jeffery on the subject was also tabled.

It was noted that the matter would again rise as amendments to regulations were considered.

BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH - Re H.M.A. finances. The Executive Secretary advised that he had asked Mr Wicht to reply direct. Noted.

Mr Cloake attended at this stage - plane delayed.

HON ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE - Re proposal that a promotion levy be introduced.

The Executive resolved

"THAT IT DID NOT SUPPORT A LEVY ON PRODUCTION TO ESTABLISH A HONEY PROMOTION FUND."

In the consideration it was noted that

- (a) Continuity of supply is uncertain.
- (b) Trade and Industry have taken first steps in respect of incentives.
- (c) That the H.M.A. should be allowed to participate in export incentive on some acceptable basis.
- (d) Cash reserves of H.M.A. building up. Historically the industry has always been able to market crop.
- (e) Storage is minimal.

The Executive also decided to seek an interview with the Minister.

(Note: this could not be arranged until 4 p.m. Wednesday and so was unacceptable.)

HON MINISTER OF FINANCE - Advising that he was not prepared to defer a decision that the Base Price be reduced by 5 per cent for 1978/79.

This letter was discussed at length and the proposal was not acceptable to members.

The Executive Committee noted that the Chairman of the H.M.A. would be having further discussions on the matter the following day.

The Executive Committee decided to record its disagreement with the context - noting that

- (1) H.M.A. is the Industry Marketing Authority.
- (2) That the Base Price for 1978/79 was set by the Minister of Agriculture last November.
- (3) The financial year has only just concluded at 31 August and at this stage the financial return doesn't appear to present a serious situation.

MR TREVOR WALTON, BEEKEEPER - Re basis of Beekeeper production for 1979.

In his letter dated 18 September 1978 Mr Walton set out a suggested basis for the production of the journal for 1979. The changes suggested were

- (1) Editorial Fee \$500 to \$560.
- (2) Typesetting/layout \$600 to \$675.
- (3) Printing - expected to remain reasonably stable.
- (4) Platemaking similar to printing.
- (5) Postages/tolls - some increase is likely.
- (6) Advertising - no significant adjustment.

Resolved

"THAT THE PROPOSALS BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED."

SUBSCRIPTION - ORDINARY MEMBERS - It was resolved

"THAT THE 1979 SUBSCRIPTION BE INCREASED FROM \$7.50 TO \$9.00."

FOOD & HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The Committee decided to study copies of the regulations and consider the matters arising in December. It was also decided that an officer of the Department of Health be invited to attend.

MR GRAHAME WALTON, CHIEF ADVISORY OFFICER (APICULTURE) attended the meeting at this stage to discuss a number of matters of mutual concern.

- (1) HONEY IMPORTS: It was noted that an amendment to the Apiaries Act would be passed through Parliament under the Statutes Amendment Bill. This will be about the end of October. Noted.
- (2) GERMAN WASPS: It was accepted that more research into the capability of the wasps ability to transfer disease would be warranted. Mr Walton agreed to look into the matter and report back to the December meeting.
- (3) PUBLISHED INFORMATION ON WASPS: Mr Marshall raised the question of the danger in beekeepers making up wasp baits with toxic ingredients. Mr Walton advised that a suitable note could be included in "Ag Link".  
It was also agreed that a note be written to Agchem Distributors suggesting that they state in their advertisement that baits not include honey.
- (4) RE HONEYDEW GRADING: Mr Walton reported on his recent discussions in Canterbury and it was noted that the matter would come up again in due course.
- (6) TREES FOR BEES: This question was discussed with Mr Walton - protection for newly planted trees and a proposal that a subsidy on fencing could be considered. It was resolved

"THAT A SUITABLE LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE NURSERY-  
MENS ASSOCIATION REQUESTING THEIR CO-OPERATION  
IN STOCKING SUITABLE TREES."

- (6) SEMINAR - OAMARU: The Chairman said the Conference had asked that a seminar day similar to the Hastings seminar be arranged in conjunction with the 1979 Conference. The Oamaru Branch had initiated action very promptly and this was commendable. However the Executive Secretary had advised the Branch of the position and it was understood a basis of liaison had been established with Mr Vince Cook the Ministry Officer who would be principally concerned.  
Mr Walton requested that a letter be sent to him confirming the basis on which the seminar would be organised: this was agreed to.
- (7) ADVISORY OFFICER STAFFING: Mr Walton outlined future developments in the service and the matter was discussed in detail.
- (8) AMENDMENT TO APIARIES ACT: Mr Walton advised that the Act would be amended next year - the principal points that would be covered included
  - (a) definition of honey and honeydew
  - (b) Pesticides - broader basis of application
  - (c) Diseases - schedules to be updated
  - (d) Notices under Act - Section 18.
- (9) HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS: These regulations would be the subject of discussion with Industry groups over the next few months.

Mr Walton advised that he would endeavour to circulate Honey Export Regulation proposals so that these could be discussed towards the end of the year.

The Executive Committee resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION  
AT THE DECEMBER MEETING."

- (10) BASCILLUS LARVAE: American Foul Brood Disease.

Mr Walton suggested that we adopt as a general attitude international interpretation - this was agreed to.

- (11) APIARIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr Walton advised that in the case of the Coromandel Area it had been decided to change the date of hive removal from mid December to the end of December. A control group of 200 hives was going to be kept in the area.

- (12) EUROPEAN BROOD DISEASE OUTBREAK IN AUSTRALIA: Mr Cloake asked if a suitable explanatory note could be put in "Ag Link" so as to acquaint beekeepers of what should be watched for in recognising this disease. Mr Walton agreed that this could be done.

The Chairman thanked Mr Walton for his attendance.

MR KEN WATERS - RURAL BANKING CORPORATION:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Waters to the meeting and said the acceptance of hives as security was the principal finance matter of concern.

Mr Waters said beekeeping was very similar to other high capital intensive farming. It was accepted that beekeeping was carried on over a wide area which often had no defined occupation lease.

The Bank lent public monies and had to see that advances were trustee secured. The Chattels and Transfer Act was used.

The Executive discussed the general question at length with Mr Waters and it appeared that the only course available would be to seek an amendment to the Chattels Act, which would allow hives to be included.

It was accepted that the Association would need to develop a case to Government. It was duly resolved

"THAT THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE RURAL BANK BE  
REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE STEPS THAT THE ASSOCIATION  
SHOULD TAKE TO HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSFER AND  
CHATELS ACT MADE TO INCLUDE BEE HIVES."

Mr Waters then left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED:

MR T.J.L. BROADLEY: Requesting a copy of minutes. Received.

WAIKATO BRANCH: Forwarding two remits relating to finance for H.M.A.  
Resolved

"THAT THE WAIKATO LETTER BE REFERRED TO THE H.M.A.."

MR D.J. STRINGER: Re Farm Forestry Programme - Received.

HON MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Acknowledging Association's Conference remits on afforestation policy and on the planting of roadsides. It was noted that in the latter case the matter had been referred to the Counties Association for comment. Received.

BOOKLET ASSISTANCE & INCENTIVES FOR FARMERS: Resolved

"THAT COPIES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE OBTAINED."

ACCOUNTS: A schedule of accounts paid during July, August and September tabled and circulated to members. It was resolved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1978 AND REPRESENTED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED FROM 122875 TO 122880 AND FROM 122641 TO 122672 TALLING \$7094.10 BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED."

OAMARU BRANCH - MR GEO. WINSLADE RE 1979 CONFERENCE:

Mr Winslade wrote advising the tentative arrangements the Oamaru Branch had made for the 1979 Conference.

The Executive Committee discussed Conference organisation and accepted that there was a need to classify remits into policy and others. It was decided that a suitable circular should be sent to Branches in January asking for their support in classifying conference remits so that policy matters were able to receive the attention they deserved.

The Executive then considered the proposals advanced by Oamaru Branch for the 1979 Conference and resolved that the following would be an acceptable programme

- (1) Monday - Executive Committee from 11.30 a.m.
- (2) Tuesday - Seminar Day.
- (3) Wednesday 9 a.m. - Conference
- (4) Thursday - continue Conference  
" evening - Social Function.
- (5) Friday - (a) If necessary complete Conference  
(b) Executive meeting  
(c) Free day for those not involved.

The Executive did not feel that a free day on the Wednesday would be satisfactory as it could and most likely would affect the attendance at the seminar. Also it would mean some of the meetings may need to extend to the weekend.

In regard to the Seminar this should be organised in association with the Ministry in keeping with the 1978 Conference request.

Resolved

"THAT THE OAMARU BRANCH BE ADVISED OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S VIEW IN THE MATTER."

GENERAL BUSINESS:

HONEY GRADING: , Mr Cloake raised the question and said he had some concern about accurate interpretation.

After discussion it was noted that the matter would shortly be discussed by the Authority.

HUBOMETER - TRANSPORT: The Executive noted that there was a move to have a flat rate refund of 5 per cent of the Distance Licence fee returned for off road running. It was resolved

"THAT AN APPROACH BE MADE TO THE HON MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ACCORDINGLY."

MAILING OF QUEEN BEES: Mr Cloake raised the question of mailing Queen Bees and advised that because of different procedures of spraying an aircraft they were now not accepted. Resolved

"THAT AN ENQUIRY BE ADDRESSED TO QUANTAS AIRWAYS ON THE POINT."

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THE 5TH AND 6TH DECEMBER COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY THE 5TH DECEMBER."

The meeting was declared closed at 1 p.m.

*Mr. R. G. Hunter*  
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE/JUNE 1978

841	Hotel Waterloo	156.25	(Exe, Cotte Exes)
842	Agpress	2804.87	(Beekeeper)
843	D. Williams	15.00	( " Contributions)
844	N. Wallingford	25.00	" "
845	A. Fussell	70.00	" "
846	H.M.A.	24.50	(Exec. C. Exes)
847	K. Herron	45.00	" " "
848	M. Stuckey	20.50	" " "
849	W. Clissold	49.00	" " "
850	E. Robinson	28.60	" " "
851	H.B. Branch	100.00	(Conference Exes.)
852	I. Dickinson	19.85	(Exec. C. Exes)
853	Agpress	56.80	(Beekeeper)
854	Far Nth Branch	161.00	(Capitation Fee)
855	Nelson Branch	92.50	" "
856	Otago Branch	165.00	" "
857	West Coast Branch	81.50	" "
858	Waikato Branch	254.00	" "
859	H.B. Branch	94.50	" "
860	S.W.D. Branch	218.50	" "
861	Canterbury Branch	193.00	" "
862	Agpress	40.54	(Beekeeper)
863	Instit. Horticulture	15.00	(Subscription)
864	Agpress	1555.26	(Beekeeper)
865	Still in Book		
	Cheque Books	4.00	
866	P.I.C.	2292.98	(Fee 3 months)
867	A. Matheson	29.00	(Beekeeper Contributions)
868	M. Reid	43.00	" "
869	H. Beazer	10.00	" "
870	D. Williams	25.00	" "
871	M. Stuckey	16.00	" "
872	Copy Shoppe	31.40	(Printing)
873	R. Haines & Son	167.09	(Books - money recovered)
874	J.A. McKay	2.63	(Stationery)
		<u>\$8907.27</u>	

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW  
ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

122875	G. A. Beard	180.00	(Conference Exes)
876	Addressograph	21.00	(Plates)
877	Agpress	1063.22	(Journal)
878	J. A. McKay	3.05	(Stat.)
879	Computer Services	19.10	
880	R. Haines & Son	122.99	(Books - money recovered)
122641	Wises Publications	56.00	
642	Northland Branch	94.50	(Capitation)
643	Bay of Plenty Branch	84.00	"
644	Nth Otago Branch	79.50	"
645	P. Berry	266.06	(Honorarium)
646	P. A. Y. E.	21.57	(Tax on " )
647	Computer Services	10.65	
648	Govt Printing Office	7.00	(Hygiene Regs.)
649	Angus Motor Inn	321.05	(Ex. C. Conf, Accom.)
650	M. D. Cloake	53.00 ✓	(Conference Travel)
651	W. A. Clissold	103.50 ✓	" "
652	M. D. Haines	44.76 ✓	" "
653	T. Gavin	39.05 ✓	" "
654	CANCELLED		
655	B. Stanley	30.48 ✓	" "
656	D. Ward	10.00 ✓	" "
657	T. Rowe	27.00 ✓	" "
658	P. Cropp	34.28 ✓	" "
659	A. Braid	44.76 ✓	" "
660	G. L. Jeffery	43.81 ✓	" "
661	F. A. Bartrum	50.47	" "
662	G. Winslade	55.23	" "
663	M. Heineman	61.90	" "
664	S. Booth	68.57	" "
665	P. I. C.	1827.82	
666	Agpress	1344.57	(Journal 1149.27 Conf. exes 195
667	Petty Cash	19.21	
668	Angus Inn	121.50	(Ex. C. Conf. Accom.)
669	E. R. Robinson	60.00	(Conference Exes)
670	Nth Otago	100.00	(1979 Conf. Advance)
671	Hawkes Bay	104.50	(Room Hire & Teas - Conf.)
672	Bulk Air	<u>500.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 7094.10</u>	

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD ROOM, LEVEL 14 PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 4TH AND 5TH DECEMBER 1978  
COMMENCING AT 1.45 P.M.

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PRESENT: Messrs M.G. Stuckey (in chair), P. Berry, P. Marshall, M. Cloake, A. Clissold and I.J. Dickinson.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr G.A. Beard, Executive Secretary.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18/19 September 1978 having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Clissold/Cloake.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: The Executive Secretary reported that it had not been possible to have an officer attending from the Board to discuss the Pesticides Bill as they were away on Board business. However an officer would be available for discussion in January. Resolved

"THAT THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT DISCUSS THE BILL WITH A.C.B. OFFICERS IN JANUARY 1979."

- (2) APIARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr Marshall reported on a recent meeting of the Committee and advised of a detailed operation using 200 hives in Coromandel - the M.A.F. would report in due course.

- (3) QUEEN BEES - TAXATION INCENTIVE - no further information available.

- (4) TRANSPORT DEPT - HUBOMETER: Referred to Executive Secretary to investigate and report back.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: re roadside planting.

A copy of a letter addressed by the Commission to the National Roads Board was tabled. This letter had as its origin a meeting of a number of interest parties convened by the Commission: the Executive Secretary attended this meeting.

A complimentary letter from the N.Z. Tree Crops Association was also received. It was resolved

"THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE BE BROUGHT UP AT THE MARCH MEETING BY WHICH TIME REPLIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE."

It was also noted that some publicity could possibly be undertaken via Ag. Link.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that it had been decided to increase the Hive Levy to 17.5 cents a hive for 1979.

The Association's letter to the Minister on 15 November was drafted at the request of the President; Association support for the increase was indicated. Resolved

"THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED AND THAT COPIES BE REFERRED TO "BEEKEEPER"."

THE METRICATION (RETAIL TRADING) REGULATIONS 1978 AMENDMENT NO. 1:

Received. It was noted that the provisions of Clause 2 referred to honey sold in glass jars.

HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Requesting that the Association give consideration to a proposal that the Honey Marketing Regulations be amended to provide

- (a) The voting entitlement be reduced to a maximum of 10 votes for 1000 hives or 12 votes for 1200 hives or more
- (b) That below these maximum number of hives the voting be 1 vote per 100 hives.

It was also suggested that the number of producers on the Authority be increased from four to five members.

In the ensuing discussion it was the consensus of view that these matters go to the 1979 Industry Conference. It was then resolved

- (1) "THAT THE LETTER BE REFERRED TO BRANCHES WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY REPLY BY 20 MARCH 1979."
- (2) "THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO ALL HIVE LEVY PAYERS ADVISING THE PROPOSAL AND ADVISING THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THERE COULD BE MERIT IN AN EXTRA MEMBER COMING FROM OUTSIDE BEEKEEPING: ALSO THAT IT SEEMED THAT USING 1200 HIVES AS THE MAXIMUM VOTE BASE APPEARS REASONABLE."

HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that the amendment to legislation had been made to limit the importation of honey products by tourists especially ex Australia and had now been enacted - reference Statutes Amendment Act. Received.

HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Replying to Association's representations that the Apiaries Act should be amended re spraying of substances toxic to bees. This matter will be further investigated by the Ministry.

In respect of bee repellants the Ministry advised that it was a complex question which they would take up with its Research Division. The letter was received.

OUTWARD TO DIRECTOR D.S.I.R. CHRISTCHURCH: Re spread of disease spores by German wasps - reply awaited. Referred to Executive Secretary for attention.

AGRICULTURAL PESTS DESTRUCTION COUNCIL: The Council advised that while the destruction of wasp nests was not a function of the Council it would be pleased to offer assistance where possible. Resolved

"THAT THE LETTER BE REFERRED TO BRANCHES AND THE AGRICULTURAL PEST DESTRUCTION COUNCIL BE THANKED FOR THEIR HELPFUL ATTITUDE IN THE MATTER."

OUTWARD TO SECRETARY, WAIKATO BRANCH: Advising that the two resolutions raised in their 8 September 1978 letter had been referred to H.M.A. with a request that H.M.A. reply directly to them. Noted.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Re Hive Levy Account - advising the administration requirements in the change-over from the H.M.A. to the Association.

The Executive Secretary advised that all arrangements were complete. A copy of the Hive Levy Act was tabled. Received.

RURAL BANKING AND FINANCE CORPORATION: Re Chattels Transfer Act.

Resolved

"THAT THE LETTER BE REFERRED TO THE EDITOR."

OUTWARD TO ASSOCIATION'S SOLICITOR: Re proposed Rule change.

It was noted that a reply was awaited and the Executive Secretary was requested to take up the matter with Mr Hardie Boys.

MESSRS REX, NEEDHAM, McCLEARY & WEST of Hamilton re taxation. The firm sought the Association's advice on a technical point. The Executive Secretary's reply was tabled and endorsed.

ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1978: A schedule setting out the payments made on behalf of the Association during the period October/November was tabled and circulated to members.

It was duly moved "THAT THE ACCOUNTS PAID IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1978 AND REPRESENTED BY CHEQUES 122673 to 122692 AND AMOUNTING TO \$2905.47 BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED."

Cloake/Mr Chairman Carried

BUDGET FOR 1979: A first draft budget had been prepared early to meet a special request and was tabled and circulated. The Executive Secretary advised that the normal budget would be tabled to the March meeting. Received.

MR GRAHAM WALTON: Mr Walton advised that he would not be available to attend the meeting because of other commitments. He advised the following points

- (a) Re Apiaries Act - amendment made to close door to tourist imports.
- (b) That during 1979 it was planned to amend the Apiaries Act more extensively - pesticides and disease schedule.
- (c) Honey Export Regulations - he would like to discuss these with the Executive in March. This was agreed to.
- (d) Trees for Bees - was in December 1977 issue of "Beekeeper".

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that Advisory Services Division were pleased to accept responsibility for the seminar in conjunction with the 1979 Conference.

The Ministry also advised that an Ag-Link was planned on shelter belts in due course. A list of publications presently available was forwarded. Received and noted.

SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY: Re 1978/79 Base Price for Honey. The Treasury advised that it was quite willing to hold up a decision until February.

The subject was fully discussed and it was moved

"THAT THE PRESIDENT AND MR DICKINSON REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION IN THE PRICE DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN FEBRAURY 1979."

Cloake/Berry Carried

The Executive Committee's letters to the Minister of Finance dated 25 September 1978 on the subject were tabled and noted.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that the Vice President Mr P. Marshall had now been appointed to the Agricultural Chemicals Board. Received and noted.

CIRCULAR TO BRANCHES AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS: Re Queen Bee production.

The Executive Secretary advised that no replies had been received. Received.

OUTWARD TO HONEY PACKERS ASSN: Advising that the Executive Committee would be discussing the Health Regulations with the Health Department in December. Noted.

PESTICIDES BILL: The Executive Secretary reported that the officers concerned were not available for the December meeting: it was suggested that the President and Vice President meet with the appropriate people in January. This course was agreed to.

NORTH OTAGO BRANCH: Advising that as they could not meet the Executive Committee's requirements in respect of the Conference the Branch wished to withdraw its offer to host the 1979 Conference.

The Executive was concerned that the Branch felt it could not accept the role as host to the Conference, and it was agreed that the President should make an endeavour to visit the Branch to try and reach a mutually satisfactory agreement in the matter. It was duly resolved

"THAT THE PRESIDENT INVITE THE NORTH OTAGO BRANCH TO CONVENE A MEETING OF ITS MEMBERS ON 20TH JANUARY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS AND IF POSSIBLE RESOLVE THE APPARENT PROBLEMS OF THE BRANCH HOSTING THE 1979 CONFERENCE."

<sup>Richard</sup>  
MR GRAEME IRVING: Setting out an alternative arrangement for the Conference programme. Referred to Executive Secretary for reply.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY - Mr A.J. Veale: Advancing a proposal for a National Diploma in Apiculture. The proposal was sponsored by the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture. It was resolved

- (1) "THAT MR I.J. DICKINSON REPORT TO THE 4/5 APRIL MEETING ON THE CADET SCHEME."
- (2) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ENQUIRE AS TO THE LIKELY FUTURE USE AND VALUE OF THE PROPOSED DIPLOMA."

OUTWARD TO MR TREVOR WALTON: EDITOR BEEKEEPER confirming basis of 1979 Beekeeper production. Noted.

OUTWARD TO MR G. WALTON: Re Seminar to be run at Oamaru in association with Conference. Noted.

THE FOOD & HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1974: In attendance Mr Martindale - Head Office, Health Dept.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Martindale to the meeting and said Beekeepers were generally aware that some provisions in respect of honey houses come into effect on 1st April 1979. Also the 1978 industry Conference had passed a remit about the matter. The Association would like to seek the Department's view on the matter.

Mr Martindale said the Department had had very little reaction or feed back. The staff and Local Body officers would also take a common sense approach. Honey was recognised as being a very stable food. The major consideration was to define areas of responsibility.

In food hygiene the day to day matters were the responsibility of the Local Bodies. The Department of Health usually had an oversight responsibility. In April 1979 honey houses will be registered. There was provision for cases of hardship - Clause 6 (3).

In order to achieve a better appreciation of the overall position it was agreed that the Editor should confer with Mr Martindale in preparing a suitable brochure.

Other details such as the use of plastic piping and other new materials was being accepted as they were developed.

It was then resolved

- "(1) "THAT A SEPARATE CIRCULAR FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS BE PREPARED - THE EDITOR TO CONFER WITH MR MARTINDALE."
- (2) "THAT MR MARTINDALE BE THANKED FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AND FOR THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED."

HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS:

A first draft of the revised regulations was tabled and made available to members. It was noted that Mr Graham Walton would be available at the March meeting for discussion.

A few points emerged, namely

- (1) The outer container should besides giving a trade description also provide for the promotion of N.Z. honey.
- (2) "Ling" honey - include a separate clause.
- (3) Clause 8 2(b) delete word honey.

It was accepted that the subject would be more fully dealt with at the March discussion.

PESTICIDES BILL: The following points were noted for further consideration:

- (a) Include a section relating to other Acts that have provisions in respect of pesticides.
- (b) Include bees specifically in the insurance cover - reference page 2 Clause (2).
- (c) In respect of "control pesticides" these be sold to only approved operators.
- (d) Include bees in explanatory interpretation.

It was resolved


"THAT THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT MEET WITH MR BRIAN WATTS ON 19 JANUARY 1979 TO DISCUSS THE PESTICIDES BILL."

HOTEL RESERVATION - WELLINGTON: Members advised that they had had discussions with the Hotel Waterloo management and had been assured that quieter rooms were available on request. Referred to staff for appropriate action.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 4TH AND 5TH APRIL 1979."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.30p.m.

 Chairman

4 April Date 79.

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

122673	R. Haines & Son	8.24	(Book)
4	Angus Inn	135.80	(Conference)
5	K. Herron	155.55	(Conference Exes)
6	M.G. Stuckey	19.85	(Ex. C. Exes)
7	Agpress	1367.41	(Beekeeper)
8	Cancelled		
9	Waterloo Hotell	156.35	(Ex. C. Exes )
80	N.Z. Dairy Board	11.20	(Computer charges)
1	P.O. Registration Fee	5.00	(Beekeeper)
2	Agpress	96.95	( " )
3	Waterloo Hotel	22.00	(Ex. C. Exes)
4	M.D. Cloake	9.40	( " " )
5	I.J. Dickinson	17.70	( " " )
6	P.I.C.	827.26	(Fee)
7	P. Marshall	25.75	(Ex. C. Exes)
8	P.H. Andrews	10.00	(Beekeeper)
9	T.G. Bryant	12.00	( " )
90	A, Matheson	15.00	( " )
1	A.D. Warren	3.00	( " )
2	Govt. Print	6.40	
	Interest	.61	
		<u>\$2905.47</u>	