

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Boardroom, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 31 March and Thursday 1 April 1982, commencing at 10 am on Wednesday 31 March.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr L.J. Jones, Secretary

1. APOLOGY: Mr Stuckey was required to leave the meeting at several points in order to attend the meeting of the Honey Marketing Authority being held concurrently with the Executive Committee meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 1981

The above Minutes had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 December 1981 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

LYTTLE/CLOAKE

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 11, Section 8.4 "Rural Bank - hives as security for loans".

Mr Lyttle reported that he had been working on his paper but in the meantime had been able to study the paper entitle "Beekeeping, honey and other hive products" prepared by Sue Martin of the Development Finance Corporation, and as a result of his study of this paper, Mr Lyttle felt that he could do no better than recommend that the Executive follow the recommendations and findings of Sue Martin's paper and he suggested that the Association approached the Rural Bank on the basis of the Development Finance Corporation paper.

The Secretary was asked to obtain copies of this paper and also to write to the kiwifruit industry with regard to liaising with them to obtain support for having loans granted to beekeepers using hives as the basis of the security.

Page 2 "Universal policy for beekeepers in relation to land classified as Rural A and D granting them a predominant use entitlement".

Mr Jones was asked what had been done with regard to this matter and he replied that Mr Dobson had been handling this but it had not yet been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr Jones said that the matter would be resolved before the next Executive meeting.

At this stage of the meeting, Mr Trevor Walton of Agpress entered and gave a brief report with regard to the journal. He said that to date the magazine was running close to budgeted levels as far as expenditures were concerned. Mr Walton suggested that the journal be printed closer to the time of the Executive Committee meetings so that beekeepers receive more up to date information on matters dealt with

at the meetings. Since this meant that issues of the journal would be coming out at uneven times of the year, the Executive felt that it would be best to remain with the present system.

Mr Walton further offered to gather information with regard to honey price lists and publish these in the journal. However, later on in the meeting when Mr Walton had left, the Executive decided that this matter should be left in the hands of the Secretary and that he should prepare the list in a suitable table to be published in the journal.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

##### 4.1. Department of Education - Tertiary Education Correspondence Course for Beekeepers

As a result of representations made by the Secretary, Mr Lawson Robertson of the Department of Education wrote to advise that he had arranged a meeting with the Executive Committee and members of the Education Department and other interested parties on Thursday 1 April 1982.

Note for further details on this matter see Item 7 - Tertiary Education.

##### 4.2 Department of Health - Bee venom therapy

The Secretary had written to the Department of Health asking that the Albay Bee Venom Desensitisation kit distributed by Ebos Dental and Surgical Supplies Ltd of Christchurch be granted urgent clearance since it was intended to publicise the treatment in the official magazine of the industry, the "New Zealand Beekeeper".

Dr G.R. Boyd of the Department of Health wrote back on 15 December 1981 advising that the method of treatment had completed the formalities and received the consent of the Minister of Health for distribution in New Zealand. However the product was not at present available free of charge under the Drug Tariff.

Mr Jones was asked to write to the appropriate authority a submission asking that the treatment be made available free of charge under the Drug Tariff.

##### 4.3 South British Insurance Company - European Brood Disease

Mr Jones had written to South British Insurance stating that it had been reported that some beekeepers in certain districts were able to get cover from the Company for European Brood Disease alone, but apparently other beekeepers were required to transfer all their insurance. Also it was stated that the commissions received by the Association appeared to be rather light compared with the insurance which the Executive understands had been taken out at the time.

Mr Jones had received a reply from South British Insurance stating that an investigation would be made on the points raised and they would report back at an early date. Since nothing had been heard from them since 14 December 1981, the Secretary was asked to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion by writing again to the insurance company.



4.4. Messrs Scott, Morrison, Dunphy & Co. - Debt Collection

The Solicitors had written advising that during the year they had taken action in the matter of five bad debts which were owed to the Association, four of which were annual hive levies. This action had now been concluded.

4.5 Minister of Agriculture - Agricultural Chemicals Board Appointment

A letter had been received from the Minister stating that under Section 12/2/h of the Pesticides Act 1979, the National Beekeepers' Association were entitled to nominate one person to the Pesticides Board. This Board will replace the Agricultural Chemicals Board and it was hoped to have it operating by the second quarter of 1982. The Minister further asked for the NBA's nomination as soon as possible so that the Ministry could go ahead with the preparation of papers for presentation to the Governor General.

Mr Jones wrote to the Minister advising that Mr Ian Berry had been appointed by the Executive Committee to fill the position.

Minister of Agriculture - Apiary Advisory Committee

The Secretary wrote to the Minister advising that Mr M.G. Stuckey had been appointed to succeed the retiring member, Mr P. Marshall, on the Apiary Advisory Committee. A copy of this letter had been sent to Mr Grahame Walton of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

4.6 Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries:

Honey Marketing Authority Funds

The Secretary tabled letters which he had written to Mr Gould of the Ministry and the replies received. Mr Gould said that he had noted the points made in the Secretary's letter concerning the administration of the fund but would prefer to wait until a draft Trust Deed had been prepared as a basis for discussion before commenting further on the individual issues raised. This matter is further discussed under Item 6 of the Agenda.

Hives as Security

A copy of the letter written by Mr Grahame Walton of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries to Mr Steve Lyttle was tabled. Mr Walton advised that the Development Finance Corporation's report had been released that week and for Mr Lyttle's information had enclosed a copy of it. Pages 45-49 considered hives as security and concluded that it is legally feasible to accept hives as security under the Chattels Transfer Act. However the report recommends that hives only be used as a security as a last resort.

Proposed Pesticides Regulations 1982

A letter was tabled from Mr R.W. Elliott of MAF to Mr Paul Marshall regarding the proposed Pesticides Regulation 1982. Mr Elliott enclosed a Parliamentary Counsel draft and invited comments before 15 April 1982. He went on to say that the delay in actioning the new regulations had been due to the delay in bringing the Toxic Substance Act 1979 into operation because of the complexity of the proposed Toxic Substances Regulations. He reminded Mr Marshall

that in an earlier letter he advised that it had been agreed that both the Toxic Substances Act 1979 and the Pesticides Act 1979 would come into force on the same day.

4.7.

Federated Farmers Agricultural Forum

Mr Storey, President of Federated Farmers, wrote to the NBA stating that he believed that the establishment of an Agricultural Forum representing all interests will be of significance to the overall strength of the agricultural sector and will be of benefit to the people working the land whom the Federated Farmers represent. For this reason he looked forward to meeting the President of the NBA at the initial meeting which was to be held on Tuesday 9 March 1982 at Commercial Union House, Wellington.

Mr Clissold reported that he and Mr Jones had attended the meeting and although he had an interesting exchange of views with members of the horticultural sector, he could not say at this point in time whether such meetings would be worthwhile, particularly in view of the cost and time involved in attending the meetings. Mr Lyttle said that in his opinion he felt that it was important for the NBA to attend these meetings because of the possible value of liaising with members of the horticultural sector, particularly with regard to the kiwifruit industry.

4.8

Beekeepers' and Industry Correspondence:

HMA Funds - Honey Packers' Association (Inc.)

The Association wrote to the Secretary asking if the NBA would advise them of the current position regarding the trust fund as several of their members would like to make a private application for an advance from the trust fund and accordingly would be grateful to be advised of the procedures to be followed.

The Secretary replied referring them to the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 1981, wherein it was shown that the whole question of the HMA funds was far from settled and therefore the Association was not in the position to discuss the matter any further at the present time.

Proposed visit of Dr Bailey

The Secretary tabled correspondence with Mr Harry Cloake on the possibility of the Association issuing an invitation to Dr Bailey of the Rothamsted Research Station in England to come to New Zealand. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr Cloake informing him that the Association would be unable to invite Dr Bailey to come to New Zealand this year but next year the Association would look closely into the matter. The Secretary was also directed to contact Mr Pat Clinch, Mr Grahame Walton and Mr Vincent Cook with a view to ascertaining how best to utilise Dr Bailey's services

Insurance Claims on Levy Fund

The Secretary had written to a beekeeper informing him that the levy fund is not used for the purpose of settling claims arising out of situations where bees are the cause of death or injury to animals. It was further stated that beekeepers are required to take up such matters with their own insurers.

### Deferment of Levy Payments

The Secretary tabled various letters to and from beekeepers on the question of deferment of the payment of levy for various reasons. The Executive approved the actions taken by the Secretary and gave him guidelines and deadlines for the collection of these levies during the year.

### Annual Conference 1982

A letter had been received from the Northland Branch detailing the Conference programme and accommodation arrangements.

A letter was tabled from the Canterbury Branch Committee outlining possible changes to the procedures to be held at Conferences. These recommendations were thoroughly discussed by the Executive Committee and the Secretary was directed to write to the Branch advising them to bring the matters forward as a remit for the Annual Conference 1982 at Waitangi.

### Annual Conference Seminar

Mr Gavin wrote advising the Association that the Northland Branch is organising a seminar to be held on the Tuesday prior to Conference. Beekeepers will be invited to speak on matters of beekeeping interest.

### Nelson Branch - Low honey crop

The Secretary of this Branch wrote to the Association seeking help in obtaining financial assistance to enable some members to continue commercial beekeeping. Because of the virtual crop failure, these members found that they were unable to meet their commitments without some financial help. It was also stated that several members were involved in exporting comb honey and most members are involved in pollinating services for the rapidly expanding export horticultural crops. It was stated that it was essential that hive numbers in the Nelson district keep increasing rapidly to meet the demand for pollination services.

The Executive discussed the situation at Nelson Branch and it was decided that the matters put forward in the letter would be discussed with the Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture when a suitable time could be made to meet with him. It was pointed out that an area must be deemed to be an 'adverse area' before the Rural Bank will make any payments to assist beekeepers.

It was resolved that the Secretary write to the Branch and advise them to continue to make their own representations to the Rural Bank but that the Association would write to the Rural Bank also and put forward the position of the Branch.

### Far North Branch - Nectar and pollen sources

Mr Guy Macpherson wrote to the Association saying that the Far North Branch had written to Brian Milnes, Apiary Advisory Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, with regard to replacement nectar sources for gorse and manuka as so many of these areas were being cleared in the North. The Branch felt that the NBA might be able to set some practical assistance into motion in the way of information on replacement sources, and also maybe it could do something practical to instigate the planting of these. It was



suggested that this could be done with the NBA working with the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries. The letter further went on to say that it was understood that there is now a Government committee working under the direction of the Minister of Tourism which plans to have roadsides, picnic areas etc.. planted to beautify the country. The Branch suggested that the planting should be of nectar and pollen sources suitable to the particular areas and it seems imperative that the NBA contact this committee to give some positive help and direction in the choice and planning of such plantings.

The Executive suggested that the Branch contact their local farmers, setting out their problems and requesting that suitable pollen-bearing trees should be planted in the district. The Executive also said that in their experience, some apiarists themselves had provided trees for farmers to plant but these needed to be fenced and properly watered so that if there was not the right kind of co-operation of farmer with beekeeper the project would not be likely to succeed.

The Secretary agreed to write to the Minister of Tourism passing on the matters referred to by the Far North Branch.

#### Bray & Gosset Ltd - Noxious Weeds Council

Mr Gosset had written to the Ellesmere County Clerk at Leeston and had forwarded a copy of the letter for the NBA's records. In this letter, Mr Gosset stated that bees in Canterbury and especially in Ellesmere were suffering from an acute shortage of pollen. Beekeeping in this area was jeopardised and farmers too may be suffering as a result of there not being enough bees to pollinate their crops. There have been areas throughout the country where every year there have been pollen deficiency problems and this summer's drought had accentuated the pollen shortage problem. Normally pasture weeds gave a supply for the Autumn but this year it was not available because of the drought conditions. Also it was found that traditional sources of pollen which bees were shifted too, that is gorse and broom in river beds, under the Noxious Weeds Council's eradication programme had been sprayed out. Unless next Spring is favourable, Canterbury beekeepers were in for a difficult time.

Mr Gosset suggested that the Noxious Weeds Council give special dispensations to Councils and farmers, and with the help of the National Beekeepers' Association, to declare areas where pollen shortage exists to be spray-free areas. If this suggestion was not practical, could spraying of gorse and broom be discontinued for say two years to enable these pollen sources to be built up, particularly in river beds. The beekeeping industry needed some help along the lines suggested so that pollen supplies do not diminish too far. Unless the pollen deficiency in the district could be rectified, beekeeping in the area could prove to be impracticable and uneconomic.

The Executive discussed this matter and said that this could be an area where a programme of pollen-bearing trees could be initiated in a manner appropriate to the conditions in the district, and the Secretary was asked to write to Mr Gosset to ask him what the response from the Council was to his letter.

4.9

General Correspondence:

Letter from Hutchison Hull & Co. to the Secretary

Mr D. Kay wrote to advise that at the request of the HMA Board he had written to the HMA's solicitors asking them to prepare a framework for Trust Deeds suitable for discussion between the Board and the Association's Executive.

Letter from Hutchison Hull & Co. to the Secretary re the HMA

Mr Kay wrote to advise that he had been asked by the Chairman of the Authority to report to the Executive on the progress being made with the winding-up of the Authority and establishment of trust funds to which the assets of the Authority would be transferred. A contract for the sale of the Auckland property had been signed and while it was conditional on satisfactory finance being available to the purchasers it was not anticipated that this would present a problem. The price, \$490,000, was considered satisfactory and the HMA was required to leave in \$60,000 on second mortgage at 15% for three years. When this contract became unconditional, there would be only two or three minor matters to be resolved. The Board of the HMA at a recent meeting agreed that the final winding-up of the HMA and the transfer of its funds would require action by the Minister and that this could be best achieved by a joint approach by the HMA and the NBA with a request that the Minister transfer the funds to trust as agreed between the NBA Executive and the HMA Board. The HMA's solicitor had been asked to prepare draft trust deeds for consideration by the Board following which they would hope to meet the Executive for discussion and hopefully agreement. (Note see this item under Item 6 of the Agenda.) At that stage a joint approach could be made to the Minister. The HMA has suggested two trusts, the first would be a charitable trust, the income of which would be exempt from tax and the income from which would be used for educational purposes, i.e. seminars, field days, visits by overseas experts, scholarships, research grants etc. The second trust would be of a general nature. Its income would be subject to tax and would be available for the wider interests of the industry.

The following is a broad outline of the instructions given to the solicitor regarding the draft trust deeds.

1. That two trusts be established, the Honey Industry Charitable Trust, and the Honey Industry General Trust Fund.
2. The Trustees should be the same for each trust. The NBA has suggested two Trustees from the industry, one from each Island, and an independent Chairman from outside the industry, and the Board agrees with this. The Trustees to be appointed by the Executive of the NBA for a term of say three years.
3. Powers of investment would be the usual trust deed provisions but with power to take over the assets of the HMA. This would cover the loan to the Co-operative and the second mortgage on the Parnell property, not normally authorised trustee investments.
4. The relative size of each trust has not been decided but one suggestion is that the General Trust should take over the Co-operative loan of \$600,000 and the balance of funds, say \$150,000, would go to the Charitable Trust. The NBA may have more definite views

on this. However if the General Trust has power under its Deed to make transfers of capital to the Charitable Trust, any imbalance could be corrected and full advantage taken on tax exemption.

5. While the Trustees would be responsible for investment of funds, it is not considered appropriate that they should initiate expenditure and that all applications for grants or financial assistance should be vetted by the Executive of the NBA, who are obviously best fitted for this function. It is suggested that expenditure would follow recommendations to the Trustees from the Executive Committee, who in turn might advertise through whatever media they feel most effective the availability of grants for specific purposes.

Minute note For further discussion of this item, see Item 6 on the Agenda.

Director of Postal Services to Secretary re Industry Centenary Stamp

The Director of Postal Services wrote advising that the number of special stamps which could be issued each year is limited and because of this the Post Office is unable to meet many of the requests received. Applications for stamps commemorating several other important events in 1983 have also been declined, and it was only after the most careful consideration of all requests that the 1983 programme was finalised. While the significance of the occasion was fully appreciated, the NBA's request was one of the many which had to be declined. Although a stamp issue could not be granted, the Post Office advised that it would be pleased to provide a special pictorial date stamp to commemorate the Centenary, provided that some function is being held which the Post Office could tie the date stamp into and that the day was one on which the Post Office was open for business. At the same time, the NBA might also like to consider the possibility of issuing their own first day cover which would enhance the philatelic interest in the special date stamp.

Barr, Burgess & Stewart, Chartered Accountants, to Secretary

This firm wrote advising that further to verbal discussions held between the Secretary and Barr, Burgess, subject to clearing the usual ethical considerations, the firm would be pleased to accept appointment as Auditor of the Association should it be invited to do so. For further discussion of this point, please see Item 10 on the Agenda.

5. ACCOUNTS

5.1 Income & Expenditure Statement for 2 months ended 28 February 1982

This report showed a net deficiency for the period of \$232.00 compared with a budgeted figure of \$280.00. The Secretary reported that Income and Expense items closely followed the budgeted figures and therefore the report showed a very satisfactory position for the two months under review.

5.2 List of cheques paid December 1981 to March 1982

After an examination of the list of payments made, it was resolved that the payments made amounting to \$23,509.22 and represented by cheque numbers 402652 -681 be approved.



6. HMA Funds

At this point of the meeting, members of the HMA Board entered the room for the purpose of attending the meeting. After a full discussion of the two Trust Deeds mentioned earlier in the correspondence, the Executive and Board of the HMA expressed satisfaction with the work done on the Trust Deeds under the direction of Mr Kay. A number of small amendments were proposed and these Mr Kay would be attending to in the near future.

It was resolved that Mr David Kay be the Chairman of the two Trusts.

STUCKEY/LYTTL

This resolution was unanimously carried.

It was also resolved that the Chairman's appointment be for an initial period of one year with the North Island and South Island representatives having a two-year and three-year appointment in the first instance.

STUCKEY/CLOAKE

Minute Note: The idea of this resolution was to make sure that when a retiring member was terminating his services there would always be two other experienced Trustees available at all times.

It was further tentatively agreed that the Trustees' terms of office should be a period of three years, subject to a review at the end of that period.

It was also resolved that the NBA approve in principle to set up the draft Trust Deeds as presented by Mr Kay.

CLOAKE/LYTTL

It was also resolved that Mr Russell Berry represent the North Island and Mr Ivan Dickinson represent the South Island as the two industry Trustees of the Trust Funds.

LYTTLE/CLOAKE

Minute Note: Mr Ivan Dickinson was at the meeting and agreed to accept the nomination, while Mr Russell Berry had yet to be contacted in order to ascertain whether he would be prepared to stand.

7. Tertiary Education

The Executive met with various members of the Education Department with regard to a correspondence course for beekeepers, and a number of useful ideas were put forward. During the course of the discussion it became apparent that a book on beekeeping would probably serve the interests of the industry better than a formal correspondence course because of the considerable expense in preparing the course and tying up teachers for examining the results of the study. It was stated that the Department of Education could provide the technical skills and back-up to provide a book and maybe a commercial publisher could be engaged to produce the book. Also a Country Calendar programme about bees could be made with video cassettes of beekeeping methods available for educational purposes to the industry. The publication produced by the NBA could be the standard text for the whole industry and the Education Department saw a very exciting possibility in this regard, with a result that the beekeeping industry could be an example for the rest of the horticultural and agricultural industries in providing

education material for its members. Mr Robertson said he would prepare a draft paper on all the matters discussed and would within a month send this paper to the Secretary. The feeling of the meeting was that this course could be up and going by 1983. The Secretary was asked to send to the Education Department the Executive's proposed Beekeeping Correspondence Course with its 16 headings broken up into further subdivisions. This work was completed during the course of the Executive Meeting before meeting with the Education Department but it was not typed in a suitable form for the Education Department to study.

#### Annual Conference - Accommodation

The Secretary was asked to advise Mr Gavin that accommodation would be needed for eleven people, being made up of four double rooms and three single during the period of the Conference. The South Island members plus Mr Ian Berry would require accommodation from Sunday through Thursday nights and the rest of the Executive would need accommodation for Monday through Thursday nights.

The Secretary was also asked to convey to Mr Gavin that a small meeting room for Monday afternoon suitable for eight people would be required for the Executive Committee meeting.

#### Executive Remits

The President was to make some notes with regard to future Conferences and the cost of holding these Conferences. It was agreed that these matters be included in the President's report to Conference.

#### Annual Report

After studying the printed draft version of the Annual Report, the Executive approved the contents for publication, except for a few minor adjustments proposed by Mr Ian Berry.

#### Appointment of Auditor

It was resolved that the firm of Barr, Burgess & Stewart, Chartered Accountants, be put forward by the Executive as the Association's Auditors to the Conference in 1982.

#### General Business

##### Setting up of Export Prices Advisory Mechanism

It was resolved that the Secretary circularise the Branches with a view to obtaining export prices. This information was to be kept confidential by the Secretary and to be used at those times when it was deemed appropriate to advise people of export prices. This was to be tied in with the general activity of the Association in endeavouring to gather information on prices for the local and the export markets. When the information had been gathered, it was proposed that the local market prices be published in the form of national averages rather than individual price lists but the export prices would be kept confidential by the Secretary in the Wellington office.

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CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 3.45 pm on Thursday 1 April 1982.

DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING

The next Meeting will be held in Waitangi on  
Monday 27 July 1982.

..... *Wa. Christy* .....

Signed

..... *26/7/82* .....

Date



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR DECEMBER 1981, JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 1982

02652	Reimbursement Petty Cash	\$15.09				
653	Waterloo Hotel	387.25	Executive Comm. Mtg. Accom.			
654	M.G. Stuckey	88.80	" " " Expenses			
655	W.A. Clissold	130.00	" " " "			
656	M.D. Cloake	11.50	" " " "			
657	I. Berry	37.10	" " " "			
658	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,650.20	December "Beekeeper" Editorial etc.			
659	Pork Industry Council	2,838.63	Fee, postages, tolls stationery			
660	Pork Industry Council	258.35	Hive Levy expenses			
661	Air New Zealand	800.00	Bulkair			
662	Madison Print	120.00	Hive Levy Declaration forms			
663	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	158.00	Advertising Commission September "Beekeeper"			
664	Inst. of Horticulture	20.00	Annual subscription			
665	Scott, Morrison, Dunphy & Co.	84.01	Legal fees for debt collections			
666	I. Berry	40.00	Contributor payment December "Beekeeper"			
667	N. Wallingford	20.00	" " "			
668	K. Simpson	52.00	" " "			
669	A. Warren	4.00	" " "			
670	N.R. Moore	49.50	Refund of overpayment of hive levy			
671	Countrywide Building Soc.	9,000.00	Deposit			
672	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	2,235.04	December "Beekeeper" printing etc.			
673	Printcraft '81 Ltd	417.85	Postage September & December journals			
674	AM International	44.85	Addressograph plates			
675	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	188.15	Printing of rate cards			
676	Pork Industry Council	2,566.33	Fee, postages, tolls, stationery			
677	Pork Industry Council	243.06	Hive levy expenses			
678	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,966.76	March Beekeeper editorial etc.			
679	Waterloo Hotel	48.25	Accommodation Mr Clissold			
680	S.J. Lyttle	24.50	Exec. Comm. Mtg. expenses (Dec.)			
681	E.S. Adamson	10.00	Refund overpayment of hive levy			

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

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

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

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH AND THURSDAY 1 APRIL 1982:

As the Minutes had been circulated previously it was moved that the Minutes of the meeting of 31 March and 1 April 1982 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CLOAKE/LYTTLE

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Liaison with the kiwifruit industry

The Committee had asked that the Secretary write to the kiwifruit industry with regard to liaising with them to obtain support to have loans guaranteed to beekeepers using hives as a basis of security. This had not been done and the Secretary agreed that this should be a matter of some urgency.

2. County reviews

It was possible that a letter would need to be sent to all Counties outlining the requirements of beekeepers and ideas from the Committee were to be brought to the next meeting so that a suitable letter could be formulated.

3. Bee Venom

With regard to bee venom therapy, it was indicated that there would be a doctor at the seminar on the following day who would discuss this matter.

4. Honey prices

Members indicated that the schedule of honey prices as set out in the "Beekeeper" journal was satisfactory but it needed to include a "fill your own container" price.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Visit of Dr Bailey to New Zealand

This matter needed to be followed up further with the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

2. Highway beautification

A letter received from the Tourist & Publicity Dept. indicated that the Association's request that the

planting of nectar and pollen bearing trees should be implemented under the Highway Beautification scheme would be considered by a planning committee established by the Government to report on the implementation of this scheme. The Committee had forwarded its report to the Government who would decide on the proposal and the allocation of Government funds for such a project.

It was decided that this letter should be read to the Conference as it covered the points raised in a number of remits by branches.

3. Otago Branch re progress of cynogas replacement

It was decided that this matter should be raised with Mr Clinch at the Conference to see if any further work had been done to find a replacement for cynogas.

4. Capitation Grant - South Canterbury

A letter was received from the South Canterbury Branch indicating that because of increases in operating costs, hall hire, postage, printing etc. that the capitation grant should be increased.

Mr Lyttle and Mr Cloake indicated that they had discussed the matter with the Branch and it had apparently been resolved but it was left to Mr Cloake to finalise any details.

5. Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re imported marmalade

A copy of a letter to Richard Heslop Ltd indicated that the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries had given approval to the importation of marmalade containing a small amount of heat-treated honey. This company had also imported a mustard with Highland herbs, containing 3% honey in a cold mix, and it was indicated that there appeared to be no concern about this product. The Ministry of Agriculture had given an import permit for both of these products.

6. Southland Branch - European Brood Disease

Southland Branch wrote requesting whether the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries would allow the use of drugs should EBD become widespread in New Zealand. This was a question which could not be answered by the Executive and it appeared unlikely that it could be answered by Mr Walton as it would depend entirely on the circumstances at the time. It was however considered that under the Act compensation could be paid for hives destroyed as a result of EBD and that this would be a matter for consideration by the Government at the time, but was something which should not be overlooked by beekeepers.

The Branch also requested to know what steps were being taken regarding the review of the Diploma of Apiculture, and in view of submissions by the Bay of Plenty Community College and discussions of the Executive with the Department of Education, this comment could be answered.



7. NZ Insurance Company re Beekeepers' insurance

A letter was received from the NZ Insurance Company indicating that to date the numbers of beekeepers taking up the beekeepers' insurance had been very small and that the premium generated up to 31 March 1982 had been under \$2,000.

Members felt that the beekeepers' insurance scheme should be kept going and two Executive Committee members indicated that they themselves had between them paid more than \$5,000 in premiums since the 31 March and that these points should be made to the NZ Insurance Company.

8. Letter from Bray & Gosset re spraying of gorse in river beds

There was full discussion on this matter and it was decided that a letter should be sent to Branches requesting that they contact Catchment Boards, Counties etc. regarding the planting of suitable nectar and pollen bearing trees in windbreaks and in soil erosion situations. Willows were suggested as being a very suitable tree for containment of soil erosion and other nectar and pollen bearing trees could be planted at the end of shelter belts.

It was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Cloake that a letter to Branches should be sent regarding the need to liaise with Catchment Boards and other suitable local bodies regarding the planting of nectar and pollen bearing trees in suitable situations for soil conservation and shelter belt purposes.

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It was indicated that some Branches were already working in this way very successfully.

9. Letter from Mr David Kay of Hutchison Hull & Co.

A letter from Mr Kay outlined progress to date with the winding-up of the Honey Marketing Authority. The initial sale of the Parnell property had fallen through, however another purchaser had given an unconditional offer and this would be settled on 24 October.

The Trust Deeds were still under discussion as there was some legal debate regarding the powers of the HMA to set up a Trust.

As far as the Co-operative was concerned there were still some outstanding matters which Mr Kay was resolving with Mr Dellow.

10. Apimondia

(a) A letter from Apimondia indicating that the 29th Conference would be held in Hungary from 25 to 31 August 1983

(b) Subscription to Apimondia had increased by 40% and was now US\$280 for 1982 subscription, instead of US\$200.

The Committee felt that they should find out more about the value of belonging to Apimondia and decided to discuss this with Mr Clinch during the Conference.

11. University of Guelph

A letter received together with a catalogue from the University of Guelph set out visual aids and materials available for teaching purposes in the beekeeping industry.

It was considered that this catalogue should be referred to Mr Murray Reid for his advice on what could be a possible requirement for the New Zealand beekeeping industry.

12. Letter from Mr Rex Austin, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture agreeing to defer the election of members to the Honey Marketing Authority Board until 1984.

ACCOUNTS:

Accounts to 31 May 1982 were presented to the Committee. These showed that the income and expenditure to date was in line with the budget. Members queried the item Conference Expenses as this seemed to be considerably higher at the end of May than was expected. The Secretary was asked to clarify this and to report back to the Committee as soon as possible.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The accounts for payment for April, May, June and July 1982 were presented to the Committee. After some discussion, it was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Lyttle that the accounts for payment from Cheque No. 402682 to 403466 be approved for payment. *amounting to \$14266.43*  
*Wab*

CARRIED

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT 1981 AUDIT:

The Auditor's account for \$810.00 for the audit of the 1981 accounts seems substantially higher than for the previous two years. Mr Dobson reported that he had had a long discussion with Mr Ryder-Lewis regarding this and had seen the records of time spent on the audit of the Association's books. The actual amount of the audit was more than that bill and Mr Dobson felt that it was probably not an unreasonable amount in light of the time spent. However there was some discussion as to whether the amount of time spent was warranted and the whole question of the auditor was being reviewed.

It was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Berry that the auditor's account for the 1981 audit for \$810 be paid

CARRIED

AUDITOR FOR 1982:

It was agreed that the firm of Barr, Burgess & Stewart be asked to become the Auditors for the Association for the 1982 audit.

APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

Because no nominations had been received for the replacement of Mr Paul Marshall as a North Island member on the Executive Committee, it was necessary for the Executive Committee to appoint a person to fill the vacancy under Rule 14C.

The President called for nominations for the position and Mr Ray Robinson was nominated on the proposal of Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Berry, and Mr A.D. Lorimer was nominated on the proposal of Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Cloake.

As there were two nominations for the position the President called for a vote and this resulted in Mr Lorimer being appointed to the position.

AY OF PLENTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Mr Barry Meade from the Bay of Plenty Community College attended the meeting at 2 pm. A discussion paper had been prepared by the College setting out a proposal for a course in beekeeping at the Community College. The proposal covered an introduction and background to the general proposal, an outline of the course, the clients it was directed to, the material, the structure and the levels of attainment, the method of delivery and location, the staffing, resources, materials and facilities available and a prescription review in national recognition for the course.

Whilst Mr Meade indicated that there had been considerable interest in the Bay of Plenty from beekeepers for such a course to be developed, it was evident from discussion that the number of new entrants into the beekeeping industry was relatively small and it could possibly not support the type of course being proposed by the College. However, it was agreed that the modules suggested for various aspects of the course were extremely valuable and should be developed and there was a general feeling amongst the Committee that a block course type of training would be very valuable to those within the industry.

After a very full discussion it was decided that the industry should give it its support and that the concept should be developed further. It was agreed that Mr Meade should meet with Messrs Berry and Cloake of the Education Sub-Committee to develop the concept further and bring down a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

It was also agreed that the Agricultural Training Council task list for beekeeping should also be considered and determine to what degree this could be built in to such a course.

CONFERENCE 1982:

Mr Terry Gavin attended the meeting at 3.30 pm and gave a brief review of the seminar and the Conference organisation. There was some debate on a panel discussion to be held later in the afternoon on the Tuesday and how this should be handled with regard to the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries advisory service. Mr Gavin reported that both newspaper and radio had been advised of the seminar and Conference and that there was every likelihood that



coverage would be given.

REVIEW OF REMITS:

The Committee briefly reviewed the remits for the Conference and after some discussion decided the order of remits as presented on the paper should be retained. There were no other changes to Conference organisation.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence:

The Secretary was requested to send copies of all correspondence to the Committee ten days before meetings.

2. Auckland Branch

Mr Stuckey reported that the Auckland Branch had been reactivated and would probably come officially into operation in the next financial year. The financing of the Auckland Branch in the meantime was discussed and it was decided that any finances returned from the Auckland Branch when it went into recess about five years ago should be returned to the Branch for the remainder of the year.

It was also requested that the outstanding finances of the Far North Branch should be returned to the Head Office as soon as possible. (Minute Note: The day following the meeting a letter was received from the Far North Branch indicating that the sum of \$280 would be returned to Head Office as soon as the Branch's books had been audited.)

3. Closed Area Committee

There was some discussion on the Closed Area Committee meeting and a report from Mr Stuckey on that meeting.

4. Mr Marshall took the opportunity of thanking all members of the Committee for the support he had received during the four years he had been on the Committee, particularly for the two years when he had been President.

Mr Clissold replied and thanked Mr Marshall for the work he had done during the four years he was on the Executive Committee, particularly his two years as President, during which time much of the work of the HMA dissolution had been done.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD:

Mr Marshall indicated that the next meeting of the Agricultural Chemicals Board would be held in September and at that meeting it was hoped that the new Pesticides Board would also meet the Agricultural Chemicals Board

there was no further business the meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

.....*W. A. Marshall*.....(Confirmed)

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY 1982

82	Waipori Apiaries	\$7.00	Refund of amount overpaid for Hive Levy
83	Cash	15.89	Reimbursement petty cash
84	Waterloo Hotel	304.70	Exec.Comm.Mtg. accommodation
85	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	2,007.30	Printing, platemaking etc. March "Beekeeper"
86	Madison Printing Co. Ltd	257.40	2,000 voting envelopes, 20 Membership receipt books
87	I. Berry	19.00	Travel expenses
88	W.A. Clissold	180.00	" " (including Fed. Farmers meeting)
89	P.W. Marshall	13.60	Travel expenses
90	M.G. Stuckey	232.40	" " (including meeting at Kaitaia)
91	I. McChesney	30.00	March journal contributor pay
92	R.H. MacDonald	20.00	" " " "
93	A. Matheson	85.00	" " " "
94	K. Simpson	35.00	" " " "
95	N. Wallingford	20.00	" " " "
96	D. Williams	40.00	" " " "
97	A. Warren	20.00	" " " "
98	J. Smith	10.00	" " " "
99	H. Rawlings	20.00	" " " "
00	Printcraft '81 Ltd	215.00	Postage March journal
01	Secretary, Nelson Branch	207.00	Capitation
02	Secretary, Waikato Branch	396.00	"
03	Air New Zealand	1,300.00	Bulkair deposit
04	Pork Industry Council	140.79	Tolls, stationery
	Government cheque duty	3.00	Cheque book
05	Secretary, Otago Branch	234.00	Capitation
06	Secretary, Nth. Otago Branch	106.00	"
07	Secretary, Northland Branch	234.00	" (included membership of Far North Branch)
08	Secretary, Marlborough Branch	101.00	Capitation
	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	53.79	Tolls, telegrams, postage
	A. Ecroyd & Son Ltd	18.68	Books for library
	Royal NZ Inst. of Horticulture	20.00	Annual subscription
	S.J. Lyttle	21.50	Travel expenses
	Secretary, Bay of Plenty Branch	213.00	Capitation
	Secretary, Sth. Canterbury Bch.	195.00	"
	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,911.00	Editorial, typesetting June "Beekeeper"
	Pork Industry Council	3,250.00	Quarterly fee, postage, stationery etc.
	Pork Industry Council	117.12	Hive Levy expenses

8	Pork Industry Council	11.48	Tolls
9	Printcraft '81 Ltd	279.25	Postage, June journal
0	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	554.00	Platemaking June issue
1	AM International Ltd	42.12	Addressograph plates
2	A. Ecroyd & Son Ltd	8.81	Book for Library
3	Secretary, Hawkes Bay Branch	136.00	Capitation
4	Secretary, Sth. West Dists.	550.60	Capitation, plus refund of Delegates fare to Conference 1981 (\$222.60)
5	Exclusive Travel Ltd	330.00	Secretary's travel to Conference 1982
6	Air New Zealand	300.00	Bulkair deposit
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes 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 the THC Waitangi, Waitangi, on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 July 1982, commencing at 9.15 am on Wednesday 28 July.

PRESENT: The President, Mr W.A. Clissold (in the chair), Executive Committee Members Messrs M.G. Stuckey, P.W. Marshall, M. Cloake, S.J. Lyttle and I. Berry, and approximately 50 Delegates from the Association, including Delegates from 10 Branches.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs I. Dickinson, Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority, M. Gould, G.M. Walton, P. Clinch and M. Reid, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, T. Walton, Editor of the "Beekeeper", D.J. Dobson, Secretary of the Association.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all Delegates to the Conference and said that he hoped to have a constructive Conference.

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

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY OF ISLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Mr J.F. McPherson, Chairman of the Bay of Islands County Council, and Mrs M. Plowright, wife of the Bay of Islands County Council Manager, attended the Conference to welcome Delegates to Waitangi. Mr McPherson briefly outlined the progress that was being made in the Bay of Islands County area in many facets of farming and industry. The Bay of Islands also had a considerable tourist trade and he trusted that beekeepers would have the opportunity to see some of the sights of the Bay of Islands before they left for their home locations. He welcomed all Delegates to the Conference and opened the Conference for 1982 wishing the Delegates well in their deliberations.

PRESENTATION OF TREE:

The President, Mr Clissold, then presented a nectar bearing tree, a weeping bottlebrush, to Mrs Plowright. Mr Clissold said that beekeepers had presented trees at all centres where Conferences had been held in the hope that the community would appreciate the importance of nectar and pollen bearing trees to the beekeeping industry.

(Minute Note: Because of flight delays, Mr Gould was unable to be present to give his speech following the opening of the Conference, so that Mr Clissold proceeded with the Presidential address.)

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

In opening his address, Mr Clissold said that the past twelve months had seen significant changes in the beekeeping industry. The lifting of the Court

injunction had allowed the winding-up of the Honey Marketing Authority to proceed and whilst this had not been finalised it now appeared that this would not be far away. The new Co-operative had commenced operations with considerable support and he considered that the industry could now look forward into the 80s with confidence. He also said that the export control on honey had been lifted and beekeepers could now export their own honey if they so wished. However, he did indicate some caution in that only honey which was not needed for the New Zealand market should be exported to prevent any need for importation which could be disastrous for the industry.

Preparation of the Trust Deeds for the HMA assets was also proceeding, although at this stage some legal matters still had to be resolved. Trustees had been appointed by the NBA, namely Mr David Kay, an independent Chairman, the North Island Trustee being Mr Russell Berry and the South Island Trustee being Mr Ivan Dickinson. He said that two Trusts would be established, one a general trust and the second a charitable trust. The charitable trust would not attract taxation if the income was used for educational and charitable purposes.

Mr Clissold then spoke of the importance of beekeeping to the kiwifruit industry and the need for co-operation and co-ordination between beekeepers and kiwifruit growers. He said that because of this, beekeeping could become more migratory and the need for disease control was more important than ever.

Mr Clissold thanked Mr Marshall for his work during the four years on the Executive Committee of the NBA, particularly for the two years during which he was President when much of the work leading towards the dissolution of the HMA was undertaken. Mr Clissold said that Mr Marshall had been the Association's member on the Agricultural Chemicals Board and that Mr Ian Berry had now been appointed to represent the Association on the new Pesticides Board.

Mr Clissold also felt that it was a pity that no-one had stood for election for the vacancy created by Mr Marshall's retirement and that both he and Mr Cloake had been returned unopposed. Because there was no election for Mr Marshall's vacancy the Executive Committee had appointed under Rule 14 C, Mr A.D. Lorimer to be the North Island Executive Committee member.

Mr Clissold then thanked all the Executive Committee members and beekeepers generally for all the help and assistance they had give him during his year as President of the Association.

#### ANKS TO GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mr M. Cloake moved a vote of thanks to Mr McPherson and Mrs Plowright and this was carried by acclamation of the Conference.

#### PORT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD:

Mr Marshall gave a brief report on the work of the Agricultural Chemicals Board and he also thanked Mr Clinch and Mr Walton for their assistance during his time on the Board.

ADDRESS FROM MR I. DICKINSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NZ HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Dickinson gave a brief synopsis of the run down of the Honey Marketing Authority over the last twelve months and indicated some of the difficulties which had arisen during this wind-down period. He said that 560 tonnes of honey had been sold to the new Co-operative at 125 cents per kilogramme. This allowed them to start their operation. The Honey Marketing Authority ceased trading on 30 September and in the South Island this was two weeks later. Up to this time much of the work of the HMA members had been involved in settling redundancy agreements with Unions and even though the South Island staff were being taken over completely by the Co-operative, redundancy settlements still had to be worked out with them.

The Authority building in Auckland was put up for sale but this lapsed some time later and a new purchaser has now been signed up and the settlement date is to be 24 October. Stock and plant valuations have been settled with the Co-operative and whilst some minor details still have to be resolved with the Co-operative there is now not very much left relating to the winding-up of the HMA.

Mr Dickinson said that he had hoped that the trust deeds would have been prepared before the Annual Conference, however some legal problems had arisen which had slowed down this process. He also indicated that because of the need to put the winding-up legislation in place the members of the HMA had had their terms extended for a further two years by the Minister.

REPORT FROM MR TREVOR WALTON, EDITOR OF THE "BEEKEEPER":

Mr Walton reported briefly on the operation of the "Beekeeper" over the last twelve months. He said that the economic viability of the "Beekeeper" journal relied very much on hobbyists as the 380-odd hive levy payers would not be able to finance such a journal. He pointed out that the \$12.50 subscription was purely a break-even for the Association and there were 1,300 subscriptions to the magazine. Much of the editorial content of the magazine depended on outside writers and support from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries as to employ the Editor to do this would be far too expensive for the magazine.

APLOGIES: The following apologies were sustained:

Mr G. Winslade  
Mr H. Cloake  
Mr J. Bray  
Mr F. Bartrum  
Mr P. Berry  
Mr A.D. Lorimer

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

Mr Stanley Cross, Temuka  
Mr Wilfred Trezise, Timaru  
Mr Paul Korfage, Northland  
Mr Theo Broadley, Waikato



ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

There were no nominations for Association Life Membership for 1982.

Mr Stuckey announced that Mr Belin had been made a Life Member of the Comb Honey Association.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Mr J. Heineman presented the Librarian's report for 1982. Mr Heineman said that slowly but surely the number of items in the beekeepers' library was growing. The allocation for the library given two years ago had been spent on a number of books and some money had gone to the purchase of a number of IBRA reprints so ensuring the best value for what money was available. He said that some money was still left over from a donation received from Mr New of Invercargill. Book donations received during the year from Professor Jaycox from the U.S.A., Mr W. Houston from Dunedin, the Otago Branch, the Development Finance Corporation, Mr Peter Jackson, Nelson, and Telford course notes from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were appreciated.

He said that a number of borrowers were from outside the beekeeping industry and that it was interesting to note that the Hawkes Bay Community College and the Broadcasting Corporation had been amongst the borrowers.

Mr Heineman said that he hoped to find time during the next twelve months to compile a more comprehensive catalogue of what the library had to offer.

Mr Heineman's report was received.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

Timekeeper:

It was resolved that Mr Don Hoole be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers:

It was resolved that Mr Maurice McNab and Mrs Noreen Morris be appointed Scrutineers.

Speaking Times:

It was moved Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Haines that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak, the seconder 3 minutes, and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.

CARRIED

Tape recorders:

It was moved Robinson, seconded Jansen that tape recorders be allowed.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The Meeting was advised that Notices of Motion had to be in the hands of the Secretary by 10.30 am on Thursday 29 July.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

The names of Delegates and Deputy-Delegates were duly recorded.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN QUEENSTOWN IN 1981:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of NZ (Inc.) held in Queenstown on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 July 1981 had previously been circulated and were taken as read.

It was moved Cloake, seconded Haines that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1981 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET:

It was moved Cloake, seconded Berry that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be received.

CARRIED

AUDITORS FOR 1982:

It was moved Cloake, seconded Robinson that the firm of Barr, Burgess & Stewart be appointed Auditors for 1982.

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.45 pm.

The Meeting convened again at 2 pm.

ADDRESS FROM MR M. GOULD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES:

Mr Gould addressed the meeting briefly covering some of the historical facts and identities in the beekeeping industry related to Northland. He outlined the industry's situation today particularly the increase in the number of beekeepers over the last 10 years. He also put forward some thoughts for the future particularly on the importance of the role of bees as pollinators. He indicated that horticulture was expanding at a rapid rate requiring bees as pollinators for its very existence and yet some of the crops such as kiwifruit gave no return in the form of honey. He said that the latest forecast suggested that the kiwifruit production is to increase tenfold over the next 10 years, pipfruit is expected to increase in volume by 25% and no-one yet knows what the expansion of berryfruit would be.

The pollination contribution made by honey bees was not new or limited only to pipfruit and kiwifruit. He also suggested that with the increase required in the number of pollinators that this could place pressure on other nectar sources leading to over competition developing in local areas. He said that the future role of the National Beekeepers' Association needed some further consideration. With the demise of the Honey Marketing Authority a big gap had been left in the national scheme of things.

He suggested that the question of prices would need to be considered and that the public relations effort would have to be a part of the NBA's role. He suggested that this could mean strengthening the resources of the Association in terms of money and professional assistance.

After Mr Gould's address the Chairman opened the Conference of Delegates

#### HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

##### EMIT NO. 1: NELSON

That this Conference recommends that the Executive makes the submission to the Landscape Enhancement Commission that a significant proportion of the trees planted under the Beautiful New Zealand Scheme be nectar and pollen sources for bees.

WHYTE/STANLEY

The following amendment was then moved:

That this Conference recommends that the Executive endeavour to have a representative on the Landscape Enhancement Commission with a view to having a significant proportion of the trees planted under the Highway Beautification Scheme as nectar and pollen sources for bees.

HUNT/STANLEY

The amendment was put and CARRIED 8:0

The amended motion was CARRIED 10:0

##### EMIT NO. 2: WAIKATO

That NBA representation be made to the Ministry of Works to ask them to include substantial quantities of nectar and pollen source trees in the coming Highway Beautification Scheme.

CLEMENT/STUCKEY

CARRIED 10:0

##### EMIT NO. 3: S.W. DISTRICTS

That Conference endorse the Government's roadside shrub and tree planting scheme and encourage the Department involved to plant nectar and pollen producing varieties.

YOUNG/BROMMELL

CARRIED 10:0

#### PRAYING OF WEEDS

##### EMIT NO. 4: CANTERBURY

That the Executive urgently pursue a policy of education of farmers, nurseries, Catchment Boards, orchardists, local bodies and the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries into the necessity to encourage the preservation and planting of nectar and pollen bearing trees and shrubs.

HUNT/ECROYD

CARRIED 10:0

##### EMIT NO. 5: WAIKATO

That NBA make representation to Federated Farmers and the Noxious Weeds Council to adopt policies that will



encourage farmers to avoid blanket-spraying of thistles where possible.

CLEMENTS/STUCKEY

CARRIED 10:0

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

EMIT NO. 6: SOUTHLAND

That the Southland Branch of the NBA view with concern the lack of an apiary instructor for long periods of time. Southland beekeepers ask for Conference support for the Executive to urge the Apiary Section of MAF to appoint an apiary instructor to the Southland/Otago area as soon as possible before the forthcoming beekeeping season.

HERRON/GLYNN

The following amendment was moved Stuckey/R. Berry:

That all the words after "periods of time" be deleted and that the words "Southland Branch" be replaced by the word "Conference".

The amendment was CARRIED 9:1

The amended remit then read:

That this Conference of the National Beekeepers' Association view with concern the lack of apiary instructors for long periods of time.

CARRIED 10:0

EMIT NO. 7: SOUTH CANTERBURY

That this Conference recommends that in future appointments to the Apiary Staff of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries preference be given to people with beekeeping experience rather than inexperienced people holding degrees. Any inexperienced degree holder should not be on a higher pay scale than experienced Apiary Staff not having a degree.

By leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

EMIT NO. 8: WAIKATO

That NBA representation be made to DSIR, MAF and NZFS to encourage the specific study of nectar and pollen yields likely to be gained from eucalyptus and other timber species currently being planted on a large scale for forestry purposes.

CLEMENTS/STUCKEY

CARRIED 10:0

EMIT NO. 9: SOUTHLAND

That MAF carry out a research programme on the advantages and/or disadvantages of bees in the High Country in relation to the developer and beekeeper.

HERRON/GLYNN

CARRIED 10:0

EMIT NO. 10: BAY OF PLENTY

That E.F.B. be placed in Schedule 1 of the Apiaries Act until it is considered so well established that it cannot be eradicated.

STANLEY/WHITE

EMIT NO. 11: WAIKATO

That this industry <sup>WAB.</sup> ~~set policy~~ <sup>DISCUSS GUIDELINES</sup> for the utilisation of Industry Trust Funds at its Annual Conference.

CLEMENTS/R. BERRY

CARRIED 9:1

IMPORTATION OF BEES AND BEE PRODUCTS

EMIT NO. 12: BAY OF PLENTY

That in the light of the adoption of C.E.R., the NBA be alert for any attempts to relax present stringent controls on importation of bees, honey and pollen.

WARR/McNAB

CARRIED 10:0

EMIT NO. 13: BAY OF PLENTY

That bees, honey, pollen and beekeeping equipment be included on the Declaration Form that is signed by all persons entering the country.

STANLEY/WHITE

CARRIED 10:0

TAX INCENTIVES

EMIT NO. 14: HAWKES BAY

That Conference recommend to the NBA Executive that it examines the various categories of bees and bee products in relation to Export Tax Incentives and seeks any appropriate changes.

WARD/I. BERRY

CARRIED 9:0

PACKING WEIGHTS

EMIT NO. 15: WAIKATO

That this Conference requests the Department of Weights and Measures to discontinue its regulations requiring honey to be packed in specific weights.

CLEMENTS/JANSEN

CARRIED 8:2

MISCELLANEOUS

EMIT NO. 16: OTAGO

That Executive investigate the economic feasibility of sterilizing beekeeping equipment by radiation.

HEINEMAN/DICKINSON

The following amendment was moved Hunt/Lyttle:

That the words "or any other means" be added after the word "radiation".

The amendment was CARRIED 7:1

The amended motion then read:

That the Executive investigate the economic feasibility of sterilising beekeeping equipment by radiation or any



REMIT NO. 17: OTAGO

That Conference request Executive to seek ways and means to import and make available to beekeepers an adequate supply of cyano gas in granulated form and packed in the familiar sized (5 lbs?) tin.

HEINEMAN/DICKINSON

CARRIED 7:2

EMIT NO. 18: S.W. DISTRICTS

That an advisory board be set up with the NBA Executive to recommend current (internal) packed honey prices to members as previously undertaken by the HMA.

YOUNG/BROMMELL

The following amendment moved Heineman/Stanley:

That the NBA publish current internal packed honey prices for members as previously undertaken by the HMA.

LOST 1:9

A second amendment was moved I. Berry/Ward:

That the NBA Executive Committee be asked to continue and improve their present policy of publishing market information ~~to Beekeepers.~~

*IN THE N.Z. W.A.L.*

Amendment CARRIED 9:1

Amendment Motion CARRIED 9:1

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION & VENUE

EMIT NO. 19: CANTERBURY

That in order to improve the attractiveness of Conference and to stimulate interest at Branch level, the following procedure be adopted:

1. Remits to Conference as at present
2. Remits referred back to Branches but no delegates appointed
3. Conference would be held in a similar manner to present arrangements where all remits would be discussed and/or debated, but no vote would need to be taken
4. Within a predetermined period of time, all Branches would have their Post-Conference meetings where members attending Conference would have the opportunity of reporting on the debates and at this point the Branch would vote in the present manner.

ECROYD/HUNT

LOST 3:7

MIT NO. 20: SOUTH CANTERBURY

That this Conference recommend to the NBA that future Conferences and Annual Meetings be held at venues between Hamilton in the North Island and Dunedin in the South Island.

CLOAKE/LYTTLE

LOST 0:9



NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1:

That the Conference request the NBA to find ways of involving the Honey Industry in the Government's proposed national tree planting programme..

JANSEN/HERRON

CARRIED 10:0

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2:

That the 1983 Conference be held in Nelson.

WHYTE/LYTTLE

CARRIED 10:0

COMMENTS FROM BUZZ GROUP HELD DURING CONFERENCE

1. USE OF INDUSTRY FUND

IVAN DICKINSON, CHAIRMAN

- (a) Education was top priority use for trust funds at both employer and employee level.
- (b) Research
- (c) Lending to Co-operative for all aspects of marketing
- (d) Use for benefit of the whole industry rather than individual projects

2. FUTURE CONFERENCES

STEVE LYTTLE, CHAIRMAN

- a) Keep Conference venues between Hamilton and Dunedin
- b) Reduce length
- c) Have social evening first evening of Conference. Follow Conference with seminar
- d) Executive should vet remits and should also put remits forward
- e) Firm numbers are required to allow orderly planning.
- f) Conference should cover business, education and social needs of beekeepers.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

IAN BERRY, CHAIRMAN

Public Relations for Industry needed in relation to:

- a) Trees for bees
- b) Sprays
- c) Weeds
- d) Beekeepers and kiwifruit
- e) Wasps
- f) Beestings
- g) Purity of honey

Problems of other agricultural people have to be recognised. Planting trees for bees requires liaison.

- (a) Beekeeper to landowner
- (b) Local Branch to local groups, eg Catchment Boards, Counties, Federated Farmers, Forestry and Lands & Survey Department
- (c) Farmers group, nurserymen
- (d) Local varieties of trees required

Techniques to reach the public

- (a) Person to person
- (b) Talk back on radio
- (c) Agricultural report - TV
- (d) Schools
- (e) Magazines
- (f) Regional newspapers
- (g) Brochures for new beekeepers
- (h) Collect good articles and spread around branches for local production

4. ADVISORY SERVICES

MIKE STUCKEY, CHAIRMAN

- a) Not always practical, sometimes outdated, wide sphere of ability
- b) Must give technical and practical advice
- c) MAF newsheets from instructors valuable
- d) Liaison not always good
- e) Disease service co-ordination not particularly good, particularly amongst new beekeepers
- f) Require educational field days, discussion groups, Flock House courses.
- g) Prepared to pay for good advice.

RESEARCH

MERVYN CLOAKE, CHAIRMAN

- a) Management, eg 2 Queen versus extensive hive sizes
- b) Breeding - more detail required on inherited characteristics of bees
- c) Pollination - pollen traps, yes or no
- d) Marketing
- e) Bee health

REPORT FROM MR GRAHAME WALTON

A report was received from Mr Grahame Walton on the Advisory Services of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries. After this report the Chairman thanked Mr Walton for the work he had done for the industry and wished him well in his new position in the Advisory Services Division.

REPORT FROM MR P. CLINCH

Mr Clinch also provided a brief report on research work being carried out at Wallaceville.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr Clissold relinquished the chair and handed the meeting over to the Secretary for the election of the President.

The Secretary called for nominations for President for the 1982/83 year.

Mr Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Mr I. Berry/Mr R. Berry, and Mr Clissold was nominated on the motion of Mr M. Cloake/Mr J. Glynn.

As there was more than one nomination an election was necessary and this resulted in Mr W.A. Clissold being elected as President for the 1982/83 year.

Mr Clissold thanked all those who had voted for him for their confidence in him and said that he would be working for the progress of the industry over the next twelve months.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

The President then called for nominations for Vice-President and Mr Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Mr S. Lyttle/Mr R. Robinson. As there were no further nominations, Mr Stuckey was declared elected as Vice-President.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Brommell gave notice of motion for the next Conference that the conference of 1984 be held in New Plymouth.

RANCH LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The following Branch Life Memberships were advised:

Bay of Plenty - Mr Howard Low, Mr Ron Mossop  
elson - Mr Ron Stratford

NOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST BRANCH

Steve Lyttle thanked the Northland Branch for the very successful organisation of the Conference and also for the seminar which the branch had organised this year.

Thanks were carried by acclamation of the Conference.

The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) was declared closed at 12.45 pm on Thursday 29 July 1982.

.....*W.A. Clissold*.....(Confirmed)

.....27-7-82.....(Dated)

*W.A. Clissold*  
*23-7-82*



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 THC Waitangi, Waitangi, on Wednesday 28 July 1982 at 5.15 pm, and Thursday 29 July 1982 at 2.30 pm. The Meeting was called to discuss remits from the Conference of Delegates.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON REMITS

REMIT 1, 2 AND 3: These remits related to the Beautiful New Zealand Scheme and the Highway Beautification Scheme.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary should write to the Department of Tourism and Publicity to find out more about the Land Enhancement Commission and to ascertain if there was any possibility of the National Beekeepers' Association being represented on that Commission. The question of financial contribution to the planting of trees was raised and it was felt that the reaction of the Department could be ascertained on this matter.

REMIT 4 AND 5: These remits related to the spraying of weeds.

It was generally accepted that the Executive had discussed this matter at their meeting on Monday but that further publicity should be generated in newspapers, magazines etc. to make the requirements of the beekeeping industry known.

REMIT 6: This remit related to the lack of an Apiary Instructor and the Secretary was asked to write to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries expressing concern at the long periods without an Apiary Instructor in some areas, with particular reference to disease control requirement for inspection service and export documentation.

REMIT 7: This remit was withdrawn.

REMIT 8: This remit related to a study of nectar and pollen yields likely to be gained from eucalyptus and other timber species.

The Secretary to write to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, DSIR and the Forest Service regarding nectar and pollen yields from eucalyptus.

REMIT 9: Bees in high country.

The Secretary to write to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries regarding research into clover development in the high country and the place of bees in this development process.

It was agreed that this matter should also be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting.

REMIT 10:

European Brood Disease.

This matter was to be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting, and Murray Reid to be invited to attend the meeting.

REMIT 11:

Guidelines for the utilisation of Industry Trust Fund

It was agreed that buzz groups should be formed on the Thursday if there was time and one of these groups could discuss the use of industry funds.

REMIT 12:

CER and its effect on the industry.

It was agreed that the Executive should remain aware of developments in CER as it related to the beekeeping industry.

REMIT 13:

Declaration of bees, honey, pollen and beekeeping equipment on Customs Declaration forms.

It was noted that this was currently being done and the Executive Committee requested a copy of the draft when it was ready.

REMIT 14:

Export tax incentives.

It was agreed to leave this investigation until later when a beekeeper had in fact requested a change in the incentives by application. To be reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee.

REMIT 15:

Packing weights for honey.

It was agreed that a review was required but that in the meantime the Secretary should enquire from the Department of Labour regarding difficulties in changing the standard pack currently approved, and circularise branches requesting their advice on the type of packs they would wish to have included in any revision of pack sizes.

REMIT 16:

Sterilisation of beekeeping equipment.

The Secretary to write to Murray Reid to obtain his opinion on alternative methods of sterilising beekeeping equipment and to invite him to attend the next meeting.

REMIT 17:

Availability of cyano gas.

As Mr Clinch is currently working on a method to generate cyano gas the Secretary was asked to inform the branches of this and to maintain progress reports from Mr Clinch.

REMIT 18:

Recommended current packed honey prices.

The Secretary was advised to obtain wholesale prices from as many packers as possible and discuss their presentation with Mr Ian Berry.

EMIT 19: This remit was lost.

EMIT 20: This remit was lost.

OTICE OF MOTION  
O.1: With reference to industry involvement in the Government's proposed national tree planting programme, this matter was to be handled with Remits Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write a letter of thanks to Mr P.W. Marshall for his service on the Executive Committee, a letter of thanks to Mr Grahame Walton for his services as Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture), a letter to Mr A.D. Lorimer advising of his appointment to the Executive Committee, a letter to Mr Ray Robinson thanking him for his willingness to stand for appointment to the Executive Committee, a letter to Mr Clinch regarding future diagnostic services. A letter to Mr Trevor Walton regarding possible PR strategies for the future. A letter to the Nelson Branch accepting their offer to hold the 1983 Conference at Nelson and informing them that the Conference format could change and that they could be advised later of this.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF MINUTES

It was agreed that a highlight sheet attached to Minutes may be a way of keeping branches quickly informed of Executive Committee decisions.

#### PROCHURE FOR NEW BEEKEEPERS

As a result of the morning's buzz group discussions it was decided to approach the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries to see whether a brochure could be produced for new beekeepers setting out their responsibilities within the various Acts, information regarding Bee Clubs, the NBA, the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Advisory Service, Honey Packers' Association, Comb Honey Association and Queen Breeders' Association.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded at 3 pm on Thursday 29 July 1982.

..... *W a L h s o l d* ..... (Confirmed)

..... *23 / 9 / 82* ..... (Date)



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Boardroom, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 September 1982, commencing at 10 am.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D.J. Dobson, retiring Secretary, and Mr S.C. Goodman, Secretary elect.

WELCOME: The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mr Tony Lorimer attending his first meeting as a member of the Executive and to Mr Steuart Goodman, Executive Officer (Administration) of the Pork Industry Council who would be replacing Mr Dobson as the Association's Executive Secretary.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: The Chairman was authorised to sign as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 26 July 1982 as previously circulated, following the addition of the following to Accounts for Payment - page 4 - "amounting to \$14,266.43".

- MATTERS ARISING:
- (1) Mr Dobson reported that a letter had still to be written to the NZ Insurance Company (page 3 item 7).
  - (2) Visit of Dr Bailey - to be considered under Correspondence (page 1 item 1 Correspondence).
  - (3) Spraying of gorse in river beds. A letter had still to be written to branches concerning the liaison with Catchment Boards etc re planting of suitable trees (page 3 item 8).
  - (4) Visual aids from University of Guelph to be discussed with Mr M. Reid later in the meeting (page 4 item 11).
  - (5) Mr Stuckey reported settlement was due shortly in respect of the HMA building.
  - (6) The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr Ryder-Lewis the previous day on the matter of his non reappointment and it was then agreed that a letter of appreciation for past services be sent to Mr Ryder-Lewis.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: The Chairman was authorised to initial as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Association's Annual General Meeting 28/29 July 1982 after noting the following alterations:

- (1) Remit 11 - delete the words "set policy" and replace with "discuss guidelines".

- (2) Remit 18 - delete the words "to beekeepers" and replace with "in the New Zealand Beekeeper".

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

The Chairman was authorised to sign as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 28 and 29 July 1982 as previously circulated.

MATTER ARISING:

- (1) Remit 18. It was agreed that the Executive Officer request, on a confidential basis, details of wholesale prices of honey. This information to be summarised, to protect the confidentiality, and made available to Mr I. Berry as the basis for a journal article.
- (2) Remit 15. General discussion took place on problems and anomalies in packaging practice and the regulations. Mr Dobson reported later in the meeting that both the Act and Regulations were under review. It was agreed that no action be taken meantime but the matter be reviewed if and when legislation was known to have been drafted.
- (3) Remit 17. The matter of cyano gas to be discussed with Mr Clinch the following day.
- (4) Brochure for new beekeepers. General discussion took place, particularly in respect of providing a complimentary copy of the journal to new beekeepers on application. (See discussion with Mr M. Reid.)

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS

- (1) Mr M. Reid concerning attendance at meetings
- (2) Kiwifruit Authority concerning matters of interest and attendance at the meeting on Thursday 23 September. Agreed matters to be raised by Chairman:
  - (a) Development of artificial pollinator and its possible effect on medium to long term industry (beekeeping) investment.
  - (b) Support for approach to the Rural Bank for loans on hives
  - (c) Possibility of closer liaison at national or other selected level.
  - (d) Clarification as to beekeepers' costs/loss of income in the providing of hives to kiwifruit producers.

Mr I. Berry commented that in his opinion providing the following criteria prevailed the industry should be able to meet the needs of the Kiwifruit industry:

- (a) Provision of a reasonable return to the beekeeper.
- (b) Compensation to the beekeeper payable by the producer for any spray or other damage to the hives.
- (c) Strict control in respect of disease, particularly in respect of hobbyist beekeepers.



- (3) West Coast Branch re micro-encapsulated insecticides.

Mr I. Berry advised that he had written to Mr B. Watts and it was agreed to await his response before advising Branches further.

Mr P. Clinch commented on the following day that the problem was in respect of ensuring protection from use on or drifting onto flowering crops. He undertook to make enquiries of any known uses which would conflict with the beekeeping industry.

- (4) Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re appointment of Mr I. Berry to Pesticides Board.
- (5) Arataki Honey re European Brood Disease. It was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr M. Reid on the following day, also the matter of Port Agriculture at airports.
- (6) New Zealand Tourist and Publicity Department - the needs of beekeepers in the development of the Beautiful New Zealand planting proposal. It was agreed that no further action be taken meantime.
- (7) Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.
- (a) Disease diagnostic work now being undertaken by the Advisory Services Division.
- (b) Progress on H.C.N. generator will be advised. It was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Clinch the next day. Members acknowledged the high cost to retailers in providing storage facilities for cyanide.
- (c) Unavailability of funds to assist with visit of Dr L. Bailey (UK Bee Pathologist).
- (8) Canterbury Branch - legal requirements for notices of meeting to members. It was noted that the NBA Rules were silent on this matter and members commented on the arrangements within their Branches. It was agreed that ideas be circulated to Branches and they should also be advised that meeting dates and venues could be advised in the journal, providing sufficient notice was given to the Editor.

#### OUTWARDS

- (9) Director General, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, re attendance of Mr Murray Reid at meeting.
- (10) Barr Burgess & Stewart re Audit.
- The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr Ryder-Lewis the previous day and following brief discussion it was agreed that a letter of appreciation for past services be sent to Mr Ryder-Lewis.
- (11) Mr P.W. Marshall - thanks of the Association.



- (12) Mr G. Walton - thanks of Association.
- (13) Mr A.D. Lorimer re appointment to Executive Committee.
- (14) Mr R. Robinson re nomination.
- (15) Mr Murray Reid re matters arising from Conference.
- (16) Director General, MAF, re Conference matters.
- (17) Mr Lorimer re honey on aircraft.
- (18) Mr T. Walton re PR strategies - deferred until after lunch.
- (19) Nelson Branch re 1983 Conference - the matter of a seminar during Conference to be discussed with Mr Reid.

SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE

- (20) Apimondia - 29 International Apicultural Congress & Exhibition Budapest 25-31 August 1983. It was agreed to discuss with Mr P. Clinch the benefits of retaining membership of Apimondia.
- (21) I. Berry - suggestions on pricing information for inclusion in the journal.
- (22) Wallace Spence & Co. re C.D. & K. Breckner seeking comments for submission to the Immigration Department on the following:
  - (a) "Does the National Beekeepers' Association support the Breckners' venture?"
  - (b) Does the Association object to the Breckners' venture?
  - (c) Does the Association consider the venture viable?"

It was agreed that the Association's response be:

- (a) No comment.
- (b) No objections
- (c) Association has some reservations on the figures supplied.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (1) The Financial Statement for the 8 months ended 31 August 1982 and projected outturn to 31 December 1982 was received

	<u>8 months</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>31.12.82</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	49890	52700	46524	6176 F
Expenses	24147	45907	44541	1366 U
Net	25743	6793	1983	4810 F

- (2) The Executive Officer outlined the proposed format for future financial statements.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The accounts paid for August and September 1982 were presented and it was agreed that cheques 043467 to 043487 totalling \$15,037.78 be approved for payment.

EDUCATION:

Mr I. Berry read his draft report on the previous day's meeting of the Education Sub-Committee and it was agreed that:

"(a) The report be circulated to all members of the Executive Committee and those present at the meeting

(b) The report be made available to the journal.'

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The meeting considered the report dated September 1982 from Mr Trevor Walton of Agricultural Press Co. Ltd on Public Relations for the Association.

After discussion it was agreed that:

"The Association investigate further the development of PR strategies."

When Mr Walton was in attendance when further elaboration was given to several aspects of the report, it was then further agreed that:

"Executive members would discuss the report at Branch level and Mr Walton would write an article for the journal to further ascertain response from members."

GENERAL:

- (1) The meeting noted that the Waimate County was considering adding flowering currant to their list of noxious weeds.
- (2) Mr Lorimer reported two complaints from members as to the lack of information from the NBA.
- (3) The meeting noted with regret the death of Mr N. Glass, Life Member.
- (4) It was noted that the booklet "Bees and Honey" was to be held at the Waitemata Honey Company's office (bulk supply) with adequate supplies at the National office.
- (5) The Chairman reported that follow-up work is being carried out as a result of the journal article - "Bees in the High Country".

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4.52 pm and re-convened at 9.15 am on Thursday 23 September 1982.

1983 CONFERENCE:

It was agreed that the date and venue as proposed by Nelson Branch be accepted:

Dates: Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 July 1983

Venue: DB Rutherford Hotel.

It was further agreed that the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be requested to stage a seminar.

JOURNAL: General discussion took place on the availability/distribution of the journal to schools, libraries, retail outlets etc and the possibility of changing from a membership subscription to a journal subscription.

DISTRICT SCHEMES: Further discussion (Minutes 26 July 1982, page 1) took place on the matter of District Review Schemes. It was agreed that Executive Members would undertake further research, with particular reference to their own areas. It was further agreed to advise members via the journal that the Executive was considering the problem and would be interested to hear comments and opinions on the siting of honey houses and hives.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Mr Dobson reported that the Act and Regulations were under review (see earlier Minute, page 2, item 2).

ADVISORY OFFICER: At this stage of the meeting Mr Muray Reid attended.

- (1) Mr Reid indicated that he would be happy to attend future meetings subject of course to the formality of an invitation to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.
- (2) In respect of a brochure for new beekeepers, Mr Reid said that most advisory officers had a brochure of sorts and that in addition there were some eight or nine Ag Links. A further Ag Link was at present under consideration, and the Ministry would be happy to add a reference that a complimentary copy of the journal could be obtained from NBA on request.
- (3) Mr Reid outlined the Ministry's difficulties in respect of disease diagnosis and its relevance to European Brood Disease, and general discussion took place in respect of its classification as a Schedule 1 or 2 disease.

It was agreed to confirm discussions concerning the advice and announcements to incoming overseas airline passengers about importation of honey.

It was also agreed to write to Qantas concerning the use of Canadian honey on flights into New Zealand and its storage within New Zealand for outgoing flights.

Concern was also expressed that as a result of the present uncertainties about compensation and problems of eradication that non-reporting could well occur.

- (4) Mr Reid said he was sure that the Ministry would be happy to initiate a seminar at the Nelson Conference. The NBA to write to MAF and also suggest that Nelson Branch liaise with Mr A. Matheson, the local advisory officer.
- (5) The sterilisation of equipment was under review by MAF officers. Australia was using cobalt 60 which would not be practical in New Zealand, Canada and other countries were using Ethalane Oxide, but any residue may be cancer causing.



RESEARCH:

At this stage of the meeting Mr P. Clinch, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre attended.

Mr Clinch reported that the problem was in respect of ensuring protection from the use of micro-encapsulated insecticides on flowering crops or its drifting onto such crops (see earlier Minute, page 3 item 3).

KIWIFRUIT  
AUTHORITY:

Mr R.H. Wilson, Planning Executive of the NZ Kiwifruit Authority, and Professor Cameron Jay of Canada then attended the meeting.

The Chairman indicated that the Association's main concern was uncertainty created by the possible development of an artificial pollinator. The Association would also seek support from the Authority in approaches to the Rural Bank for hives to be accepted as loan security if major expansion of hive numbers was to be undertaken.

Mr Wilson responded that Dr Murray Hopkins was making good progress with the development of an artificial pollinator but that he (Mr Wilson) was uncertain as to whether this would be additional to natural pollination or a replacement for natural pollination. In respect of support in approaching the Rural Bank, he indicated that the Authority would be happy to support the NBA.

General discussion took place on research into the location and number of hives.

Mr I. Berry reiterated his comment made the previous day (see earlier Minute Page 2 "Correspondence" item 2).

Mr Wilson suggested that maybe both organisations should be considering the artificial pollinator and said the Authority would be happy to see article(s) in their Newsletter on the subject from the NBA. It was agreed later in the meeting that Mr R. Berry be asked to provide such an article for the November Newsletter.

It was agreed that both organisations would exchange on a regular basis Newsletters and/or Journals.

Mr Wilson indicated that although their research budget was limited, the Authority would be happy to consider proposals for research from the NBA.

Mr Clinch commented that the matter of over pollination would have to be considered as well as pollination in the right place.

GENERAL:

Mr Stuckey expressed concern at delays in finalising matters related to the HMA and said that he would be suggesting to the Authority's Chairman that a deadline date of the second week in November be set for the final winding up of the Authority. He said that the President should be in attendance at the final wind up as a meeting with the Minister would be necessary.

RESEARCH:

Mr Clinch advised that one of the main benefits to New Zealand in being a member of Apimondia was the reduced fee payable by delegates attending the Congress. It was agreed that Mr Lyttle discuss the matter with Mr Kevin Ecroyd and report back to the next meeting.

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In respect of Cynogas, Mr Clinch reported that consideration was being given to availability of a suitable container at a reasonable cost. Other insecticides were still however being researched.

EDUCATION: It was agreed that Mr A. Lorimer be added to the Education Sub-Committee.

GENERAL: Mr Dobson undertook to ascertain who has the catalogue of visual aids from the University of Guelph.

NEXT MEETING: It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday 1 December 1982 in the Boardroom, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington.

CLOSURE: The Meeting concluded at 3.41 pm on Thursday 23 September 1982.

..... *W.A. Bliss* ..... Confirmed

..... *1-12-82* ..... Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1982

043467	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	\$1,533.59	Conference expenses and Editorial Sept. journal
468	D.J. Dobson	64.00	Conference expenses
469	Secretary, Canterbury Branch	258.00	Capitation
470	J.A. McKay & Co. Ltd	90.48	2 reams letterhead
471	Madison Printing Co. Ltd	76.50	Notice of Meeting cards
472	P.W. Marshall	323.45	Conference travel
473	Warren, Ryder-Lewis & Grant & Co.	810.00	Audit fee
474	W.A. Clissold	754.00	Conference & Exec.Comm. travel and toll bill
475	M.G. Stuckey	156.60	Conference travel
476	Air New Zealand	300.00	Bulkair deposit
477	I. Berry	60.00	Conference travel
478	Pork Industry Council	62.02	Toll bill
479	THC Waitangi	2,997.82	Conference accommodation
480	S.J. Lyttle	251.00	Conference travel
481	Pork Industry Council	2,725.32	Quarterly fee, stationery, postage
482	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,902.00	Printing June journal, printing 6000 wrappers
483	AM International Ltd	36.27	Addressograph plates
484	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,437.19	Typesetting Sept. journal postage, tolls, photography
485	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	574.00	Platemaking September journal
486	Air New Zealand	400.00	Bulkair deposit
487	President, Auckland Branch	225.54	Refund amt.held for Auckland Branch in recess
		<u>\$15,037.78</u>	



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Boardroom, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 1 December 1982 commencing at 10 am.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 22 and 23 September 1982 having been circulated were taken as read and received, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING: (1) Mr I. Berry indicated that there was no further report in respect of the Education Committee considerations of 21 September 1982.

(2) Mr I. Berry understood that an article had been prepared on kiwifruit for inclusion in the next issue of the journal.

CORRESPONDENCE: (1) The meeting noted correspondence from Mr I. Berry to the West Coast Branch and the Marlborough Branch concerning the potential dangers of micro-encapsulated poisons and he was congratulated on the information supplied.

(2) The meeting noted correspondence between Mr Lorimer and the Secretary concerning the availability of journals to schools and the Secretary indicated that no further response had been received from Mr Lawson Robertson concerning the provision of a list of schools which could be interested.

(3) Advice from the Lands & Agricultural Select Committee on the Hive Levy Amendment Bill. The President indicated that advice had been sent stating that the Association did not wish to make any submissions and that the Bill had the approval of the Association.

(4) The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries concerning the instruction to Mr Clinch to concentrate on kiwifruit pollination, and a reply was awaited.

It was decided that no further action be taken meantime in writing to the National Water & Soil Conservation Organisation of the Forestry Service concerning research into nectar and pollen yields from eucalyptus and other timber species.

In respect of the letter from Invermay Research Centre relating to research on clover re-seeding, it was agreed that this letter be acknowledged and that we ask the Centre to keep the Association informed of any developments, together with similar advice to MAF Advisory Officers.

- (5) Murray Reid - recommendation concerning the purchase of visual aids. It was agreed to purchase:
- (a) the 24 colour slide series of bee diseases
  - (b) the video cassette on brood diseases of the honey bee.

The Secretary to check first that the video cassette would be compatible with equipment in New Zealand.

- (6) Advice from MAF concerning the dissolution of the Honey Marketing Authority. The Chairman reported that he, together with Mr Dickinson, would be meeting with the Under Secretary for Agriculture, Mr Austin, the following day.

- (7) The meeting noted correspondence and a full report from QANTAS concerning the provision of honey to passengers on flights into and out of New Zealand and it was agreed that the airline be thanked for their assistance in this matter.

Mr Lyttle reported that he had approached the New Zealand Honey Producers' Co-operative to supply samples and prices to QANTAS for the provision of individual glass jars with approximately 1½ ounce capacity.

- (8) Considerable discussion took place concerning the request from the Telford Farm Training Institute for a letter of support setting out the advantages that the Association would see in the establishment of a National Training Centre in beekeeping at Telford.

It was agreed that the Association would support in principle the establishment of the Unit and that the Institute be requested to keep the Association informed of its proposals and proposed course of action, and that the Association also offer its co-operation in the venture.

- (9) The meeting noted correspondence from the Otago Regional Development Council concerning finance from the Rural Bank and the acceptance of hives as security.

The Chairman reported on an application to the Southland Regional Development Council for a regional development loan which had received the support of the Council but had been declined by the Department of Trade & Industry because the honey was to be extracted away from the applicant's premises.

- (10) A request from the Bureau of Primary Information to be added to the Association's mailing list for news releases and information material was declined.

- (11) The meeting noted advice from the NZ Insurance Company concerning commission paid and general comment was made by members as to the favourable premium charges being incurred.

- (12) A request from the Nelson Branch for a change in format to the opening of the National Conference was considered. It was agreed that their request for Lord Nelson (the Nelson Public Relations Officer) to open the Conference be agreed to, providing local protocol is observed, i.e. no offence is given to the office of the Mayor, and that the proposed arrangements do not demean the Association.

(13) It was noted that only the Nelson and South Canterbury Branches had responded to the circular of 11 October concerning Notices of Meeting and consideration of procedures in respect of this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

(14) General discussion took place concerning the liaison with local Catchment Boards, County Associations etc. and the replacing of noxious weeds by nectar and pollen bearing trees. During the discussion Mr Cloake tabled a brochure - multi-purpose plants for shelter amenity, bee forage and erosion control.

(15) The Secretary reported on the two outstanding hive levies and it was agreed that legal action be taken to collect the outstanding amounts.

(16) The meeting was advised that the brochure "The Story of Bees and Honey" was now available from the Wellington Office and, after some discussion, it was agreed that:

(a) Six copies be supplied to each Branch.

(b) The brochure be sold on the basis of \$20 per 100 postage included, with a minimum order of 100.

(c) That advice as to the availability of the brochure be referred to in the next issue of the journal.

(17) The meeting noted a letter dated 29 November from Agpress concerning journal arrangements and it was agreed that the arrangements for the forthcoming year be discussed at the next meeting.

FINANCE:

- (1) The Financial Statement for the 10 months ended 31 October 1982 and projected outturn to 31 December 1982 were received.

	<u>10 months</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>31.12.82</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	51861	54981	46524	8457 F.
Expenses	39667	48907	44541	4366 U.
Net	12194	6074	1983	4091 F.

- (2) The meeting considered the budget for 1983 dated 11 November 1982, and this was approved:

Income	\$55,000
Expenditure	\$55,000

- (3) The accounts paid for September, October and November 1982 were presented and it was agreed that cheques 043488 to 043399 totalling \$7,239.81 be approved for payment.

- (4) The Secretary referred to the Pork Industry Council memorandum of 17 November 1982 concerning the provision of secretarial services for the National Beekeepers' Association and the effect that this would have on the administration fee for the Association's financial year 1984. It was noted that this matter would have to be discussed during the 1983 year and that any negotiation would be carried out by the Chairman with the Chief Executive Officer of the Pork Industry Council.



APIMONDIA:

Mr Lyttle reported on his discussions with Mr Kevin Ecroyd, following which it was agreed that the subscription be paid for the current year.

Consideration was also given to the possibility of placing the matter of the Association's membership of Apimondia on the Agenda paper as a discussion topic for the Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL:

(1) In respect of the Committee elections, it was noted that the terms of office of Messrs Lyttle and Berry expired this year. Mr Stuckey indicated that at this stage it appeared that he would be unavailable.

(2) It was agreed that the Chairman discuss with Mr Austin at their meeting the following day the affects of CER on the honey industry.

(3) General discussion took place concerning the affect on the industry of District Review Schemes and it was agreed that the Secretary discuss with the Pork Industry Council their handling of the situation and report back to a later meeting.

(4) The Chairman reported on his discussions with Mr Ted Perkins who had been a member of the Clutha Valley Branch, and the fact that this Branch still had funds in a bank account.

(5) Considerable discussion took place concerning the returns received from beekeepers relating to the number of hives, and it was agreed that the Secretary prepare a report

(a) outlining the administration procedures at present adopted

(b) suggesting any "policing" administrative procedures which could be established

(c) any follow up procedures that could be implemented having regard to legislation, etc.

(6) Mr Berry read to the meeting his marketing information report of the 5 November which had been provided for the journal.

(7) Mr Berry reported on spray poisoning problems in the Hawkes Bay area and commented on a report that had been prepared for the journal on pesticides.

(8) The meeting was advised that Messrs Stuckey and Cloake would be providing an article for the journal on honey house effluent.

(9) The Secretary was requested to ascertain from Mr Robertson what further progress had been made in respect of the decisions taken by the Education Committee on 21 September 1982.

EXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held in Wellington on Wednesday and Thursday, 30/31 March 1983.

LOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.25 pm on Wednesday 1 December 1982.

..... *W. A. Lyttle* ..... Confirmed  
..... *30.3.83* ..... Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1982

38	W.A. Clissold	\$624.00	Honorarium
39	Inland Revenue Department	336.00	Tax on Honorarium
40	H. Cloake	20.00	Journal contributor payment
41	K. Simpson	97.00	" " "
42	H. Tane	20.00	" " "
43	A.G. Matheson	40.00	" " "
44	D. Williams	80.00	" " "
45	N. Wallingford	82.00	" " "
46	W.T. Stewart	20.00	" " "
47	J. Whittaker	33.00	" " "
48	D. Gibbons	25.00	" " "
49	T.G. Bryant	30.00	" " "
50	A. Warren	20.00	" " "
51	BNZ (Draft for J.V. Hobson, NZ\$30.00 converted to US\$)	31.55	" " "
52	NZ Post Office	12.00	Renewal of registered pubn.
53	Printcraft '81 Ltd	291.52	Postage September journal
54	Secretary, Bay of Plenty Branch	118.00	Refund delegate's travel
55	Waterloo Hotel	577.55	Exec. Comm. accommodation
56	B. Clements	50.00	Refund delegate's travel
57	Secretary, Nelson Branch	134.00	" " "
58	M.D. Cloake	10.50	Exec. Comm. meeting expenses
59	Pork Industry Council	114.98	Tolls, stationery
60	Courier Systems Ltd	2.53	Collection of parcel from railway station
61	Secretary, Canterbury Branch	132.00	Refund delegate's travel
62	Secretary, Hawkes Bay Branch	158.00	" " "
63	I. Berry	17.60	Exec. Comm. meeting expenses
64	S.J. Lyttle	42.79	" " " "
65	Air New Zealand	900.00	Bulkair deposit
66	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,923.00	Printing September journal
67	Secretary, Nelson Branch	100.00	Advance for Conference exps.
68	Hotel St. George	55.25	Accomm. Mr Clissold/Fed. Farmers Meeting
69	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	517.54	Preparation of PR Strategy \$400, plus postage, tolls, telegrams

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