

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Notes on the Meeting of Honey Industry Organisations held in the Association's Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Tuesday, 18 March 1980, commencing at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Representing National Beekeepers' Association -

Mr P. W. Marshall, President, (In Chair)
Messrs M. G. Stuckey, I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake
and S. J. Lyttle

Representing Honey Marketing Authority -

Mr P. Berry (Chairman), Messrs M. G. Stuckey, J. Bray,
I. Dickinson, D. Hayman and Mr Curtis Wicht (General
Manager)

Representing NZ Honey Packers' Association -

Messrs L. Holt and K. Herron

Representing South Island Suppliers' Association -

Mr H. Cloake

Representing North Island Suppliers' Association -

Mr P. Blair

Representing Comb Honey Association -

Mr H. C. Bellin

Representing Honey Dew Association -

Mr J. Bray

In Attendance Mr G. Walton - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Mr N. Dellow - Accountant (carrying out Co-operative study)

Dr D. Peer - Canadian visitor

Mr D. J. Dobson - Secretary

APOLOGIES:

Mr N. Cattermole and Mr G. Jeffries - Honey Dew Association

Mr Bray said he was representing the Honey Dew Association

WELCOME:

Mr Marshall welcomed all those attending the Meeting and in particular to Dr D. Peer from Canada, who had indicated an interest in listening in on the discussion, and Mr N. Dellow who had been involved in the preparation of the report on the proposed co-operative for the Honey Marketing Authority.

Mr Berry said that the Minutes were a fair record of the previous Meeting except that resolution 4 on page 9 should read -

"That the centre of export control should be removed from the Honey Marketing Authority by the Minister and placed by him in the hands of a competent person who has other employment."

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Mr Marshall's statement was as follows:

"Since the November meeting the industry is now facing a below average honey crop for the 1979/80 season. If I read the signs correctly honey stocks, especially in the North Island, are low. This current situation should give the industry the breathing space needed to consider all possibilities in the rearranging of our present marketing organisation as neither the Authority, or beekeepers are holding excessive stocks.

Stemming from the present transition period with the knowledge that the Authority is being phased out over an unspecified period of time, as a result of the lack of overall beekeeper support, two lines of thought seem to be coming to the fore:-

(1) Removal of export controls.

Such a move it is argued would be beneficial to both the larger beekeeper, or groups of beekeepers working in co-operation, to find their own markets. The second option and the one that has prompted positive action by its supporters is

(2) Formation of a Suppliers' Co-operative to replace the present Authority.

To me this appears to be in reality merely changing the name over the door from Authority to Co-operative, but it is probably a more realistic appraisal of an existing situation. However I hope the proposers of such a scheme recognise the inherent inefficiencies built into the Honey Marketing Authority, when and if, they pick up its operations. I note with interest that the meetings held to gain support for such a move were held recently at both Dunedin and Hamilton, where no doubt full attendance could presumably be obtained because they are the centres of concentration for beekeepers. Please note in neither city is there an Authority processing depot.

Whatever the course of action that is taken for the industry's future, the beekeeper of today is going to have to put his money where his mouth is. In choosing the first option to market on his own account or with a group of others, will require greater capital to overcome the periods of slow turnover. While the second choice will require capital input by participating beekeepers to float such a venture.

The answer to the problem will probably be a blend of the two options, but if it is the wish of the industry to remove marketing restrictions it will be important to make sure that no group within the industry stipulates controls over other sectors of the industry. It is hoped that after today's meeting we will be able to make recommendations to our fellow beekeepers and Mr Talbot as to the direction that the beekeeping industry wishes to follow.

STATEMENT OF MARKETING POLICY FROM GOVERNMENT

Mr Marshall read a letter he had received from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr R. L. G. Talbot. This was as follows.

"Dear Mr Marshall

I am sorry that I cannot be with you today at the meeting of honey industry organisations. I am confident however that with the readiness that all sectors of the industry have shown to meet together and discuss jointly the future organisation and direction of the industry, you will be able to chair the meeting ably in my absence.

I welcome the opportunity extended to make a few comments on the Government's attitude in these matters. Firstly, let me repeat what I said last November; that the industry must work out for itself how its marketing should be organised. I am glad to see therefore that suppliers to the Authority have come forward and are actively promoting the establishment of an independent co-operative to take over the marketing operations of the Honey Marketing Authority.

The Government supports this move away from statutory board involvement in honey marketing and will give every encouragement to its successful establishment. Mr Dellow has sent me a copy of his report to the Authority and the concept which he proposes seems sound to me.

If suppliers to the Authority are prepared to join together and establish one industry wide co-operative to take over the Authority's trading operations, then I believe this move should be encouraged rather than the establishment of a series of smaller regional co-operatives. A marketing co-operative involved in exporting needs a broad local market base for its exporting operations, and in my view a single industry wide co-operative is better able to achieve this than a series of local co-operatives.

The exporting of New Zealand's primary produce to best advantage, requires co-ordinated marketing overseas, and again a single co-operative to take over the Authority's operations in this sphere seems to me to be more desirable. The present Authority is the principal exporter of extracted honey from New Zealand and the strong position it is able to hold on world markets should not be lightly given away.

As far as funding the new co-operative goes, the Government will want to see more details before it can give any commitments. I am sure however that a substantial proportion of the present Authority's equity can be made available to the new co-operative, especially if it is widely based within the industry.

I wish you well in your deliberations, and close with the comment that the Government is pleased to see beekeepers being prepared to take upon themselves the responsibility of marketing their crop.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Rob Talbot"

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY,
MR P. BERRY

Mr Berry stated that the Authority had at an earlier date had a meeting at which it had considered the possibility of selling the Auckland factory and building a new one. However after full consideration the Authority had finally decided to take no action on the matter in the meantime.

Plans to rebuild the Authority's plant at Pleasant Point had been taken to an advanced stage but the present view was to renovate this building.

On 17 January, Mr Berry and Mr Bray had met in Christchurch with a group from the South Island Honey Suppliers' Association. At this meeting the suggestion of a co-operative arose and it was at this meeting that Mr Dellow was asked to investigate the feasibility of a co-operative. The Honey Marketing Authority agreed to give financial support to Mr Dellow's study. This study was to be industry wide and the terms of reference included an investigation into the place of the Auckland plant and the positioning of a plant in the South Island.

Mr Dellow's report had been presented to the Honey Marketing Authority.

Mr Berry reported that on 17 March the Authority had met in Wellington and had passed the following resolutions.

- (1) That the Authority agrees in principle to the concept of a Honey Marketing Co-operative on a voluntary membership basis, and that the Minister's opinion be sought as to the status of the Authority's funds and assets if the Authority were to be disbanded.
- (2) Subject to the Authority being satisfied as to the viability of the proposed Honey Marketing Co-operative, the Authority agrees in principle to sell its operations at market valuation and to advance 80% of its equity to the proposed Honey Marketing Co-operative at 1% interest with the remainder advanced at Rural Bank export rate.
- (3) That this meeting recommends that at the appropriate time the New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority be dissolved.

Mr Holt asked whether the co-operative was to be a South Island co-operative or New Zealand wide.

Mr Berry said the funding suggested was for a New Zealand wide co-operative.

Mr Cloake said that people who had supported the Honey Marketing Authority were contacted and to date most of these people have signed a paper indicating support for the co-operative. He said that this would avoid unnecessary competition and unnecessary industry politics.

Mr Holt said he had not heard of such an agreement.

Mr Lyttle said that only suppliers of the Honey Marketing Authority were called to an initial meeting to obtain sufficient support for a co-operative to warrant taking a case to the Honey Marketing Authority.

Mr Blair said that the North Island Suppliers' Association had considered a co-operative before they heard of moves being made in the South Island but the North Island group now supported a New Zealand co-operative controlled by the industry.

Mr Berry said that producers must be left options and the co-operative must be a voluntary organisation. He said the Authority would assist in all ways to allow a smooth start for the co-operative. He also considered that export controls would be unnecessary.

Mr Belin said the Comb Honey Association believed in orderly marketing and control of exports.

Mr Herron presented a paper from the Honey Packers' Association which presented three points. He said the future of the industry reserves should be determined by the Authority before it stops trading. He said these were industry reserves and not exclusive to Honey Marketing Authority suppliers. The use of funds for the co-operative or any other alternative organisation would not be acceptable until the industry knew how the reserves were to be dealt with.

He said that it appeared that it would be unnecessarily expensive for the co-operative to establish a packing plant when adequate facilities already existed.

On exports, he said the co-operative could concentrate on exporting bulk honey as this would require the least capital. He said that packers had the facility to produce packed lines for export.

Mr Holt asked who would control the funds loaned to the Co-operative when the Authority was dissolved.

Mr Berry said the Minister's advice would be sought on the status of the funds and it may require a change in the regulations to achieve a satisfactory resolution of the financial involvement.

Mr Holt said that the National Beekeepers' Association could act as a trustee for the industry funds and that the Co-operative could borrow at reasonable rates of interest from the trust.

Mr Hayman considered that the funds belonged to the industry but that suppliers to the Honey Marketing Authority could be said to have a greater claim than non-suppliers, however the apportionment would have to be carefully investigated.

Mr H. Cloake considered that the assets of the Authority are indivisible and the ownership intangible. He said the Co-operative could not operate without substantial support from the Authority. He said the assets of the Authority needed protection and the Honey Marketing Authority could act as a trustee. Any division of funds would only be a "guesstimate".

Mr M. Cloake said the price of honey to the producer would be reduced if a higher interest rate had to be paid.

Mr Bray said the Honey Dew Association would support the formation of the Co-operative provided there was no control over exports.

The Chairman asked for an expression of opinion regarding the proposal. There was a general consensus of opinion that the formation of the Co-operative should go ahead and that the next step would be to continue the feasibility study.

Mr Berry said that Mr Dellow had received a briefing regarding the continuation of his study. Mr Blair said that the Honey Marketing Authority must remain until it was no longer required and that the industry would need to decide the eventual requirement for the H.M.A.

Mr Holt expressed further concern for the control of industry funds, he said that it was an industry fund and should be treated as such.

Mr Stuckey said the money was being lent to the Co-operative and not given. He said that the H.M.A. would have to look at any other proposition on its merits.

Mr Berry emphasised that the viability of the Co-operative and the final support for it would influence the Authority's final decision on the question of whether 80% of the H.M.A. assets would be loaned at 1% or a different percentage finally agreed.

It was a general concensus of opinion that the status quo should remain regarding export control and that any further review should come via remits to Annual Conference.

Dr Don Peer from Canada addressed the meeting on the operation of co-operatives in Canada. He said that the Co-operative must decide what it is going to do, how it is going to trade and what it is going to trade in. Co-operatives must be made to work.

Will the Co-operative pack for Independents or sell to Independents?

He said a Co-operative needed volume of through-put and this would have to increase to cover increasing costs. He said a co-operative was a private entity owned by a large number of people, it was a simple organisation but was not a panacea for the ills of an industry. It would only do what the shareholders wanted it to do. It cannot become a dumping ground for honey.

He described some of the problems of the export industry as he saw them, particularly in relation to the Republic of China which was emerging as a major producer and exporter of honey.

Mr Grahame Walton briefly outlined estimates of production for the year.

Current estimates were for a production of 6685 tonnes in New Zealand:

North Island 2900 tonnes (below the 5-year average of 3221 tonnes)
South Island 3800 tonnes (above the 5-year average of 3410 tonnes)

He briefly discussed the proposed Export Regulation saying that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries proposed providing documentation to meet importing countries requirements. There was a question asked regarding moisture content which seemed to differ from earlier regulations. Mr Walton said that higher moisture content could be approved by the Director-General as industrial honey.

Mr Belin questioned the voluntary aspect of the regulations.

The concensus of opinion was that the proposals were more realistic and covered present day trading conditions.

There was no general Business and the meeting closed at 2.55 pm.

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 WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 1980 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D. J. Dobson, Secretary.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Mr Marshall welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 1979 had been circulated.

Mr Lyttle said that in the report on the Otago Honey Suppliers' meeting on page 4 of the Minutes, the sub-paragraph (f) should read "that suppliers did not wish to contribute any finance". The spelling of Varroa was corrected on page 5.

It was resolved that with the amendments as noted, the Minutes of the meeting of 11 December 1979 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) Federated Farmers: No further advice had been received on the Association's enquiry regarding guidelines for employment of labour in the beekeeping industry. The Secretary was asked to follow this matter up.
- (2) South British Insurance: No further advice had been received on obtaining cover for certain diseases. This matter would be followed up.
- (3) Visit of Dr Peer - Expenses: The Association had originally agreed to fund \$1,000 towards Dr Peer's visit to New Zealand. As the Ministry of Agriculture was unlikely to contribute more than \$150 in total to Dr Peer's expenses, the balance would have to be met by the Association. To date the Association had contributed \$914 to Dr Peer for his flight to New Zealand, together with other sundry travel within New Zealand. It was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Lyttle that the Association meet the expenses of Dr Peer from Auckland and return to Auckland and that recovery be arranged with the Ministry where possible. Carried
- (4) Tree Crop Association: Mr Clissold reported that he had received a letter from Mr Beard indicating that he would be the Association's representative at the Tree Crop Association's meeting at Lake Hayes on 25 April. Mr Clissold said that Mr Ernest News, of 170 Dee Street, Invercargill, was the person to contact to advise that Mr Clissold would be the Association's representative.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Letter to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture: Mr Beard had written to Mr Talbot outlining the result of the meeting of Industry Groups on 1 November 1979. This had been acknowledged by Mr Talbot.

- (2) Building programme at Pleasant Point: A letter had been received by the President from the New Zealand Honey Packers' Association outlining their concern at the possibility of the Honey Marketing Authority rebuilding at Pleasant Point. In view of the outcome of the meeting of Honey Industry Organisations held on the previous day, the letter on this matter from the Honey Packers' Association was no longer valid.
- (3) Request for financial assistance: A letter from Ms. Philippa Gerard was tabled in which she requested financial assistance from the Association to enable her to carry out study towards a Ph.D. degree, the subject of the study being the passion vine hopper (*Scolytopa Australis*). This is the insect which plays an intrinsic role in honey poisoning, particularly in the Coromandel Peninsula area. The study would be centred round three main objectives.
- (i) To clearly define the life history of the pest
 - (ii) To investigate factors which determine its abundance and relate the changes in year to year population levels to climatic and other natural factors
 - (iii) To determine the economic thresholds and other aspects of the insect's biology and behaviour relevant to the problem of honey poisoning.

Mr Beard had discussed the matter at an earlier date with Mr Marshall and it was agreed in principle that a sum of \$250 a year for two years could possibly be contributed towards this study.

Mr Marshall said that he would like to take the matter up with other researchers in this field to obtain more information about the study. It was moved by Mr Lyttle and seconded by Mr Clissold that the Association support in principle the financial contribution to Ms. Gerard and on the confirmation of the President that a sum of \$250 a year for the first two years be made available but that this amount should be reviewed annually.

Carried

- (4) Letter from Hawkes Bay Branch - Advisory Officer: A letter was received from the Secretary of the Hawkes Bay Branch in which they made a request for an Apiary Advisory Officer to be stationed in the Hawkes Bay area. The letter from the branch outlined very clearly the reasons for the officer to be stationed in this area and it was agreed that the branch's letter, together with a letter from the Association should be forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for consideration.
- (5) Sumicidin 10: Mr Beard had written to Mr Clinch to obtain information regarding the insecticide Sumicidin 10 used for aphid control on lucerne, as it was felt that this insecticide could be harmful to bees.

Mr Clinch replied that if this insecticide was applied to flowering crops attractive to honey bees there would be a risk of causing bee mortality. However he indicated that without carrying out a field experiment he could not estimate the actual effect on honey bee colonies. It was known however that Sumicidin 10 was a potent insecticide.

It was agreed that Mr Clinch should be asked if work could be done to determine the effect of this insecticide on bees as it was understood that it had some systemic effect that could affect bees some time after application.

- (6) Varroa Disease: A letter had been written by the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries requesting that Varroa Disease be included in the first schedule of bee diseases. A reply from Mr Walton indicated that Varroa Disease had been included in the first schedule of the Apiaries Act 1969 and that Chalkbrood Disease had been added to the third schedule. Copies of the amendment were included with the letter.
- (7) Conference: A letter was received from Mr B. Stanley outlining the arrangements he had made for accommodation at the Willow Park Motel for the 1980 Conference at Tauranga. He also requested advice regarding the presentation of a tree to the Mayor of Tauranga.

The Committee discussed the plans as outlined and agreed that they should have an Executive Committee meeting on the evening of Monday 21 July and ask that a meeting room be available for that meeting. The Executive would also meet again on the morning of Friday 25 July.

The Secretary was asked to advise the Branch that it was their responsibility to select and purchase a tree for presentation to the Mayor. It was also suggested that the Executive Committee of the Association would make available \$100 for Conference expenses as an initial funding which would be recovered when all Conference expenses were known.

- (8) Universal Business Directories: A letter was received from this organisation requesting the names of all apiarists to be published in the Universal Business Directory.

The Committee decided that it did not wish the names of apiarists to be made available as it only led to unnecessary mailings of information to beekeepers.

- (9) Forest Service Sites: Letters had been received from Mr J. C. M. Hood, the Conservator of Forests, and Mr A. J. Scott, Secretary of the Canterbury Branch of the Association, with regard to Forest Service permits for honeydew producers.

Mr Croake
Mr Lyttle had attended a meeting between the Honeydew Producers and the Forest Service and indicated that some misunderstanding had arisen regarding the tenure required. The Honeydew Producers indicated that a three-year tenure was not long enough, a term of ten to fifteen years would be more satisfactory. Mr Hood apparently had indicated that if a letter was sent to the Forest Service with this request from the Honeydew Producers Association that favourable consideration would be given to site permits for a period of ten to fifteen years.

There was some discussion regarding the fire cover required by producers using bush sites and it was left that the Honeydew Association should contact the Executive Secretary regarding the possibility of obtaining a national cover policy for such fire risks.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JOINT MEETING OF HONEY INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS:

It was generally agreed that a circular should be sent to all Hive Levy payers containing the statements from the President of the Association and the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority and including the letter from Mr R. G. L. Talbot, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, together with a precis of the main points from the Minutes. It was also agreed that a letter from Mr Berry should be included with this circular so that all Hive Levy payers were fully informed on the action which was being taken regarding the formation of a national co-operative.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS:

The Annual Report and Accounts were presented to the Executive Committee, the accounts at this stage being unaudited.

It was indicated that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet would be approved by the Annual Conference.

Mr Read joined the Meeting to discuss an audit query which had arisen regarding the investment of the Association's funds. He said that the query had been a matter regarding a trustee investment and whether or not the Company which we had used was in fact a trustee secured Company. Mr Read admitted that there was a fine line between his opinion and the Auditor's but suggested that because of the relatively poor short-term interest rates being obtained at the Bank of New South Wales he had put the money into a company which was offering better short-term rates. He did, however, suggest that it could be possible that the Bank of New Zealand, North End Branch, would give the Association better rates of short-term interest because of the Pork Industry's involvement with that bank. The Executive discussed this matter and agreed that a move to the Bank of New Zealand would be wise if better interest rates could be obtained, and it was moved Mr Clissold, seconded Mr Lyttle that it be taken to move the Association's bank account from the Bank of New South Wales to the North End Branch of the Bank of New Zealand. Carried

Accounts for Payment: Accounts for payment for the months of December, January and February were presented, these totalled \$20,936.05.

After discussion of the accounts, it was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Stuckey, that the accounts as presented be passed for payment. Carried

Budget 1980:

The Budget for 1980 was presented and indicated an increase in expenditure of approximately \$3,000 compared with the actual expenditure for 1979. Increases expected to occur were, Administration \$700, the printing of the journal \$1,300 and general increases in postage, telephone tolls etc.

Mr Lyttle queried the amount of the Chairman's honorarium and suggested that this had not been increased for a considerable time and should be reviewed at the Annual Conference as he felt that it was getting out of line with present costs.

A Notice of Motion to the Annual Conference was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Cloake that it be a Notice of Motion to the Annual General Meeting that the Chairman's honorarium be increased from \$500 to \$850 and that the honorarium be adjusted annually in line with general wage orders. Carried

Hive Levy:

It was recorded that to date \$18,255 had been collected from Hive Levy payments and that there were still 183 levy payments outstanding.

The Secretary was asked to write to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to obtain approval for \$20,000 to be transferred from the Hive Levy account to the Association's account for 1980.

Subscriptions 1981:

In view of the fact that the journal was likely to increase in cost over the next two years, it was considered that the subscriptions should be increased to take this into account, together with the likely increases in postages.

It was moved Mr Marshall, seconded Mr Clissold that the annual subscription be increased from \$9 to \$10 to be effective from 1 January 1981. Carried

With reference to subscriptions, Mr Dobson said a letter had been received from the Far North Branch indicating that a number of people belonging to hives were interested in beekeeping but were not in the position of being able to pay the \$9 subscription to belong to the Association. The Secretary of the Branch suggested that perhaps a nominal subscription fee of \$3 could be charged to allow these people to become members of the Association and to strengthen the Far North Branch.

It was pointed out by the Executive Committee, however, that the \$9 was required to pay for the journal and that any member paying only \$3 would certainly not cover this cost. Executive members suggested that a club could be formed in the Far North to which anyone could belong and if a small subscription was charged, the club could obtain a number of journals which would then be available to club members.

In reviewing the accounts of the Far North Branch, the Executive Committee queried the expenditure of \$126 on hive gear and requested that further information be obtained regarding this expenditure.

Adoption of Budget:

After full discussion of the budget and the subscriptions for 1980 and 1981 respectively, it was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Lyttle that the draft budget for 1980 be adopted. Carried

Change of Signatories:

As Mr Beard was no longer the Executive Secretary and that there would also be a change in the Accountant for the Association, it was necessary to change the signatories to the Association's account.

It was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Clissold that (a) the Secretary/Treasurer, (b) any member of the Executive Committee together with the Secretary or the Treasurer, and (c) the Secretary or Treasurer together with the clerk, be approved as signatories to the account of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.). Carried

Dr Peer's visit:

Mr Lyttle said that a contribution had been collected at the Canterbury meeting at which Dr Peer had been the speaker and a considerable sum of money collected to defray the expenses of his visit. It was agreed that this money should be credited to the Seminar Fund of the Association.

It was also suggested that a letter should be written to the Christchurch Branch thanking them for this contribution.

REPORT FROM MR G. WALTON:

1. Apiaries Amendment Act

Mr Walton said that the Apiaries Amendment Bill was on the order paper for Cabinet for 1980 but had a low priority for attention.

The amendment was mainly a tidying up procedure to bring the existing Act up to date.

The Executive Committee considered that Section 19 (4) dealing with the movement of diseased bees should be amended so that the time for which hives have to be held on the apiary be extended from two months to six months. It was therefore moved Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Clissold that Section 19 (4) be amended so that the time for which bees, honey or appliances cannot be removed from an apiary be extended from two months to six months. Carried

2. Honey Export Regulations

Mr Walton said that amendments to the Honey Export Regulations would be heard before the amendment to the Apiaries Act. It was generally accepted that the proposed amendments were more realistic and covered present day trading situations.

He said an official export certificate was being prepared by the Ministry which would meet the requirements of importing countries.

3. Cyanide Gas

A question was asked of Mr Walton regarding the method for killing bees as cyanide gas was not currently available. He suggested that Mr Clinch be asked to advise on a method of killing bees which would be safe for equipment and people.

4. Dr Peer's visit

It was thought that a report on Dr Peer's visit should appear in the Beekeeper. It was understood that a report of the Timaru meeting had been done and Mr Lyttle said he would see if he could get a copy for the journal.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Election 1980

It was brought to members' notice that retiring members in 1980 would be Mr P. Marshall, in the North Island, and Mr M. D. Cloake and Mr W. A. Clissold, in the South Island.

The timetable for the election was also presented. The roll of members would be sent to Branches by Friday, 16 May, nomination forms would be mailed to all members by Friday, 16 May, nominations close at 5 pm on Wednesday, 11 June, voting papers would be mailed out by Friday, 20 June, and votes would be counted at 9 am on Monday, 14 July.

Farewell to Mr Beard

The Executive agreed that a farewell to Mr Beard should be held during the time of the Annual Conference at Tauranga. It agreed that a sum of \$50 should be donated from Association funds and that all Branches should be asked to collect a donation from members which would be added to the Association's contribution to finance a presentation to Mr Beard.

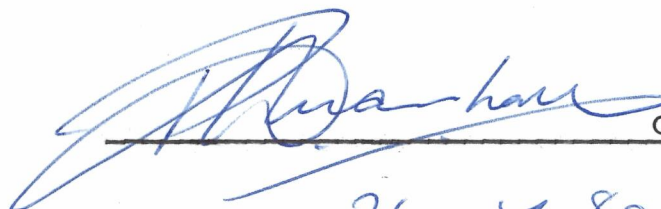
Availability of experienced people in the beekeeping industry

Mr Cloake requested that a letter be written to the Department of Labour outlining the problems of obtaining sufficiently experienced labour to work in the beekeeping industry and to point out the advantages of an exchange of people with beekeeping experience between New Zealand and Canada. He pointed out that these people would not be taking up full time jobs from New Zealanders but would provide a very useful seasonal type of labour which was necessary to the beekeeping industry.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Monday, 21 July 1980, commencing at 7.30 pm at the Willow Park Motel, Tauranga.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded at 3 pm.



Confirmed
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Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) HELD AT THE WILLOW PARK MOTOR HOTEL, TAURANGA, ON MONDAY 21 JULY 1980 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM.

PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall (in the chair), Messrs M.G. Stuckey, S.J. Lyttle, M. Cloake, A. Clissold and I. Berry.

IN ATTENDANCE: D.J. Dobson, Secretary.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Mr Marshall welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting and said that he looked forward to a useful meeting and a satisfactory Conference.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 1980 had already been circulated and it was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 1980 be taken as read.

In discussing the Minutes, Mr Lyttle said that the paragraph relating to item 9 on page 3 "Forest Service Sites" that both he and Mr Cloake had attended a meeting between the Honeydew Producers and the Forest Service.

On page 6 item 1 "Apiaries Amendment Act", Mr Cloake expressed concern that the extension of time for the removal of apiaries be extended from two months to six months only applied if the hives were to be sold and not just removed from the site. It was decided that this matter should be clarified with Mr Walton on the following day.

It was resolved that with the amendments noted the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 1980 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) South British Insurance: Mr Clissold asked if any further advice had been received from the South British Insurance Company regarding the insurance of bees. It was reported that the Secretary had not been successful in obtaining a meeting with the representative of that Company but that a firm date had been set for 28 July for such a meeting.
- (2) Tree Crop Association: Mr Clissold reported that he had attended the meeting.
- (3) Research workload: In relation to the amount of work being requested by the Association into investigations into insecticides etc, the question was raised whether or not sufficient people were employed by the Ministry to cover all the research necessary. It was decided that this matter should be raised after the Conference in relation to all services provided for the Beekeeping Industry.

- (4) Election Paper: It was reported that the incorrect election paper had been used for the last election due to misunderstanding by the staff. The correct paper had been found and the matter would be corrected for future elections.
- (5) Finance: Mr Cloake requested information on the state of the Association's finances in relation to investments. The Secretary pointed out that at the 31 September 1980, a sum of \$15,000 was invested for the Association and this was currently with the Bank of New Zealand. To date it had not been necessary to break any investments and it was hoped that the Hive Levy would soon be made available to the Association.

Mr Cloake pointed out that some branches consider that the Association's investments are too large and that the Hive Levy could be reduced. However, with the rate of inflation and the fact that changes may occur within the H.M.A., the whole Hive Levy position will need reviewing within the next twelve months.

PROBLEMS OF THE KINTAIL TONGAN OPERATIONS: Mr Dudley Ward of Dannevirke was invited to attend the meeting at this stage and put forward the problems he is facing in Tonga with regard to the sale of queens to Nuie. As a result of the sale of queens from Tonga to Nuie, the New Zealand authorities have disallowed the export of Nuie honey into New Zealand and this is placing Mr Ward's company under some considerable stress as the viability of his business in Tonga relies on the sale of queens to Nuie.

Mr Ward asked that the Association support his request for an investigation to be carried out on Tonga into European Brood Disease and that if the Island is clear of this disease that the sale of queens to Nuie and of honey to New Zealand from both Tonga and Nuie can be resumed.

The Executive discussed the matter and decided that it would need further discussion after the Conference at which time a decision could be made as to the action to be taken by the Executive.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture indicating his regret at being unable to open the Industry Conference.
- (2) South British Insurance Company letter indicating that they still wished to discuss the Industry's insurance problems and setting a date for the 28 July 1980 for this.
- (3) Letter from the Inland Revenue Department. This letter sets out the Department's recommendation regarding the treating of hives

for income tax purposes. The letter from the Department suggests that hives should be regarded as plant used in the production of honey and not as trading stock and as such the cost of replacement and maintenance of the hives only should be claimed as a deduction from tax and depreciation would not be allowed.

It was generally accepted that hives were treated in a various number of ways by beekeepers and it was considered that before any final recommendation was made to the Industry that the matter should be discussed with a representative of the Inland Revenue Department at the next meeting of the Executive.

(4) Letter from Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re Advisory Services.

Both the Hawkes Bay and Canterbury Branches had indicated their dissatisfaction with Advisory Services provided in their areas. The Association's Secretary had written to the Ministry on behalf of the Hawkes Bay Branch and the Canterbury Branch had written directly to the Ministry. From the replies received from the Ministry of Agriculture, it would appear that the ceiling on the present Advisory Services staff was ten servicing the beekeeping industry on a full-time basis, being one Chief Advisory Officer, eight District Officers and one honey grading specialist, and in the opinion of the Ministry it was unlikely that there would be a prospect of any additional staff being appointed to this section of their service. The Ministry of Agriculture, however, did request that the Executive fully consider the anticipated future needs of the Industry and to discuss the matters related to the Ministry in servicing the Industry.

The Executive decided that this matter needed a much fuller discussion and that it be raised at the next meeting of the Executive.

(5) Miss Philippa Gerard's request for finance.

A letter received from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries requested more information regarding the work being carried out by Miss Philippa Gerard in relation to her Ph.D. thesis. Some concern had been expressed by people in the Industry and in the Ministry that the work which she intended carrying out was in fact covered in previous theses and that in fact more original work should be done. Miss Gerard has been requested to provide further information on the nature of the work being carried out into the passion vine hopper.

(6) Letter from Canterbury Branch re Arbor Day.

On 16 April, a letter was received from the Canterbury Branch of the Association requesting a donation of \$200 towards an Arbor Day project in the Darfield area planned by the Commission for the Environment. As no meeting of the Executive was being held before Arbor Day, the President approved the donation of \$200 to the

Canterbury Branch for this proposal.

It was moved Lyttle, seconded Cloake, that the President's action in approving the donation of \$200 to the Canterbury Branch for the Commission for the Environment's Arbor Day project at Darfield by approved.

(Note to remit, it was agreed that this was a special case as nothing of a similar nature had previously been attempted.)

- (7) Letter from Canterbury Branch re voting at the Conference. The Canterbury Branch had discussed the memo of 26 February 1980 regarding the application of amendments made to the Rules of the Association. They considered that Clause 3 of this memo did not represent their interpretation of the Rules and put forward the following amended Clause for the consideration by Executive:

"That while the Delegate's discretion is allowed at Branch level, the Delegate is to have no discretion whatever over the person who carries his own vote to Conference."

The Executive considered the matter but felt that it had been fully dealt with at previous Conferences and that the Rules as they stood should be left alone.

- (8) Letter from Bay of Plenty Branch re handling of remits of such a nature that it would be unwise to have them made public, particularly in relation to world honey markets.

The letter requests that the Conference go into camera when such remits are being discussed, however on full consideration, the Executive decided that if a matter of such importance arose at the Conference, it could be handled at the discretion of the President by either asking that the Conference go into committee or go into camera.

- (9) Letter from Far North re Branch affairs. In response to a letter from the Association requesting information on expenditure of \$126 on hive gear, the Far North Branch replied that a threequarter hive had been purchased for the Branch for educational purposes. The Far North Branch placed a considerable amount of emphasis on the need for instructing hobbyists and would-be hobbyists in good beekeeping practices and felt that threequarter equipment would give a comparison with standard gear. The Branch also expressed concern that to date they had not seen an Executive Committee member in the area since 1973 and invited a member of the Executive Committee to go to the Far North Branch.

The Executive considered that in view of the situation that it be recommended to the Branch that profits from the hive go back into the Branch funds and eventually pay off the purchase of the hive.

It was also suggested that Mr Stuckey be placed on the mailing list of the Branch and be kept advised of all Branch activities so that he could, time permitting, make himself available for a visit to the Far North Branch.

- (10) Request for finance Massey University.
Dr C.M.J. Williams and Mr E. Roberts, Senior Lecturer in Seed Technology and Senior Lecturer in Agronomy respectively, put forward a request to the Executive for financial assistance in the preliminary evaluation of *Phacelia Tenacetifolia* as being a useful spring-feed source for bees and a valuable seed crop for farmers. They wish to carry out work in the near future on determining the best time for sowing this plant to achieve a prolonged flowering period of October and November which would give a feed source for bees at a time when other feed sources are not available, and also give a satisfactory seed crop to farmers.

As the Executive knew very little of this plant, it was requested that further information be provided regarding the plant and the use of the seed so that the Executive could more fairly judge the importance of this request for financial assistance, which would in fact be in the order of \$420.

- (11) Letters re Molesworth Station. Both the Southland Branch and Mr Craig Deans from Marlborough had indicated concern at the Department of Lands and Survey making a charge and imposing certain terms and conditions on the right of entry to Molesworth Station. Whilst charges are made by some Government Departments for right of entry on to blocks by beekeepers, it was considered that in the case of Molesworth Station where the Lands and Survey Department were in fact keen to get bees on to the Station for the pollination of clover, it seemed unreasonable that a charge was being made by them as it was likely to benefit Molesworth Station as much as the beekeeper. It was also considered that the term of the right of entry was too short considering the amount of capital involved and that the possibility of not being successful at a ballot in five years' time made it unreasonable for many beekeepers. As there are a number of remits on the Order Paper for the Conference dealing with this matter, it was decided to leave the question until after the Conference, but that the possibility of a personal meeting with representatives from the Lands and Survey Department and the Forestry Department should be considered to see if this whole question could be rationalised.

- (12) H.M.A. - Honey Sampling. A letter had been received from the H.M.A. setting out honey sampling techniques for consideration by the Executive. It was considered that in view of the present situation regarding the future of the H.M.A. that this matter in the meantime could be left in abeyance.

- (13) Letter from Canterbury Branch re Capitation.
A letter received from the Secretary of the Canterbury Branch set out the expenditure for the year ended 31.12.79, in which a credit balance of \$68.91 was shown. The budget for the remainder of the year was also shown and indicated a budgeted expenditure of \$191.00. In view of the relatively small surplus remaining, the Canterbury Branch requested an advance on the Branch Capitation of \$100, and that in view of the increasing costs of administration that the Branches' Capitation Grant be increased to \$500 per annum.
- In reviewing the expenditure of the Canterbury Branch, it was noted that a loss of almost \$350 was incurred in the running of the Conference and that this largely contributed to the Branch's current financial situation. The Executive decided to consider the whole question of Capitation grants after the Conference.
- (14) Guidelines for employment of persons in the Honey Industry.
After the 1979 Annual Conference, Mr Beard had written to the Chief Executive of Federated Farmers requesting guidelines for the employment of persons in the honey industry. No reply had been received to this request and Mr Galea from the Nelson Branch had requested what action had been taken on this matter. Further contact was made with the Chief Executive of Federated Farmers and a verbal reply obtained from Mr O.T. Symmans. He indicated that it would be unwise for beekeepers to become involved in the setting up of an employee union unless absolutely forced to, but suggested that it would be wise to await the outcome of the present Government's wage negotiations with the F.O.L. as he felt that some changes could be made to the organisation of union grouping. It was agreed that this matter should not be pursued by what is basically an employer organisation and that the matter be left.
- (15) Letter from Mr R.L.G. Talbot acknowledging receipt of the Association's request for the 1980 Hive Levy Grant.
The Secretary pointed out that the payment of this had been held up awaiting analysis of the Hive Levy Fund before presentation to the Ministry for financial consideration.
- (16) Outward correspondence to Mr G.M. Walton concerning proposed amendments to the Apiaries Act 1969. This had already been discussed in matters arising from the Minutes.
- (17) Letter to Mr G.M. Walton regarding the rumoured import of honey from Australia by a company in New Zealand asking Mr Walton to investigate the validity of the rumour.

There being no further correspondence, it was resolved that the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be approved.

CONFERENCE REMITS: Mr Marshall raised the question of handling Remits Nos. 1 and 2 at the Conference and it was suggested that the Remit 1 should be put and if carried a time nominated for discussion on marketing, and that this discussion would then be followed by Remit 2. It was suggested that the most appropriate time for discussion on the subject of marketing would be on Thursday morning. It was also agreed that having once resolved a suitable time to discuss marketing and the H.M.A. funds that the Conference would then proceed with Remit No. 3.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The Secretary presented the list of accounts for payment amounting to \$11,782.65. After brief discussion, it was moved Lyttle, seconded Clissold, that the accounts as presented for \$11,782.65 be passed for payment. Carried

CO-OPERATIVE MEETINGS: Mr Marshall reported to the Council that he had attended all meetings throughout New Zealand at which the matter of the proposed Co-operative was being discussed. He said that he had no further comment to make at this stage but would be reporting more fully in his address to the Conference.

It was suggested that in view of the President's travel commitments, that he should be provided with an Air New Zealand travel card to facilitate making travel arrangements when necessary.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: Mr Marshall reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Agricultural Chemicals Board and had had a discussion with Mr B.B. Watts, the Registrar regarding the placing of hives in kiwifruit orchards in relation to the spraying of kiwifruit. As a result of this discussion, Mr Marshall agreed that Mr Watts should attend the Conference and address beekeepers briefly on the question of the spraying of kiwifruit and its likely effect on bees. The Committee agreed to the President's action in this matter.

LIFE MEMBERS: It was moved Mr Marshall, seconded Mr Clissold, that Mr Percy Berry of Hawkes Bay be elected as a Life Member. Carried

It was also reported that the Bay of Plenty Branch had nominated Mr D.A. Barrow for election as a Life Member and it was therefore moved Mr Berry, seconded Mr Stuckey, that the recommendation from the Bay of Plenty Branch that Mr Donald Alexander Barrow be elected a Life Member be accepted. Carried

PRESENTATION TO MR G.A. BEARD: The Secretary reported that to date the sum of \$102.50 was available for a presentation to Mr Beard, but it was decided to wait and see if any other Branches came forward with donations before finalising the amount of the presentation.

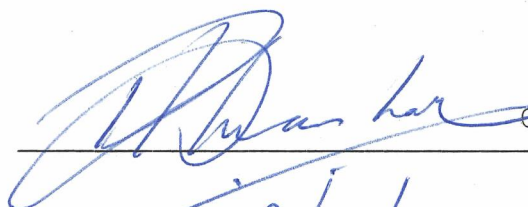
OBITUARIES: The following obituaries were noted for reference to Conference:

Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Charlie Barrow.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) Membership: It was suggested that when a Hive Levy payer ceases to operate as a commercial beekeeper that he be given the opportunity to join the Association as an ordinary member. It was indicated that there would be very little trouble involved in writing to such people with an invitation for them to continue their membership of the National Beekeepers' Association.
- (2) Cassette Library: Mr Cloake reported that Mr Chris Dawson was developing a cassette library and that whilst he had a number of cassettes under offer, they were not all suitable for reproduction. A request would be put into the next journal requesting suitable tapes for copying so that they can be used by members of the Association. It was suggested that a \$5 deposit be imposed and that a \$1 per tape hire fee be made. On return of the tape, the deposit could either be left as a deposit on the next tape or be reclaimed. Details of the cassette library would be published in the next "Beekeeper".
- (3) Electoral Roll: Mr Lyttle expressed concern at some of the votes given to various producers on the Electoral Roll. The Secretary indicated that a mistake had been made in the issuing of the first roll and that this had been superseded by an updated roll on which the election had been based.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.15 a.m.



Confirmed
9/9/80 Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR DECEMBER 1979 & JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1980

125813	Pork Industry Council	\$1,968.31	Fee and disbursements to December 1979
4	Pork Industry Council	100.00	Additional to 125813
5	Cash	25.40	Luncheon
6	N. Z. Dairy Board	12.41	Computer charge
7	A. M. I. International	23.36	Addressograph plates
8	J. A. MacKay	12.45	Stationery
9	Hotel Waterloo	123.60	Executive Committee accommodation
20	Air New Zealand	600.00	Bulkair
1	M. D. Cloake	9.00	Ex. Comm. Expenses
2	M. G. Stuckey	27.00	" "
3	P. W. Marshall	22.90	" "
4	I. Berry	4.00	" "
5	S. Lyttle	28.50	" "
6	W. A. Clissold	56.20	" "
7	Agpress	1701.40	Beekeeper
8	Pork Industry Council	74.30	Postage, tolls etc. to 31.12.78
9	Deposits and Securities	10000.00	Investment on call
30	Agpress	58.55	Beekeeper
1	Pork Industry Council	290.20	Staff selection \$136.00, Stationery \$154.20
2	Agpress	1143.93	Beekeeper
3	Pork Industry Council	2064.28	Fee, Postage, Tolls etc.
4	Agpress	1484.03	March Beekeeper
5	H. Cloake	20.00	Contribution to Dec. Beekeeper
6	C. Dawson	60.00	" " "
7	A. Warren	24.00	" " "
8	AM International Ltd	6.60	Addressograph plates
9	West Coast Branch of NBA	81.00	Capitation grant
		<u>\$20021.42</u>	
	Telegraphic Transfer Dr Don Peer	914.63	
		<u>\$20936.05</u>	

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) AND THE CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WILLOW PARK HOTEL, TAURANGA, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 23 AND 24 JULY 1980 COMMENCING AT 9.15 AM ON WEDNESDAY 23 JULY.

PRESENT: The President, Mr P.W. Marshall, in the Chair, the Executive Committee members, Messrs M.G. Stuckey, A.W. Clissold, M. Cloake, S.J. Lyttle and I. Berry, and approximately 80 members of the Association, including Delegates from 13 Branches.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (Chairman) and C. Wicht (General Manager) of the Honey Marketing Authority, Messrs G. Walton, D. Hayman, I. Forbes and B. Watts (Wednesday morning only) from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Mr T. Walton, Editor, and Mr S. Mills, Journalist, for the "Beekeeper", and the Secretary of the Association, D.J. Dobson.

Also present were other visitors as well as representatives of the press and radio.

OPENING PRAYER: The President invited Conference to stand while he read the opening prayer.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND OPENING OF CONFERENCE BY THE MAYOR OF TAURANGA:

Mr E.L. Faulkner, the Mayor of Tauranga, and his wife attended the Conference to welcome Delegates and to open the Conference. Mr Faulkner in his address commented on the development of the horticulture industry in the Bay of Plenty area and the important part which bees would obviously play in the development of this industry. He also commented on the apparent lack of marketing of honey in New Zealand and said that he considered that this was a matter which should be taken up and developed by the Industry. He said that the City of Tauranga was pleased to have the Beekeepers' Conference in the City and welcomed all members to the Conference and wished them well with their deliberations and officially opened the Conference.

PRESENTATION OF TREE: The President, Mr Marshall, then presented a tītōki tree to Mrs Faulkner to accept for the City of Tauranga. Mr Faulkner replied on behalf of Mrs Faulkner and said that the tree would be placed in one of the many parks and reserves within the city area and would be gratefully received by the city.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: The President, Mr P.W. Marshall, then presented his address to the Conference. In his address, Mr Marshall reviewed the steps which had been taken throughout the year with respect to the formation of a national Co-operative and the ultimate position of the Honey Marketing Authority. He said that a meeting of all interested parties in the Industry had been called on 1 November 1979, the meeting chaired by the Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, and that the aim of this meeting had not been to change Industry

policy but rather to present to the Industry a firm basis on which to discuss future development. At this meeting it was considered that the H.M.A. should review its situation at the end of the current year, that the administration of export control should be taken away from the Authority, that the South Island operation in due course should be the only commercial involvement for the H.M.A., that some control over exports was still desired and that a new export administration system was needed so that commercial exporters and the H.M.A. were placed on a common footing, that the centre of export control should be removed from the H.M.A. and that a new export control office should set export price minima.

Following this meeting, there developed amongst a group of South Canterbury beekeepers' a concept of a Co-operative which could absorb the functions of the Authority at a local level.

In March, a further meeting was held and the H.M.A. put forward three resolutions indicating that it agreed in principle with the development of a Co-operative, that it agreed in principle to sell its operations and advance monies to such a Co-operative, and that it recommended the eventual dissolution of the Honey Marketing Authority.

Mr Marshall went on to say that there had been discussions right throughout the country promoted by the steering committee of the Co-operative but at this stage he felt he could not support such a Co-operative as, like many others, he felt it was merely changing the name over the door of the H.M.A. He pointed out that should the Authority cease to exist that the time was coming when the Association would have to accept greater responsibility in the field of honey marketing and of the affairs of the Industry.

He referred briefly to a number of matters which would be raised later in the remit papers and the work of the Agricultural Chemicals Board in relation to insecticides and pesticides, with special reference to 2-4-5T, and the spraying of kiwifruit.

The President thanked his Executive, Secretary and members of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Mr Berry of the Honey Marketing Authority and his staff for the assistance which they had given him and the Industry over the year.

ADDRESS FROM MR I.G. FORBES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES:

As Mr R.L.G. Talbot, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries, was not able to attend the Conference, the President welcomed Mr I.G. Forbes from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries to speak to the Conference.

Mr Forbes apologised for the absence of Mr Talbot and said that Mr Talbot was behind the idea that the producers should have a major say in the trading of their product and considered that all means should be taken to proceed with the formation of a Co-operative without further delay, and that shareholders funds should be called for the Co-operative.

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Mr Forbes then proceeded to elaborate on the necessity to plan for the Industry on both the local and export markets. He referred to a paper from the New South Wales Department of Agriculture which analysed reasons for success and failure in Australian Co-operatives. He concluded the summary by saying that Co-operatives are most successful when the following conditions prevail:

- (a) When production is concentrated in a small area making supervision easy
- (b) When the number of producers are few and they are highly specialised
- (c) When producers have had successful past experience of working together, and
- (d) Where skilled leadership has been developed.

He emphasised the need for good market intelligence and suggested that it was time that the Beekeeping Industry took time out to see where it was going to be in five to ten years time and how it proposed to get there.

Mr Forbes then briefly discussed the attitude of Government towards Government Departments and the reviewing of workloads and said that the Apiaries Section was bearing its share of Government policy at the moment in relation to its staff ceiling. He discussed in broad terms the need to maintain a good reporting system for disease. He discussed the new quality assurance policy of the Ministry as distinct from quality control, and briefly discussed the question of beekeeping in restricted areas.

He indicated that one of the most important developments in the Bay of Plenty area was the kiwifruit business and that bees were the major pollinators of kiwifruit, and made predictions of what possibly would be required in the way of hives over the next five years. He emphasised the need for a constant dialogue between kiwifruit growers and beekeepers so that each understood the other's concerns and requirements.

The President thanked Mr Forbes for his talk and a short question and answer session was then held.

ADDRESS FROM MR B.B. WATTS, REGISTRAR OF THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD:

In introducing Mr Watts, Mr Marshall said that because of concern expressed by beekeepers in the Bay of Plenty area in regard to the spraying of kiwifruit at flowering time, he had invited Mr Watts to speak to the Conference to assure beekeepers that the work done by the Agricultural Chemicals Board insured sprays used in these areas were safe for bees. Mr Watts spoke briefly of the chemicals which were approved and currently under test for the control of disease in kiwifruit and assured beekeepers that the chemicals currently on the market showed no ill effects on bees.

There were a number of questions to Mr Watts, mainly relating to the lack of communication which seemed to occur between the Ministry of Agriculture, the Agricultural Chemicals Board and beekeepers in relation



to these chemicals and the need for better information to be provided. There was however still some concern regarding the use of some chemicals, particularly in relation to kiwifruit, and Mr Watts said that it was hoped that when the work had been finalised on newer products that he would be able to give a firm assurance that there would be no detriment to bees by the use of these products.

ADDRESS BY MR P. BERRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW ZEALAND HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

In opening his speech, Mr Berry said that the trading operations of the Authority had continued to yield high returns to its suppliers and the estimated pay-out for the year ending 31 August 1980 would be in excess of \$1.00 per kilo, this compared with 86 cents per kilo in the previous year which was the then highest pay-out in the history of the Authority. The intake of honey to the Authority in the year was 1,795 tonnes of which only 110 tonnes was produced in the North Island. He said that the volume of honey sold during the year had exceeded the intake.

With the approval of Government, the base price had been abandoned and suppliers would be receiving the nett realisations from the year's trading.

Mr Berry said that he was glad to report that prices now charged on the domestic market were reasonably related to the export value of the product, and he considered that it was the responsibility of the Industry to keep it that way, as it was the producer's right to receive the real market value for his product. As a general guide he estimated that the present average value of bulk honey in New Zealand was about \$1.20 to \$1.25 per kilo irrespective of the market for which it was destined. He indicated that he expected to find some upward movement before the end of the year.

Mr Berry also indicated that when the Honey Marketing Authority trading activities ceased that the Authority's property in Auckland should be sold for cash and that the proceeds should form part of an Industry fund.

The Chairman thanked Mr Berry for his talk and this was followed by a question and answer session.

APOLOGIES: The following apologies were recorded and sustained:

Messrs A.M.W. Greig, K. Leadley, D. Bates, G. Winslade, and J. Ward.

OBITUARIES: The following obituaries were made known to the Conference:

The late Messrs Charlie Barrow, Tom Jackson, Jim Murphy, Reg Perry, Hilary Gillam and Les Maultsaid.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: It was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Mossop, that Mr Donald Alexander Barrow be elected a Life Member of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc).

In nominating Mr Barrow, Mr Stuckey said that Mr Barrow had been a Chairman of the Association and a member of

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the Executive for a number of years and that he had made a considerable contribution to the Industry on a national basis as well as being a leader of the beekeeping industry in the Bay of Plenty.

Mr Marshall then presented Mr Barrow with his Certificate of Life Membership and Mr Barrow responded to the honour bestowed upon him.

It was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Clissold, that Mr Percy Berry be elected a Life Member of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.).

Mr Stuckey said that Mr Berry had had a long association with the Beekeeping Industry, had been a member of the National Beekeepers' Association Executive, Chairman of the Association and was currently Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority. The following people also spoke in support of Mr Berry's election to Life Membership. They were Mr Ian Berry, Mr Harry Cloake, Mr Ivan Dickinson, Mr Robin Jansen, Mr Dudley Ward, Mr Cliff Bird, Mr Steve Lyttle, Mr David Penrose and Mr Bond.

Mr Marshall, in presenting the Certificate to Mr Berry, also commented on the considerable contribution made by him to the Industry. Mr Berry suitably replied to the honour bestowed upon him.

PRESENTATION TO MR G.A. BEARD: Mr Marshall said that Mr and Mrs Beard had been invited to attend the meeting as Mr Beard had recently retired from the position of Secretary to the Association. Mr Marshall thanked Mr Beard for the work he had done for the Industry which had been greatly appreciated by beekeepers.

Mr Dickinson and Mr Berry both paid a tribute to Mr and Mrs Beard. Mr Marshall then presented Mr Beard with a cheque as an appreciation from the Industry. Mr Beard suitably replied.

LIBRARY REPORT: Mr Heineman, from Otago, presented the Library Report which had been distributed. Because of the relatively small income being received from the lending of books, it was suggested that the Executive should give some consideration to granting a sum to the library for the purchase of new books.

ADVISORY REPORTS AND RESEARCH REPORTS: These were tabled for the information of the Conference.

TIMEKEEPER: It was resolved that Mr Murray be timekeeper. It was also agreed to abide by the times set out in the Agenda, that is five minutes for the proposer of the motion, three minutes for the seconder, and three minutes for any subsequent speakers, with the proposer having a right of reply for three minutes.

SCRUTINEERS: It was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Bromwell that Messrs Bristow and Hutchison be scrutineers.

Carried

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TAPE RECORDERS: It was noted that only Radio New Zealand and the representatives from the "Beekeeper" had tape recorders and that these would be allowed.

MINUTES OF THE 1979 CONFERENCE: The Conference resolved that the Minutes of the 1979 Conference proceedings, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the business of that Conference.

DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE: The names of Delegates and Deputy Delegates were duly read and noted.

The President declared the Annual Meeting adjourned at 2.30 pm and declared the Conference of Delegates in session.

(The remits as presented are in numerical order but in some cases the remits were taken out of this order.)

REMIT NO. 1: WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That this Conference request the President to set aside a time for Conference to discuss in general terms the future policies and methods of marketing honey."

Moved Messrs Stuckey/R.Berry carried 13 to nil.

It was agreed that time for discussion would be made on Thursday morning and that Remit 2 would also be considered at that time.

REMIT NO. 2: OTAGO: The remit as amended read:

"That this Conference request its Executive to ensure that the Industry funds held by the H.M.A. be retained for the benefit of all sections of the Industry in the event of the H.M.A. giving way to a Co-operative."

Moved Messrs Penrose/Ashcroft and carried by 12 votes with one abstention.

REMIT NO. 3: CANTERBURY: The remit read:

"That this Conference give consideration to updating the branch capititation to a realistic level, to enable branches to function adequately."

Moved Messrs Penrose/Scott and carried by 11 votes to ni

REMIT NO. 4: CANTERBURY: The remit read:

"That in view of the adequate surplus of funds currently held on fixed deposit, this Conference request that the Hive Levy be adjusted to equate actual net cash requirements of the N.B.A., thus avoiding any further increase in this surplus."

Moved Messrs Penrose/Scott and carried 8 votes to 5 .

REMIT NO. 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The remit as amended read:

"That the Chairman's honorarium be increased for \$500 per annum to \$800 per annum and that the honorarium be reviewed annually.

Moved Lyttle/Cloake and carried 13 to nil.



REMIT NO. 6: FAR NORTH: The remit read:

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be asked to amend the requirements of the Annual Declaration form of hive inspection to cover the number of colonies with disease and in which apiaries; the total number of colonies owned and any new sites not already registered."

NOTE: This was carried as Notice No. 4 at the Annual Conference in 1977. At the 1978 Annual Conference the Far North Branch requested reasons why Notice No. 4 on the Order paper of the 1977 Annual Conference which was passed unanimously was not implemented. Since then the Annual Declaration form of the M.A.F. has not been amended and, although there have been changes in regulations, the above has not been included.

By leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 7: WAIKATO: The remit as amended read:

"That Conference request the M.A.F. to supply beekeepers and exporters of honey with current information on B.L. outbreaks."

NOTE: Due to the necessity of having to supply a phytopathological certificate to some countries, it is necessary to have this information before packing.

Moved Messrs R. Berry/Lorimer and carried 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO. 8: CANTERBURY: The remit as amended read:

"That Conference requests the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries to conduct a bee virus survey as soon as possible, and make the results known.

Moved Messrs Penrose/Jeffries and carried 13 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 9: OTAGO: The remit read:

"That this Conference request its Executive to obtain from Government its policy to deal with an outbreak of European Brood Disease. In particular what area would be called a disaster area and what compensation would be paid for healthy hives destroyed in the said area."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Dickinson and carried 11 votes to one with one abstention.

REMIT NO. 10: SOUTHLAND: The remit read:

"That this Conference recommends that European Brood Disease be transferred from the second schedule to the first schedule of the Apiaries Act."

By leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 11: OTAGO: The remit read:

"That this Conference request that European Brood Disease be included in the first schedule."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Dickinson and carried 13 votes to nil.

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REMIT NO. 12: CANTERBURY: The remit read:

"That this Conference adds its support to the Canterbury and Hawkes Bay Branches in their request for the urgent increase of Apiary Section staffing."

NOTE: Branches' attention is drawn to the fact that Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Apicultural staff has been reduced from 13 to 8; and the research staff at Wallaceville from two to one. This reduction is significant in the light of projected large areas of blackcurrants and the potential requirement of approximately 22,000 hives for pollination in the South Island. The associated movement of hives for this operation and the high concentration of hives in Honeydew areas have increased the risk of American Brood Disease being transferred and will accordingly require further assistance from the M.A.F. Apicultural staff.

Moved by Messrs Penrose/Ashcroft and carried 13 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 13: OTAGO: The remit as amended read:

"That the Ministry investigate the feasibility of using part-time Advisory Officers as well as part-time inspectors without reducing full-time advisory staff."

Moved by Messrs Heineman/Dickinson and carried 12 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 14: OTAGO: The remit read:

"That the M.A.F. appoint a full-time hive inspector, his duties to include seeking and destroying wild hives and wasp nests in the Otago district."

NOTE: It is felt that wild hives and wasps are on the increase in Otago and that a full-time inspector would eliminate these pests very quickly. Wild hives in particular which are a menace in the transmission of disease and an obstruction to successful Queen breeding.

By the leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 15: WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That the M.A.F. be asked to carry out research into a suitable material to replace Cynogas."

Moved by Messrs R. Berry/Robinson and carried 13 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 16: BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read:

"That honey be a prohibited import."

Explanation: The present legislation does not specifically state that honey should be a totally prohibited import item. The above remit we feel truly expresses the desire of the industry.

By the leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn, but the Executive noted the request to have honey included on the customs declaration form.

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REMIT NO. 17: BAY OF PLENTY: The remit as amended read:

"That this Conference recommends to beekeepers that they use their M.A.F. Registration Number when branding their hives to assist the police with the identification and recovery of stolen hives and the conviction of thieves."

Moved by Messrs Mossop/Penrose and carried by 13 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 18: WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That the beekeepers be made aware of the immense vulnerability of the beekeeping industry to theft and that special efforts by the beekeepers be made because unchecked theft could ruin the industry."

Moved by Messrs R. Berry/Robinson and carried 13 votes to nil.

REMIT NO. 19: NELSON: The remit as amended read:

"That this Conference objects to the Forestry and Lands and Survey charging a levy more than that required for administration on hives on land administered by the Crown."

NOTE: This appears to us to be detrimental to exports and encourages private landowners along the same lines.

Moved by Messrs Boskett/Scott and carried by 12 votes with 1 abstention.

REMIT NO. 20: SOUTHLAND: The remit read:

"That this Conference is concerned with the policy of Government Departments in making a charge for apiary sites, e.g. Molesworth Station."

By leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 21: OTAGO: The remit read:

"That this Conference is concerned at the apparent lack of quality control in the proposed draft of honey export regulations."

Moved by Messrs Heineman/Dickinson and lost by 4 votes for to 9 against.

REMIT NO. 22: BAY OF PLENTY: The remit read:

"That all beekeepers pay 5 cents per hive towards funding an eradication programme of A.F.B."

Moved by Messrs Stanley/Mossop and lost by 1 vote for and 12 against.



REMIT NO. 23: WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That the appropriate Authority be asked to investigate and recommend a method of disposal of honeyhouse effluent particularly in areas of heavy clay soils."

Moved by Messrs Stuckey/M. Cloake and carried by 7 votes to 4.

REMIT NO. 24: WAIKATO: The remit read:

"That this Industry request that chiropractic treatment by registered chiropractors for accidents be covered by the Accident Compensation Commission.

Moved by Messrs R. Berry/Robinson and carried by 12 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 25: SOUTHLAND: The remit as amended read:

"That the 1981 Conference of the Association be hosted by the Southland and Otago Branches at Queenstown.

Moved by Messrs Booth/Clissold and carried by 13 votes to nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION: (Note the Notices of Motion are listed in numerical order and not necessarily the order in which they were debated.)

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1:

Moved Messrs Bartrum/Lyttle that the Conference request Government to give all possible assistance in the establishment of a sugar beet industry in Canterbury.

It was moved Messrs Bartrum/Heineman that this Notice of Motion be accepted onto the Order Paper. This was carried 13 votes to nil.

The remit was then debated and when put to the Conference resulted in 6 Delegates being for and 6 Delegates being against the remit.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2:

That this Conference recommends that the Honey Marketing Authority requests the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries to appoint an independent arbitrator to determine how the assets of the H.M.A. were established and to indicate how these assets should be disbursed.

Moved Messrs Cloake/Lyttle.

It was moved Messrs Bartrum/Heineman that Notice of Motion No. 2 be placed on the Order Paper. This was carried 13 votes to nil.

There was considerable discussion on this remit and it was finally amended to read as follows:

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"That this Conference recommends that the Honey Marketing Authority requests the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries to appoint an independent arbitrator acceptable to the Steering Committee of the proposed Co-operative, the H.M.A. Board and the N.B.A. Executive, to determine how the assets of the H.M.A. were established and to indicate how these assets should be disbursed."

This amendment was proposed by Mr I. Berry and the original movers, Messrs Cloake and Lyttle, agreed to this addition.

On being put to the vote, the amended remit was carried 13 votes to nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3:

That this Conference recommends that the H.M.A. assets should not be loaned to a marketing Co-operative at below current commercial interest rates.

It was moved R. Berry/Stanley that Notice of Motion No. 3 be placed on the Order Paper. When put to the vote there were 4 Delegates opposed to having this Notice of Motion placed on the Order Paper, and in accordance with the Rules, it was not placed on the Order Paper.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4:

That this Conference accepts the principles of the Chairman of the H.M.A.'s plan and requests the Board to take the appropriate action.

It was moved Hale/Bird that Notice of Motion No. 4 be placed on the Order Paper. However, when put to the vote, 5 Delegates opposed its inclusion on the Order Paper.

REPORT FROM MR G.M. WALTON:

Mr Walton presented his report which had already been tabled and discussed the main points in it.

Statistics showed that there had been a ~~decline~~ ^{INCREASE} in hobbyist beekeepers and an increase of 14% in the number of registered owners keeping up to 50 hives, also a 10% increase in the past year in the number of beekeepers keeping 51 - 500 hives.


He discussed legislation affecting the Industry, namely the proposal to amend the Apiaries Act 1969 and the honey export regulations.

He also discussed the work of the Apiary Section, and in particular he mentioned a course at Flock House next year for leaders in the beekeeping industry.

CLOSURE OF CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES:

The Chairman closed the Conference of Delegates at 4.32 pm on Thursday, 24 July.

He then resumed the Annual Meeting which had been adjourned the previous day.


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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

At this point of the meeting, Mr Marshall stepped down from the Chair and the Secretary took the Chair for the election of the President.

The Secretary called for nominations for President for the 1980/81 year and Mr P.W. Marshall was nominated on the motion of Lyttle/Clissold, Mr M.G. Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Herron/Bird.

As a result, an election was necessary and Mr P.W. Marshal was duly declared President for the ensuing year.

On returning to the Chair, Mr Marshal thanked those people who had elected him for their confidence in him and he said that he would be working for the betterment of the beekeeping industry in the following year.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

The President called for nominations for Vice President and Mr M.G. Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Herron/Robinson, and as there were no further nomination Mr Stuckey was duly elected as Vice President.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was moved R. Berry/Jansen that the assets of the H.M.A. not be loaned to a marketing Co-operative at below current commercial interest rates. There was considerable discussion and amendment to this resolution and finally the amended motion was:



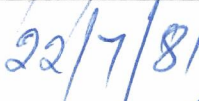

"That this Conference requests that the assets of the H.M.A. not be loaned to a marketing Co-operative at below Rural Bank interest rates other than monies needed to buy the packing facilities and buildings in the South Island."

This was carried by 31 votes to 23.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST BRANCH:

Mr Lyttle then proposed a vote of thanks to the Bay of Plenty Branch for the way in which they had organised the Conference and this was carried by acclamation.

The Annual Meeting of the Association closed at 6 pm on Thursday, 24 July 1980.


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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) HELD AT THE WILLOW PARK MOTOR HOTEL, TAURANGA, ON FRIDAY 25 JULY 1980 AT 9 AM.

PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall, in chair, Messrs I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake, S. Lyttle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D.J. Dobson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: An apology from Mr M.G. Stuckey was sustained as he was attending a meeting of the H.M.A. Board.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS PASSED AT THE CONFERENCE:

Remit No. 1: No further action required.

Remit No. 2 - Re Suppliers' funds held by H.M.A.

Resolved that this Remit be referred to the Board of the H.M.A.

Remit No. 3 - Re Capitation:

Resolved that this matter be looked into at the next meeting.

Remit No. 4 - Re Hive Levy:

It was resolved that this be noted.

Remit No. 5 - Re Chairman's Honorarium:

It was resolved that this matter be put into effect this year.

Remit No. 7 - Re Notification of outbreaks of B.L.

It was resolved that this matter be discussed with Mr Walton at the next meeting.

Remit No. 8 - Re Bee Virus survey:

It was resolved that this matter be referred to Mr Walton at the next meeting.

Remit No. 9 - Re European Brood Disease:

It was resolved that this matter be referred to Mr Walton at the next meeting.

Remit No.11 - Re the inclusion of European Brood in the First Schedule:

It was resolved that this matter be referred to Mr Walton at the next meeting.

Remit No.12 - Re staffing of the Apiaries Section:

It was resolved that this matter be left for discussion at the September meeting with Messrs Forbes and Walton.

Remit No. 13 - Re part-time Advisory Officers and Inspectors:

It was resolved that this matter be left until the September meeting for discussion with Messrs Forbes and Walton.

Remit No. 15 - Re replacement for Cynogas:

It was resolved that this matter be further investigated by Dr Clinch.

Remit No. 16 - Re inclusion of honey on customs declaration form:

Whilst this remit was withdrawn, it was noted by the Executive for discussion with the Customs Department.

Remit No. 17 - Re branding of hives:

It was resolved that this matter be noted and passed to the Beekeeper journal.

Remit No. 18 - Theft of hives:

It was resolved that this matter be noted and passed for inclusion in the Beekeeper journal.

Remit No. 19 - Re levy on hives on Crown Land:

It was resolved that this matter be kept under action and that the personnel from the Lands and Survey Department be invited to the September meeting for further discussion.

Remit No. 23 - Re disposal of honey house effluent:

It was resolved that the Secretary contact the Agricultural Engineering Institute and the Wellington Regional Water Board for advice regarding the disposal of honey house effluent.

Remit No. 24 - Re treatment by registered chiropractors under the Accident Compensation Commission:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Accident Compensation Commission with this request.

Remit No. 25 - Re 1981 Conference at Queenstown:

It was resolved that Mr Clissold look into the booking of accommodation at Queenstown.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

It was resolved that Mr Marshall continue as the National Beekeepers' Association's representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr Watts, the Registrar, to advise him that there would be no change in the membership from the Association.

APIARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

It was resolved that Mr Marshall continue to represent the Association on the Apiary Advisory Committee.

TECHNICAL CORRESPONDENCE INSTITUTE - BEEKEEPING:

A letter was received from Mr Walton containing a recommendation from the Technical Correspondence Institute regarding the possibility of a course in beekeeping being operated by that organisation.

It was resolved that Mr Hardy from the Technical Correspondence Institute should be invited to the second day of the Executive meeting to discuss this matter.

PESTICIDE REGULATIONS 1980:

It was resolved that this matter be further studied at the next meeting of the Executive.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1 - RE SUGAR BEET:

Whilst the voting on this Notice of Motion was 6 votes for and 6 against, the Secretary was requested to obtain information re sugar beet from Lincoln College.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2 - RE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ARBITRATOR TO DETERMINE HOW THE ASSETS OF THE HMA WERE ESTABLISHED AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE DISBURSED:

It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Honey Marketing Authority for their consideration.

MOTION FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING - RE INTEREST RATE ON MONIES LOANED TO A MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE:

It was resolved that this remit should be referred to the Honey Marketing Authority for their consideration.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

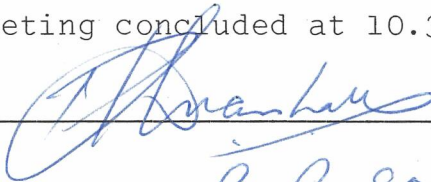
It was moved Marshall/Lyttle that Mr Cloake be the Executive's representative on the Library Committee. Carried

It was then moved Lyttle/Berry that a grant of up to \$100 be made available from the Association's funds for the purchase of new books for the library. Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Secretary was asked to look into the status of the Life Membership list and to ensure that existing Life Members receive all information regarding the Association.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.30 am.



Signature
9.9.80

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY & JUNE 1980

85621	Agpress	\$1,440.88	March Beekeeper, tolls
22	Air New Zealand	88.00	Dr & Mrs Peer postag
23	Scott, Hardie Boys & Morrison	125.00	Rule amendments
24	C.J. Read	38.13	Drinks for luncheon
25	Hotel Waterloo	336.46	Exec. accommodation
26	Warren Ryder-Lewis & Grant	350.00	Audit Fee
27	Air New Zealand Bulkair	700.00	
28	Cash	32.30	Luncheon, Honey Inds.
29	S.J. Lyttle	23.05	Expenses
30	I. Berry	4.20	Expenses
85941	M. Stuckey	24.60	Expenses
42	NZPO	47.52	Regd. letters Hive Levy
43	Bay of Plenty Branch	100.00	Conference expenses
44	Canterbury Branch	200.00	Arbor Day donation
45	Hawkes Bay Branch	101.00	Capitation
46	Waikato Branch	247.50	"
47	Sth. Canterbury Branch	81.50	"
48	Southland Branch	160.50	"
49	Far North Branch	82.50	"
50	Northland Branch	96.50	"
155501	S.W.D. Branch	195.50	"
02	Nelson Branch	95.00	"
03	Bay of Plenty Branch	88.50	"
04	Agpress	1,409.68	June Beekeeper, postag
05	Royal NZ Inst. of Hort.	15.00	Membership subs.
06	A.K. Ecroyd	98.00	Disbursement air fares
07	Allan Warren	18.00	Dr & Mrs Peer
08	Chris Dawson	40.00	Beekeeper contributor
09	John Smith	10.00	payments
10	R.P. MacFarlane	25.00	"
11	T.G. Bryant	40.00	"
12	Murray Reid	59.00	"
13	Air New Zealand Bulkair	200.00	
14	P.W. Marshall	215.94	Expenses & Tolls
15	Pork Industry Council	3,107.18	Fee & disbursemts. to
16	Agpress	1,324.76	June Beekeeper, Jun
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Tuesday and Wednesday 9 and 10 September 1980 commencing at 10.00 am on 9 September 1980.

PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall (in the Chair), and Messrs I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake, S. Lyttle, M. Stuckey (Tuesday 9 September only).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D.J. Dobson (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: An apology from Mr Stuckey was sustained for Wednesday 10 September.

DEATH OF MR I.G. FORBES:

Mr Marshall made reference to the sudden death of Mr Ian Forbes and asked Members to stand.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs Forbes expressing the Association's sympathy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

As the Minutes of the Meetings held on 21 July 1980 and 25 July 1980 had been circulated, they were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

All matters of concern arising from the Minutes were covered in correspondence or as specific items on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Mr Talbot with reference to the agreement between the H.M.A. Board and the proposed Co-operative:

Mr Marshall reported that because of an apparent stalemate between the Steering Committee of the proposed Co-operative and the H.M.A. Board, Mr Talbot had called together representatives from interested parties in the industry on 25 August in Wellington.

Mr Marshall reported that the meeting did not seem to resolve the differences which had arisen between the Steering Committee and the H.M.A. Board regarding the agreement of 7/8 July. It had however resulted in the approach to an arbitrator, Mr David Kaye.

In his letter, Mr Talbot laid down a term of reference which he wished to be considered by the arbitrator. There was some concern however that the Co-operative was being asked to commence operation on the basis of one agreement which may be altered by arbitration. There was also concern expressed by some executive members that there was not a clear enough basis of agreement at this stage to encourage people to support the Co-operative.

After some discussion the Executive Committee agreed to the following terms of reference being forwarded to the Board of the H.M.A. for its consideration:

1. To determine how the assets of the H.M.A. have been built up.
2. To determine to whom they belong.

3. To direct how the assets should be disposed of in the event of the H.M.A. being dissolved.
4. To indicate possible future uses of the funds bearing in mind the proposed formation of a National Co-operative.
5. As requested by Mr Talbot:

That in the event of the arbitrator's decision being materially different to the 7/8 July agreement terms, the arbitrator to determine when the new apportionment should apply and to determine the appropriate interest rates.

In the event that term of reference No. 5 was not accepted, then the Executive would wish to see a term of reference included to indicate interest rates.

The Committee also agreed that the findings of the arbitrator should be binding on all parties concerned.

It was resolved:

That the President accept the invitation of the Board of the H.M.A. to attend the next Board Meeting on 16 September 1980.

Because there was a wide diversity of opinion amongst members of the Executive Committee and the industry regarding the Co-operative, it was moved Lyttle/Stuckey:

"That no submission be made to the arbitrator from the National Beekeepers' Association."

Carried

- (b) Honey House Effluent: A letter was received from the N.Z. Agricultural Engineering Institute setting out some broad guidelines for the disposal of honey house effluent with particular reference to heavy clay soils. Whilst the reply was very general in nature the Institute did offer further assistance with specific problems. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to Mr G. Walton and request the assistance of apicultural advisory officers if beekeepers wish to contact the Institute with specific problems.
- (c) Disclosure of Diseases: A reply was received relating to Remit 7 from the Conference and it was agreed that this should go to the Branches and the Executive.
- (d) Victorian Apiarists' Association: Commenting on a statement in the September 1979 issue of the "Beekeeper" regarding the effects of European Brood Disease in Victoria, it was agreed to acknowledge the letter and thank the Secretary of the Association for his comments, and pass a copy of the letter to Mr T. Walton for his information.

- (e) Accident Compensation Commission: In reply to the Conference remit No. 24, the Commission indicated that it could not include chiropractic treatment for payment by the Commission unless a patient was referred to a Chiropractor by a registered medical practitioner. The whole matter of the status of Chiropractors was being investigated by Government and when a decision had been made regarding their status, the Commission could then act accordingly. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to all Branches.
- (f) Coating the inside of Honey Drums: A letter from the Department of Health indicated that they were unable to carry out any investigation into the coating on the inside of honey drums and suggested that the matter be taken up with a paint manufacturer or with Rheem Industries who were makers of drums. It was agreed that Rheem Industries be contacted and that various faults be pointed out, e.g. the effect of denting, condensation, "crazing" of the interior coating etc, and possibility of relining drums.
- (g) Technical Correspondence Institute re possible course for Beekeepers. This was taken up with Mr Hardy from T.C.I. when he attended the meeting on Wednesday 10 September.
- (h) Letter from Mr P.J. Zuur: He wrote to complain regarding an apparent discrepancy between the H.M.A. price list as published in the "Beekeeper" and the price quoted at retail by a local supermarket bulletin. The Committee agreed that they could make no comment without knowing the Brand name and the quality of the honey. They generally agreed that any person selling honey to supermarkets at the prices quoted would not be able to stay in business for long.
- (i) Tax - Treatment of Hives: This matter was dealt with later in the meeting when Mr Young from the Inland Revenue Department attended the Meeting.
- (j) Massey University - Research into Phacelia Tenacetifolia. Further information about the plant was provided by Mr E. Roberts to support their request for finance for research into the plant. However, no information was provided about its suitability as a nectar producer.

Later in the Meeting, Mr G. Walton was able to provide information that it was rated in the "top twenty" plants with the highest honey potential. The honey produced is amber, flows freely and granulates quickly. It is an annual plant of California. Its rapid growth and high nectar yield makes it a worthwhile catch crop in the U.S.S.R. and neighbouring countries.

As a result of this information it was moved Clissold/Berry

"That a grant of \$200 be made to Massey University to assist with their study of Phacelia Tenacetifolia."

Carried

It was also understood that Pine Gould & Guinness were doing experimental work in Christchurch and that the Association should write requesting information about their work.

(k) Honey Packers' Association - requesting that they be allowed to make submissions to the arbitrator at the appropriate time.

(l) Canterbury Branch - re Capitation Grant.

In view of increasing costs, it was considered that the 50 cent capitation per member should be increased to \$1.00 per member over and above the basic grant given on the basis of hive levy payers.

It was therefore moved Clissold/Lyttle:

"That the per member portion of the Capitation Grant be increased from 50 cents to \$1.00 per member.

Carried

In reviewing the Canterbury Branch accounts, it was moved Clissold/Cloake:

"That in view of the loss incurred at the Conference in 1979, the Canterbury Branch be given a grant of \$150."

Carried

It was also requested that the Canterbury Branch be written to suggesting that they invite Messrs Lyttle and Cloake to their next committee meeting to discuss their finances and proposed budget with them.

(m) Financial Assistance - Ms P. Gerard

The Secretary indicated that he had written to Ms Gerard requesting further information about her study and what new work she would be covering in relation to work already carried out by A.G. Matheson.

(n) Mr R. Hale

The Secretary replied re holding Conference in camera at appropriate times.

(o) Far North Branch - re hive gear and notification of Mr Stuckey re meetings.

(p) To H.M.A. - re Remits from Annual Conference.

(q) To M.A.F. - re survey of European Brood Disease in Tonga.

It was resolved:

That the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be approved.

5. Conference Matters

(a) Capitation Grant. This should be reviewed this year, the Secretary to ensure that all Branches return a set of accounts as soon as possible after the end of December so that expenditure can be examined.

(b) Staffing of the Apiaries Section

An informal discussion was held on the role of the Apicultural Advisory staff in relation to activities performed by the staff. Some members indicated that they had not seen an officer in five years. The matter was taken up more fully with Mr G. Walton later in the meeting.

(c) Insurance on Bees and Hives

A proposal was put forward by the South British Insurance Company which set out a complete insurance package for a beekeeper to cover all his assets as well as insuring against European Brood Disease relative to any action which may be taken under the Act by the Ministry in controlling the disease.

The Executive requested that further information be obtained on:

- (i) Costings
- (ii) How it would apply to operations of varying sizes
- (iii) Duties of an agent.

(d) Treatment of Hives for tax purposes

Mr Young from the Inland Revenue Department attended the Meeting at 9.00 am on Wednesday 10 September.

He indicated his concern that not all hives were being treated as plant, some were still being treated as trading stock. He said that those Beekeepers who currently showed their hives as stock should need to bring their hive values up to reasonable levels.

It was suggested that replacement cost plus maintenance be tax deductible and that extra new hives could attract 25% special depreciation in the first year.

Mr Young said his department would prepare a pamphlet to go to all beekeepers explaining the position and this would be checked with the Secretary before finalising.

MEETING WITH DR CLINCH AND MR G. WALTON:

(a) Phacelia Tenacetifolia

Mr Walton and Dr Clinch indicated that they would obtain more information on this plant re honey production. (See earlier Minutes)

(b) Cynogas

As cynogas was no longer available, Dr Clinch was asked to investigate the use of other materials which would be as effective as cynogas for killing off hives and not leave any residues.

(c) Tonga Bee Industry

Mr Walton said that any approach to have a survey carried out on Tonga into European Brood Disease would have to come from the Tongan Government. He said that honey was being allowed into New Zealand from Nuie under specific conditions and as a result the Tongan situation may be viable again. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr Ward indicating this.

(d) Staffing of the Apiary Section

Mr Walton said that there was no possibility of staff being increased in the Apiary Section and consequently there was a need to ensure that the staff were placed in the most important areas.

The role of the Advisory Officer was:

Extension
Quality assurance
Inspectorial
Field trial work.

The question of assistance to Wallaceville staff was also raised as some members considered that such work could be more profitable to the industry.

It was generally agreed that an industry survey was required to cover all these areas currently under question.

(e) Leadership Course

Mr Walton reported that a leadership course for the industry had been booked during late March - early April. The industry would need to advise the Ministry of the need for such a course and a steering committee would be required to bring down a suitable programme.

(f) Bee Virus Survey

Dr Clinch indicated that it would be difficult for existing staff to carry out any survey into Bee Viruses. He did however say that Dr Bailey at Rothamstead would be prepared to carry out a limited number of tests on dead bees. Beekeepers should send samples of dead bees to Wallaceville so that they can be forwarded to Dr Bailey.

(g) European Brood Disease

Mr Walton said that present Government attitude was that it was prepared to make monies available for compensation for diseases which would devastate an industry. As a consequence, American Brood Disease is in the first schedule but as European Brood Disease is unlikely to be as serious there is very little chance of having it moved into the first schedule.

(h) Apiary Advisory Committee

It was generally agreed that the meetings were useful but there was no intention of holding a meeting in the near future. The Executive to consider a public meeting at some time in the future.

(i) Part-Time Advisory Officers

Mr Walton suggested that this topic be left for discussion at the leadership conference.

(j) Effluent Disposal

The Secretary to write to Mr Walton requesting assistance from Advisory Officers in liaison with Water Boards, N.Z. Agricultural Engineering Institute etc.

(k) Sumicidin

Dr Clinch said he would be investigating this product further this year.

(l) 245-T

Dr Clinch said this was also being looked into further with reference to honey being contaminated.

(m) REPORT FROM MR G. WALTON

(i) Antibiotics in Honey

Mr Walton said that terramycin had been found in a shipment of honey to Japan. This was of concern to H.M.A. and the Ministry. A second test in Japan had proved negative as had a test in New Zealand.

(ii) South Korea

It was reported that South Korea now allows the importation of artificial honey. The Ministry is concerned that such honey could be:

- (a) packed in natural honey tins, and
- (b) could be carried over in pipelines and honey tanks.

It was resolved

"That the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries be requested to ensure that there is adequate labelling on artificial honey tins."

(iii) Mr C. Van Eaton

Mr Van Eaton is an Inspector with the Canadian Department of Agriculture and is in New Zealand for four to five months. He is being employed by the Ministry at Gore. A note to go into the journal re his appointment.

BEEKEEPER MAGAZINE:

Report from Mr T. Walton put forward his proposal for the production of the Beekeeper magazine for the next year. He said that on average the journal would cost \$3,400 per issue, a total of \$13,600. Advertising could be expected to bring in \$3,600, subscriptions and overseas subscriptions a further \$1,000, leaving a balance of about \$9,000 to be covered from the levy fund.

Mr Walton said that a newspaper format could cost less but it was generally agreed that the current format should be retained.

It was moved Lyttle/Cloake

"That the contract for the production of the N.Z. Beekeeper as put forward by Mr Walton be accepted in 1981."

Carried

USE OF CROWN LAND:

Mr Black from the Department of Lands and Survey attended the Meeting at 1.30 pm.

Mr Black said that the conditions laid down for right of access to Molesworth Station were specific to that property and had been agreed with by the beekeepers concerned. It was considered that initially a five year term be negotiated to allow any problems of access and noxious weeds to be sorted out.

Mr Black said that these conditions did not apply to all Crown Land and it was unlikely that any changes would be made where arrangements are currently satisfactory to all parties concerned.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Land Settlement Board regarding the length of tenur

It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Mitchell.

PESTICIDE REGULATIONS:

A letter to Mr Watts requesting special care in the labelling of products will be sent.

TECHNICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN BEEKEEPING:

Mr Hardy from the Technical Correspondence Institute attended the Meeting at 3.00 pm to discuss a possible correspondence course for beekeepers. He outlined the scope of the Institute's work and made recommendations for approaches to be made to the Institute.

He said even if the Department of Education agreed to the course, it would take 2 years to develop. It would also receive more favour if the industry is export-oriented and would have a minimum of 25 students.

Mr Marshall thanked Mr Hardy and indicated that an approach would be made to the Institute.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (a)

Rural Bank

Mr Lyttle requested that a representative from the Rural Bank be invited to the next Meeting so that the Executive could obtain a clear definition of the Bank's policy in relation to lending to beekeepers.

(b) Accounts for Payment

It was moved Cloake/Berry

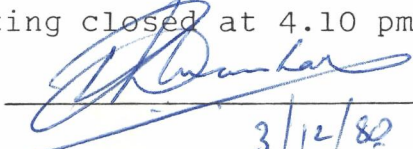
"That the accounts for \$13,931.64 be approved for payment."

Carried

(c) Date of Next Meeting

This was set for Wednesday, 3 December 1980, at 10.00 am.

There being no further Business the Meeting closed at 4.10 pm on Wednesday, 10 October 1980.


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Signed

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1980

155519	G.A. Beard	\$100.00	Presentation
20	Air New Zealand	300.00	Bulkair account
21	P.I.C.	50.00	Petrol vouchers, Mr Dobson's travel to Conference
22	D.J. Dobson	216.10	Conference expenses
23	H.M.A.	39.80	Reimbursement part Mr Stuckey' Conference expenses
24	S.J. Lyttle	383.00	Conference expenses
25	P.W. Marshall	676.15	Conference & Industry Mtgs. expenses & toll charges
26	H.M.A.	10,700.00	Hive levy payment
27	Apimondia	206.96	Annual subscription
28	W.A. Clissold	421.40	Conference expenses
29	A.M. International	24.48	Addressograph plates
30	J.M. James	13.75	Reimbursement purchase of clock/bell
31	P.W. Marshall	520.00	Honorarium, less PAYE
32	Inland Revenue Dept.	280.00	PAYE on Honorarium
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December 1980, commencing at 10.00 am on Wednesday 3 December 1980.

PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall (in the chair), and Messrs M. Stuckey I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake and S. Lyttle.
In attendance Mr D.J. Dobson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: As the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 and 10 September had been circulated, it was resolved that the Minutes of this Meeting be taken as read.

There were some matters which needed correction in the Minutes:

1. It was pointed out that the question of the increase in the Capitation Grant was not very clear and that a heading "Capitation Grant" was required between the words "Hive Levy payers" and "It was therefore moved" on Page 4 of the Minutes.
2. On Page 6, paragraph (g) "European Brood Disease", the words "As a consequence, American Brood Disease is in the first schedule but" should be deleted as this is incorrect.

It was then resolved that with these corrections, the Minutes of the Meeting of 9/10 September be accepted as a true and accurate record of this Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Tax on Hives

It was reported that the Inland Revenue Department had sent a circular to all beekeepers, setting out the way in which hives should be treated for tax purposes.

2. Insurance on Bees

Mr Dobson reported that a representative of the South British Insurance Company would be attending the Meeting later in the day and would fully discuss all aspects of the insurance policy.

3. Mr Van Eaton

Members of the Executive Committee indicated that Mr Van Eaton had been involved in meetings in the South Island area.

4. Rural Bank

Mr Dobson reported that the appropriate people were not in Wellington during the week of the Meeting and arrangements would be made to have a representative at the next Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tonga, European Brood Disease

A letter from the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries set out the situation regarding a possible investigation into European Brood Disease in Tonga. Mr Dobson reported that Mr Ward had reported serious financial consequences for the company in Tonga in the near future but at this stage there was very little which the Association could do to assist in this matter. As had been pointed out earlier to Mr Ward it was over to the Tongan Government to approach the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs for assistance in setting up a survey in Tonga.

2. Apiary Staff, Hawkes Bay

The Secretary had received a copy of a letter to the Secretary of the Hawkes Bay Branch indicating that at this stage they would not be pressing any further for staff for the Hawkes Bay area but would wait until after the Flock House conference before reviewing this matter again.

3. Part Time Apiary Staff

A letter was received from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries in reply to the Conference remit requesting an investigation into the feasibility of using part time Apiary Staff as well as using part time inspectors without reducing full time apiary staff. From the Ministry's letter it would appear that there are principles approved by the State Services Commission for the employment of part time advisors but it appeared unlikely that this could be applied to the Apiary Service.

4. Flock House Workshop

A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries outlined a possible programme for a Conference at Flock House to study the beekeeping industry into the 80s. It was decided that this matter would be more fully discussed when Mr Walton attended the Meeting.

5. New Branches

Beekeepers in both the Marlborough and the Poverty Bay areas had approached the Executive Committee to form Branches in those areas. Letters had been received from both areas, the Marlborough group indicating that they had the support of over 40 beekeepers at an initial meeting with 12 of them being members of the Association. The Poverty Bay Branch had already had a meeting and elected officers, and had indicated that they would be sending a complete list of members after the next meeting.

The Executive agreed that in the case of Poverty Bay there was likely to be a greater expansion of the beekeeping industry as a result of the expansion of horticulture, in particular of kiwifruit.

It was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Berry that the Executive give approval to the establishment of a Branch of the Association in

Marlborough and a Branch of the Association in Poverty Bay. Carried

As a result of this discussion, it was pointed out that the Central/Southern Hawkes Bay Branch only had a total of 9 members, 3 being Hive Levy payers and 6 ordinary members, and that as a result of this small membership it would seem appropriate for this group to join either the Hawkes Bay Branch or the South Western Districts Branch.

It was therefore moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Cloake that a letter be sent to the Central/Southern Hawkes Bay Branch of the Association suggesting that it should amalgamate with either the Hawkes Bay or the South Western Districts Branch. Carried

6. Financial assistance, Ms. P. Gerard, Waikato University

A further report from Ms. Gerard was considered by the Executive and in view of the work being carried out it was decided that some financial assistance would be provided.

It was moved Mr Berry, seconded Mr Cloake that Ms. Gerard be offered a grant in aid of \$250 for the year 1980/81. Carried

The Executive decided that Ms. Gerard should present a further progress report in September 1981 and on the basis of this report, further consideration for assistance would be given.

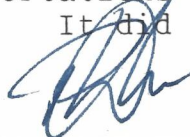
7. Interior lining of honey drums

A letter from Rheem New Zealand Ltd indicated that the company was researching the lining of drums and were looking at products which appeared to give greater durability. However, in Australia galvanised drums are used by the honey industry but at this stage the New Zealand Department of Health is not prepared to accept this. The company is taking this matter up further with them.

After receipt of the letter two representatives from Rheem New Zealand Ltd met the Secretary and discussed some of the problems with the relining of honey drums. It appeared that water was the worst enemy of the lining and washing out drums with high pressure hoses was probably the greatest problem with drums. They indicated that they would be prepared to write an article for "The Beekeeper" on the care of drums and may even be looking into the production of small drum washing units.

8. Customs control on the importation of honey

In reply to the Executive's letter regarding the inclusion of honey in the instructions to passengers on aircraft and ships, the Customs Department replied indicating that no importations of honey are to be released until they have been approved by an inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries and that this applied to private importations as well as to commercial importations. It did indicate

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however that in some cases small importations being carried by travellers privately may escape detection but they were making efforts to overcome this problem.

9. Letter from the Korean Beekeeping Association

A letter was received from this Association requesting assistance in the provision of seeds for suitable plants for beekeeping. It was suggested that the seed testing station in Palmerston North may be an appropriate place to forward the enquiry.

10. Request for mailing list

A company called Euroki Associates requested the Association's mailing list so that it could contact large producers to help with an export order. This was not approved.

11. Request for information

A letter received from Mr N.C. Mossop requested whether information as sent to Branch Secretaries could be forwarded to individual beekeepers.

After consideration, it was resolved that individual beekeepers could receive information as sent to Branch Secretaries at a charge of \$10.00 per year. It was indicated that it should be noted on any Minutes that they are unconfirmed Minutes and would be subject to alteration.

12. Export request - Iran

A telex had been received via the Department of Trade & Industry from our Embassy in Canberra with a request from Iran to supply 20,000 Queen bees and 100 tonnes of raw wax. It was agreed that this information should be passed out to Branches to see if there was any interest in such an order.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

13. Letter to the Secretary, Land & Agricultural Committee, re Apiaries Amendment Bill

The Association's submission to the Agricultural Select Committee was tabled.

14. Tax Department re treatment of hives

Confirmation of their letter.

15. Honey house effluent

Requesting assistance if required in association with the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

16. Mr E. Roberts, Massey University

Confirmation of the Association's grant of the sum of \$200 to assist with research into Phacelia Tenacetifolia. To date, this has not been taken up.

17. Apimondia re World Congress in Mexico

ACCOUNTS:

1. Accounts to 30 November 1980

The Income and Expenditure Account for the 11 months ended 30 November 1980 were presented. The income and expenditure was very close to

that budgeted for, the income being \$28,624 compared with a budget of \$32,450 for the 12 months, and the expenditure being \$30,320 compared with the budgeted expenditure for 12 months of \$33,960.

The current account stood at \$1,757 in funds with \$7,000 held in B.N.Z. term deposit and a further \$11,000 in Government Stock.

The Hive Levy Suspense Account stood at \$3,432 in credit.

2. Draft Budget 1981

A draft budget for 1981 indicated an increase in costs over last year and would finish up with a deficit of about \$7,000 by 31 December 1981. This would mean that the Association's reserves would be reduced from approximately \$15,000 to \$8,000 by that date.

A matter which concerned the Executive was the cost of arbitration and the cost of the investigation by Mr Dellow into the Co-operative and various legal costs associated with the H.M.A./Co-operative deal. It appeared that this could be a substantial cost and may have to be met out of the Hive Levy in the future.

3. Accounts for payment

Accounts for payment for the months of September October and November 1980 were presented for approval. These amounted to \$11,380.76.

After clarification of some matters, it was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Stuckey that the accounts as presented for payment for September, October and November, amounting to \$11,380.76 be approved for payment. Carried

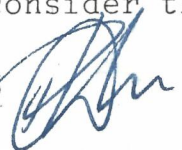
4. Capitation - Canterbury Branch

The Canterbury Branch had again made representation to have its capitation grant built up to \$500 at the beginning of each year. Whilst it is recognised that the Canterbury Branch is extremely active and is doing a considerable amount for beekeepers in the area, the Executive also had to consider that many other Branches were not fully using the capitation grant already provided to them. It was therefore decided that in view of the activity of the Canterbury Branch, the overall capitation grants for Branches of the Association would not be altered but that the Canterbury Branch would be asked to forward a budget to the Association, the capitation grant would be paid, and after consideration of the budget a further grant would be made to allow the Branch to carry on its activities to the extent that it wished.

CONFERENCE 1981:

It was confirmed that the Annual Conference would be held in Queenstown during the week of 20/24 July 1981.

Mr Clissold reported that the Southland Branch Committee would be meeting next week to consider the



matter further and the Secretary said that he had provided the Secretary of the Southland Committee with all the information required regarding the organisational responsibility of that Committee.

It was resolved that an advance of \$100 be forwarded to the Southland Branch to provide working capital.

Note: It was considered that this amount should be refunded to the Association out of the profits on the Conference.

INSURANCE:

Mr Philip McCabe, Marketing Manager of the South British Insurance Company, attended the Executive Meeting at 11.30 am on Wednesday 3 December. He outlined in more detail the presentation which had already been made to the Executive and answered specific questions from members. Mr McCabe made the point that there would be a 15% discount to the Association from any beekeepers who took up the insurance scheme. He pointed out however that this could be apportioned at the discretion of the Executive between a discount to members and a contribution to the Association.

After considerable discussion, it was resolved that the question of beekeepers' insurance with the South British Insurance Company lie upon the table until Thursday 4 December.

After further discussion on 4 December, it was moved Mr Clissold, seconded Mr Berry that the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) accept the proposal of the South British Insurance Company for their Beekeepers' Insurance and that 10% of the discount be paid to the beekeeper and that 5% of the discount be paid to the National Beekeepers' Association for an educational fund. Carried
It was noted that the discount on motor vehicles was 2½% and this would be passed on to members.

BEEKEEPER JOURNAL:

Mr T. Walton attended for a short time on 3 December. There was a short discussion on the "Beekeeper" journal and Mr Walton was asked if the New Zealand Sugar Company had been approached for advertising in the journal as it was understood that a number of films were available from the company for educational purposes.

There had been some comment regarding the content of the journal and Mr Walton pointed out that he relied heavily on contributions from members as well as suitable overseas articles. He said that there would be a greater content of New Zealand research in the next journal.

MEETING WITH
MR GRAHAME WALTON,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Mr Walton attended the meeting at 1.30 pm on 3 December. The following topics were discussed with Mr Walton:

1. Apiaries Amendment Bill: He said that the Land and Agricultural Select Committee had recommended that the time for which hives should not be moved or sold as laid down in Section 19 (4) of the Act, of two months had been extended to three months. The Association had initially asked for a period of six months stay on the sale of hives but not on the removal of hives.

The Association's request to have European Brood Disease included in the first schedule

which had also been included in the submission was not successful, and European Brood Disease would therefore remain in the second schedule.

2. Honey Export Regulations

New Honey Export Regulations had been drafted and once the Apiaries Amendment Bill had been passed it would then be possible for the Honey Export Regulations to be passed through Parliament.

3. Japanese Import Requirements

Mr Walton indicated that Japan was using its import requirements for honey and may accept the new certification form provided by the Ministry.

4. Visit to Niue

Mr Walton reported that Mr Murray Reid had recently paid a visit to Niue regarding their industry.

5. Seminar at Queenstown

Mr Walton confirmed that the Ministry would be prepared to run a seminar on Tuesday 21 July 1981 in conjunction with the industry Conference at Queenstown.

6. Exports to Iran

Mr Walton reported on the request for Queen bees and beeswax to Iran which had already been covered in correspondence.

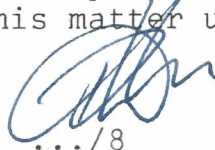
7. Labelling of insecticide sprays

Concern was expressed to Mr Walton regarding the labelling of insecticide sprays. This was particularly relevant where clover was growing under crops which required insecticide spray and was not mown before spraying. A letter had already been received from the Hawkes Bay Committee regarding this matter and it was decided that it should be taken up with the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

8. Industry Conference - Flock House

The paper presented by Mr Walton was fully discussed, in particular the proposed speakers to be involved in the Conference. It was decided that an invitation should be sent to the Comb Honey, the Honeydew and the private packers and that Mr Tony Scott be invited to attend as a relatively new commercial beekeeper. It was also considered that a letter should be sent to the Director-General requesting the assistance of the advisory staff and research staff in this Conference.

The Conference will be held from 30 March to 3 April 1981 and would involve a broad overview of all aspects of the beekeeping industry and its development during the 1980s. However later in the Meeting the Executive considered that the Ministry should be asked if the Conference could be held a month later as this would be more suitable for most beekeepers. The Secretary was asked to take this matter up with Mr Walton.



SUBMISSION TO ARBITRATOR:

The Association has now been formally advised that Mr D.H. Kaye of Hutchison Hull & Company has been appointed the arbitrator to determine how the assets of the Honey Marketing Authority were built up and to whom or for whose benefit these assets should belong. The Executive Committee considered it should take a very broad viewpoint in its submission and considered that it had a duty to speak for all beekeepers who are unable to make their own submissions.

It was also decided that submissions to the Association from Branches and individuals would be appended to the Association's submission unaltered. Whilst some Branches consider that the H.M.A. should remain, the Association was of the opinion that because of changes which had occurred over the years and of changes which would occur in the near future, the status quo could not remain and that some major reorganisation of the industry would be required. This point would be made to the arbitrator.

Other points for consideration by the arbitrator were local versus export market realisation, the effect of the Seals Levy, the effect of Government intervention in 1973, the changing pattern of supply between the North and South Islands and the apportionment of those monies deemed to belong to suppliers and those monies deemed to belong to the industry. The Association also considered that any funds deemed to belong to the industry should be vested in the trusteeship of the National Beekeepers Association and should be used to assist the Association to meet its aims and objectives as set out in its rules.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH:

Mr Marshall said that he had received a letter from the President of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the Association expressing concern that the National Beekeepers' Association had not taken an injunction to restrain the H.M.A. and that it had been left to Mr Berry. Mr Marshall said that he had replied to this letter pointing out that in his opinion the H.M.A. had full control of the situation and that he felt that the injunction was an unnecessary restraint.

After some discussion, it was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Cloake that this Executive supports Mr Marshall's reply to the President of the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Carried, with one abstention
and Mr I. Berry against the
motion

TELEGRAM TO CHAIRMAN OF H.M.A.

Mr Marshall explained that he had sent a telegram to the Chairman of the H.M.A., Mr P. Berry, indicating that the Association's Executive considered that Mr Berry should review his position as Chairman of the H.M.A. in relation to the stand he was taking regarding the injunction. The majority of members agreed with the President's telegram and it was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Cloake that this Executive Committee support

the President's action in sending a telegram to Mr Berry. Carried, with two members of the Executive against the motion

LETTER FROM MR BLAIR:

The President read a letter from Mr Blair expressing concern that Mr R.P. and Mrs E.R. Robinson who were joined in the injunction against the H.M.A. had not been suppliers of the Honey Marketing Authority.

The Executive considered that the comments which Mr Blair made bore no relationship to the naming of Mr Robinson as a party in the injunction and it was moved Mr Berry, seconded Mr Cloake that the letter be received and no action be taken. Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Honeydew export incentives

It was reported that bulk honeydew honey had not been included in the export incentive scheme, whilst packed lines of honeydew honey were.

Mr Stuckey said that the bulk honey generally speaking was not included in the export incentive scheme but it was resolved that the Secretary should write to the Department of Trade and Industry to obtain clarification of incentives for bulk honey and honeydew honey.

2. Attendance by Executive Members at field days

Mr Cloake and Mr Lyttle reported that they had attended the West Coast Branch field day at which there had been an attendance of 50 people and a very good field day had been turned on. Mr Clissold reported that he had attended the Otago field day and had spoken to those present on N.B.A. matters. Mr Lyttle also reported that he had attended the recent Canterbury field day at which a number of matters had been raised regarding N.B.A. business.

3. Stamps

Mr Clissold suggested that the Association should apply to the Director-General of the Post Office regarding the production of a stamp with a picture of a bee on it. Mr Clissold produced a French stamp with a picture of a bee and it was particularly attractive.

It was also mentioned that the 100th anniversary of beekeeping in New Zealand would be celebrated in 1983 and it was felt that this could be an appropriate time for such a stamp to be produced.

The Secretary was requested to confirm the date of the 100th anniversary with Mr Bird of Matamata.

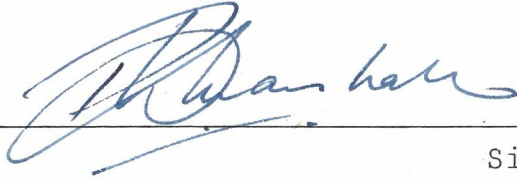
4. Date of Next Meeting

Because of possible developments from the arbitration of the H.M.A.'s assets, it was decided that the next Meeting should be arranged at an



appropriate time by the Secretary and the President.

As there was no further business the Meeting concluded at 2.45 pm on Thursday 4 December 1980.



Signed

5-5-81

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1980

155533	M.G. Stuckey	\$124.25	Expenses
34	M.D. Cloake	444.95	Expenses
35	Air New Zealand	1,300.00	Bulkair deposit
36	Townhouse	329.45	Accommodation Exec.Comm.
37	Agricultural Press Co.	1,848.43	September "Beekeeper", Conference exps., postage
38	P.W. Marshall	127.97	Toll account, taxi
39	I. Berry	16.95	Taxi, lunches
40	S.J. Lyttle	19.15	Taxi, lunches
41	W.A. Clissold	125.00	Travelling exps., meals
42	NZPO	10.00	Renewal bulk postage allce.
43	M.A.F. Seminar Fund	250.00	Conference seminar grant
44	West Coast Branch	81.50	Capitation
45	M.J. Heineman	113.40	Conference delegate travel
46	A. Braid	80.19	" " "
47	S. Booth	118.80	" " "
48	M. Haines	48.60	" " "
49	A. Penrose	71.10	" " "
50	F. Bartrum	89.51	" " "
51	T.C. Gavin	90.00	" " "
52	Canterbury Branch	343.50	Capitation plus \$150 specia grant
53	Pork Industry Council	2,870.20	Fee, postage, tolls, Xerox, duplication, stationery
54	Townhouse	213.25	Accommodation Mr P. Marshal
55	H.M.A.	60.50	Reimbursement accommodation exps. Mr P. Marshall
56	A. Braid	8.91	Short-paid refund delegate travel to Conference
57	A.M. International	18.02	Addressograph plates
58	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,273.79	September "Beekeeper" printing, adv. comm., tolls
59	C. Dawson	45.00	Contributor payment(Journal
60	C. Rope	20.00	" " "
159101	G. Nichols	10.00	" " "
02	M. Reid	33.00	" " "
03	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	23.00	" " " (on a/c of P. Brunt & A. Matheson)
04	Pork Industry Council	43.12	Tolls and telegrams
05	I. Berry	167.30	Conference hotel expenses
06	Otago Branch	170.00	Capitation

List of cheques contd.

159107	North Otago Branch	\$80.00	Capitation
08	M.G. Boskett	69.30	Conference delegate travel
09	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	559.20	September "Beekeeper", platemaking, tolls, postage
10	P.W. Marshall	83.42	Tolls
		<u>\$11,380.76</u>	