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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC. HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, FLOCK HOUSE, BULLS, ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY 13 AND 16 MARCH, 1989, AND COMMENCING ON THE MONDAY AT 3.08 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mr Allen McCaw, President, in the Chair
Messrs. K Herron, G J Martin, D Ward, G White, S Young

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mr G M Reid, National Manager, Apiculture, and from Mr Steve Lyttle for non-attendance at the Planning Meeting.

The President read to the meeting a FAX message sent to Mr Lyttle earlier in the afternoon, seeking Mr Lyttle's reconsideration of non-attendance at the Planning Meeting.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held 13/14 December 1988, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting a correction on page 7, which should read Dr Mark Goodwin.

The In Committee Minutes of that meeting were also confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Conference Venue 1990

Mr Stan Young distributed copies of a quotation from Thomas Cook Business Travel re: Rarotonga. Mr Gavin White also advised travel prices which had been obtained. The matter was left to be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

PLANNING MEETING:

The President outlined the Agenda, which had already been distributed to members. It was noted that Clive Vardy had agreed to act as facilitator with Allen McCaw as Chairman of the Planning Meeting.

1. In referring to his paper "Discussion Points for 1989 Planning Meeting" the President commented that, in his opinion, there were two basic matters to be decided:

- a) What activities are essential to the Industry and the Association;
- b) What activities are desirable.

In the general discussion which followed it was agreed that progress of the past years must be maintained, the specialty groups should be encouraged to have a greater input into the industry by becoming members of the suggested Beekeeping Industry Council.

- 2. Regarding the suggested appointment of an Executive Officer, the President advised that such an appointment would be in addition to the services currently provided by the Pork Industry Board. The appointment, if approved, would assist in reducing the workload of the President, and also reduce the sometimes considerable delays in decision making. It was agreed that, once the decision had been made, a job description would have to be produced, and that charge out rates would be the responsibility of the Association. Suggested location was in reasonable proximity to Wellington, although not necessarily in Wellington.

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT THIS EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PART TIME MANAGEMENT OFFICER FOR THE NBA, TO OPERATE IN ADDITION TO EXISTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND SUBJECT TO ACCEPTABLE COSTINGS BEING PRODUCED.

CARRIED

- 3. In answer to a query the President advised that it was envisaged the suggested Beekeeping Industry Council would act in an advisory capacity but not have any voting rights as a body.

It was agreed that the Executive explore further the concept of this Council.

1989 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

- 1. The President advised that the theme for the pre-Conference seminar would be "Beekeeping Towards the 1990s".

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1988

The Annual Report was approved for distribution to members.

1989 CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS:

1. The Executive Secretary was requested to confirm the use of Unit 10, for Mr and Mrs Allen McCaw, and also to be used as Executive Meeting Room.
2. It was agreed that Mr Mike Moore be invited to open Conference, and, if not available, an invitation be extended to Mr Michael Cullen to open Conference.
3. The following programme was agreed:

Sunday afternoon	Executive meeting
Monday	Specialty groups
Tuesday	Seminar
Wednesday	Conference
Thursday	Conference

A get together would be held on the Monday evening, a further evening activity (to be advised) for the Tuesday, Dinner/Dance for the Wednesday evening. Outside trips were also being organised for the ladies.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.55 pm for Dinner and re-convened at 7.07pm.

MARKETING:

1. Agricultural and Marketing Research Development Trust

The Secretary advised that the criteria for the award of grants by this Trust had not as yet been received.

2. Importation of Honey

The President advised that he had not at this stage written to Mr Moore regarding importation of honey.

This matter was due for consideration at the Planning Meeting when the question of the policy the industry wished the Association to pursue would be discussed.

3. Market Statistics - Crop and Market Report

Nil report.

4. U.S.D.A. Honey Statistics 1989

The meeting was advised of some of the information contained in the USDA National Honey Market News for February 7 1989..

5. N.Z.Honey Export Statistics

Final report for the year 1988 had been received. Report for the year to January 1989 was noted.

6. Market Statistics, IHCO

The provision of N.Z. information for this report was to be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

7. Possible Research - Massey University

Massey University, Marketing Department letter of 2nd December 1988 was considered. It was agreed that, at this stage there was no interest in pursuing this matter.

8. Fast Whole Food - sponsorship

Letter of 7 February 1989 was noted. This sponsorship was now being handled by New World and several large honey packers had also been advised of this promotional opportunity.

9. Trade Comm. Report - Japan

Noted.

10. National Honey Board - USA

Mr Ward advised there was nothing further to report. Matter to be considered at a future Executive Meeting.

11. General

Promotional material similar to samples submitted from Pork Industry Board, to be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Post Advisory Committee

Noted that this Committee had not yet met.

2. Videos for t.v.

Mr Stan Young advised that there was nothing further to report at this stage.

3. Commemorative recognition of introduction of Honeybees

Letter from Northland Branch dated 3.2.89 noted. This matter to be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

MARKETING

12. General

At this stage of the meeting the President produced an NZ Railways Enthusiasts calendar, with the suggestion from a beekeeper member that the NBA might consider producing a similar promotional item. Referred to Promotions Committee for further consideration.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

4. The Executive Secretary's financial review of "Buzzwords" to 31 December 1988 was noted.
5. It was agreed that nomination forms for Executive Committee be included in a mailing of "Buzzwords".
6. Letter from Andrew Matheson dated 13 February 1989 was noted. General discussion took place regarding "Buzzwords" when concern was expressed that, by the addition of advertising, "Buzzwords" could become a somewhat larger publication than originally envisaged. It was noted that the contract signed with MAF for this publication agreed that MAF shall (if it desires) arrange advertising, the proceeds of which shall remain with MAF.

The President to discuss with Andrew Matheson clarification of intentions, assurance that the advertising would not dominate the content, and also not compete with the "Beekeeper". It was also suggested that the advertising revenue might cover the whole cost of the editorial.

It was agreed that "Buzzwords" should continue, with a further application to the Trustees for assistance for a six month period.

It was further agreed that, even without Trustee support, the Association would endeavour to continue to finance "Buzzwords" for the term of the current contract.

It was agreed that the USDA Honey Statistics continue to be supplied for inclusion in "Buzzwords".

7. Research Project - Health Factors

This matter to be considered at the Planning Meeting.

8. General

Mr Stan Young reported that South Western Districts had again won the award for Best Display at the Levin Horticultural Fielddays.

ADVISORY:

1. The meeting noted the report from the National Manager, Apiculture, dated 7 March 1989, covering :

NSW ban on NZ Honey : Update
Mellitiphis Mite not parasitic
Overseas consultancies
Apiaries Act Review
Solomon Island : USA

2. Contract for provision of apiary inspection by MAF for the Association - to be considered at the Planning Meeting.

3. Amendments to the Hive Levy Act

The President reported on discussions he had had with Mr Tim Person of MAF Legal Section, who had indicated that there was a Bill under discussion which would incorporate organisations who are currently requesting Government to levy members to pay for services rendered. It was anticipated that it would be the end of the year before any progress was made in this regard.

Mr Person also reported that there is a bill being considered by MAF at the moment specifically referring to an Apiary Levy, and advice received was that amendment of the existing Hive Levy Act would not be considered appropriate

Mr Person had also spoken with Mr Don Crump, Policy Section MAFQual, who felt there should be no problem with amendment to the Hive Levy Act as it was pertaining to specific producers. To effect change to incorporate specialty groups would need a separate action.

Agreed that the Association contact Mr Don Crump, Policy Section MAFQual, and advise him of our actions in this regard.

Agreed that an invitation be extended to Mr Crump and Derek Robinson to join the Executive for luncheon at the next meeting in May.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Improved Branch Administration

This matter to be considered at the Planning Meeting.

2. Accounts paid for December 1988, January and February 1989, being cheques nos. 547247-547292, totalling \$61118.89 were approved.

3. Financial Statement for 12 months ended 31 December 1988 had been noted when considering the Annual Report for 1988.

4. Unpaid Hive Levies

The list of unpaid hive levies for 1988, which had been handed to the Solicitors for collection, was noted.

5. Financial Statement - 1988 Conference

The meeting noted the 1988 Conference accounts showing a credit balance of \$1206.65.

6. Associate Membership

It was noted that the NZ Honey Packers had accepted the invitation to become associate members of the Association.

7. Elections

The following dates for the 1989 Elections were approved :

Nominations for Executive Committee close 5.00 pm 26 May 1989;

Voting papers, biographical details, will be despatched by 6 June;

Voting papers to be returned by 5.00 pm Friday 30 June;

Counting of votes to take place Monday 3 July.

8. General

The President read to the meeting a letter from Medicaid. No further action.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday and Wednesday 2nd and 3rd May 1989, in Pork Industry Board Board Room, Wellington.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.07 p.m. and reconvened at 8.45 a.m. Thursday 16 March.

APOLOGIES:

Dudley Ward

INDUSTRY PLAN:

General discussion took place on the draft industry plan. Further objective and action plans were formulated relating to the provision of financial/management information for beekeepers.

ADVISORY:

4. Further general discussion took place on the current MAF situation and funding issues.

5. Primary Industries Bill

Executive Secretary to write to MAF for details of the proposed Primary Industries Levy Bill.
(Secretary's note: Discussion paper received and distributed 17/3/89)

6. Possum Control Programme

The President reported on discussions with Mr Peter Nelson, Pest Destruction Council, concerning pest destruction programmes planned for the whole country. MAF Advisors and many beekeepers were to be informed of programmes in their respective areas. The meeting was of the opinion that there is no safe time for a jam based baiting operation and it was considered that publicity may be needed in this regard.

7. Department of Conservation - Resource Rentals

Department of Conservation resource rental draft guidelines had been circulated, and it was noted that these were similar to those used by Timberlands. Also noted that they could be on a hive or apiary basis.

8. Australia and New Zealand Honeybee and Social Insect Disease Research Co-op.

Dr Denis Anderson had described to the Planning Meeting the Australia/New Zealand Research Co-operative.

9. The meeting noted that a proposal for a New Zealand bee breeding programme had been circulated to NZQPBA members.

10. V.S.A.

Letter from V.S.A. was noted. Agreed that the VSA library be placed on the complimentary mailing list for the N.Z. "Beekeeper".

11. Honey Importation

As set in the Industry Plan,
a policy paper to be prepared
for circulation to relevant Ministers
and others.

EDUCATION:

1. Mr Stan Young reported that,
from the information received,
none of the benevolent Trusts
appeared suitable for following
up in regard to assistance for
funding of beekeeper training.

2. BoP Certificate Course

Mr Stan Young reported on the
meeting held in December regarding
the Certificate in Beekeeping
Course. It was noted that several
students had completed the course
up to the last Oral and Practical
stage, indicating that the course
was being used primarily for
education rather than qualification.
Changes were being made to the
Oral and Practical stages of
the course. It had been agreed
that the courses should be promoted
through both "Buzzwords" and
the "NZ Beekeeper".

3. Telford Beekeeper Training Course

The President reported that no
students had enrolled for the
current year. However, it had
been indicated to Telford by
Messrs. Dickinson and McCaw that
the course was still desired,
it being felt that the Education
Department administration would
bring new impetus to the beekeeping
unit. Possibilities for promotion
and alternative sources of students
had been discussed, as also had
a replacement for Mr Paul Marshall

INDUSTRY TRUSTS:

1. The decisions of the Trustees
were considered by the Executive,
it being noted that a further
Conference call was to take place
on March 22nd relative to deferred
applications.
2. Seng To Tan's thesis for fingerprinting
of honey had been received and,
after examination by the Trustees,
this would be deposited in the
NBA library.
3. It was noted that the Telford
Bursary had not been awarded
this year.
4. It was agreed that the Executive
and Trustees would liaise in
developing draft proposals regarding

form, content and timing of applications as per Objective in Industry Plan.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board
Mr Ian Berry's report was received, it being noted that the disbanding of this Board was imminent. Mr Ian Berry was keeping the Executive advised in this regard.
2. Federated Farmers
It was noted that continued efforts were being made by Federated Farmers to form a united action committee for all land users. Mr David Dobson, General Manager, Pork Industry Board, had attended several further meetings and reported to the N.B.A.
3. Librarian's Report
The annual accounts for the library for the year ended 30 December 1988, were received.

BRANCH MATTERS:

1. Change of Name - S.W.Districts

The President and Mr Stan Young to attend a Branch Meeting on Friday 17th March when this matter would be further discussed.

2. Disaster Relief

Letters from Waikato and Northland Branches were noted. It was agreed that the Executive would support Branch approaches to Government for disaster relief. Executive Secretary to write to both Branches accordingly.

It was also agreed that the Executive would consider give levy deferments, in this regard, upon individual application from members. Branches concerned to be advised accordingly.

3. Letter from Auckland Branch was discussed. Executive Secretary to reply advising that negotiations are continuing with MAF but whatever form the contract for inspection services takes would continue to be under MAF supervision in terms of the Apiaries Act.

GENERAL:

1. A marketing submission from Mr C Bromell was discussed. The matter to be raised at the Branch Meeting, and submission to be forwarded to Market Research Committee for consideration.

CONCLUSION:

The meeting concluded at 12 noon.

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC. HELD IN THE PORK INDUSTRY BOARD BOARD ROOM, 11TH FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, 114 THE TERRACE, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 2ND AND 3RD MAY 1989, COMMENCING AT 10.15 AM ON THE TUESDAY

PRESENT: Mr Allen McCaw, President, in the Chair
Messrs K Herron, G Martin, D Ward, G White,
S Young

In attendance :
Mr G M Reid, National Manager, Apiculture, MAF
Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held 13/16 March 1989, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record, after noting the amendment on page 6 to read : Solomon Islands : VSA
NOT Solomon Islands : USA

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Conference Venue 1990

It was agreed that the Executive would not pursue the proposal for conference to be held in Rarotonga in 1990, as this could not be justified.

2. 1989 Conference

a) The Executive Secretary was requested to advise special interest groups that Monday afternoon had been set aside for their meetings, and scheduled as follows:

Queen Breeders Asscn	1 - 3 pm
Packers Association	3 - 5 pm
Pollination Association	5 - 7 pm

The Associations to be further advised that time would be made available to them at conference, if they so desired.

b) The Executive meeting would re-commence on Monday at 9.00 am and continue through to 12.30 pm, and the Executive would meet with NZAPA at 10.30 am. Those to be invited to this meeting to be :

Messrs Mark Goodwin; Denis Anderson; Stephen Ogden; Ron Van Tor; Derek Bettsworth; Murray Reid; Clive Vardy; Terry Donaldson; and Alison Mercer, together with a representative from Telford.

c) The following organisations, or persons, to be invited to report to conference :

Messrs Murray Reid; Ruakura; DSIR (Denis Anderson); DSIR (Barry Donovan); Invermay; Telford; Bay of Plenty College; Librarian; A.Q.S; Pesticides Board; Editor, NZ "Beekeeper".

- ADVISORY: 1. The President tabled a summary of the comments in respect of the Primary Industries Levies Bill which was discussed by the Executive prior to meeting with Mr Don Crump, Senior Agricultural Economist, Policy Section, MAFQual.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20 pm and reconvened at 2.34 pm during which time discussions were held with Mr Crump relative to the Primary Industry Levies Bill.

- ADVISORY: 2. Mr Reid advised the Executive of the funding problems of the NABU and the President undertook to appraise the Minister of endeavours being made by the Association in respect of funding.

The Executive Secretary was requested to advise Branches of the need for beekeepers to continue to provide support for voluntary inspection.

3. The meeting received the report from Mr Reid, NABU, covering items such as :

Petition to the Minister concerning MAF funding
Transit Visas for Bees to Australia
Chalkbrood and NSW ban on imports
Organic Standards for Honey
Overseas Consultancies

Mr Reid further commented on the Ministry's budgeting problems, the possible inclusion of the Apiaries Act in the Agricultural Securities Bill and the fact that the Pesticides Act was also currently being reviewed.

4. General discussion took place with respect to the provision of apiary inspection by the Ministry and the many and varied proposals coming forward in regard to legislation changes.
5. The President tabled a draft letter to the Agricultural Pest Destruction Council relative to 1080 poisoning and funding, and the letter was approved.

Mr Ward undertook to pursue the matter and continue the liaison with the Council.

6. The President reported that he had still to prepare the submissions to Government relative to the importation of honey, Goal A, Objective 2.
7. The meeting noted the media article relating to the organisation and funding of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
8. The meeting noted the discussion document relevant to the review of the Plants Act 1970.
9. It was noted that the establishment of an Industry Research Advisory Committee was to be discussed by the Executive with interested persons at the time of conference.

10. The meeting was advised that no further developments had been received in respect of the bee pathology service.
11. It was agreed that the matter of protecting industry interests re: commercial products from industry funded research, Goal E objective 3, be considered at the next meeting.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. The meeting was advised that there was no report from the Post Advisory Committee - "Beekeeper".
2. The President reported on an enquiry from Burgess Media suggesting a moderate increase in advertising rates - this had been approved by him.
3. An enquiry from Capricorn Communications Ltd., Publishers, and it was agreed that more details be obtained.
4. The Executive Secretary reported that no response had been received from the S.W.Districts in respect of fill in videos for T.V.
5. The meeting noted that there had been no further progress in respect of a research project - health factors.
6. The President reported that Mr Chris Dawson was looking at the costs of a suitable plaque as a commemorative recognition of the introduction of honeybees. Suggested that, as an alternative, an appropriate photograph of Mary Brumby, with a suitable inscription, might be a more suitable recognition. The President undertook to discuss this with Mr Dawson.
7. The meeting considered the proposals from Mr Matheson in respect of an advertising cover for "Buzzwords", and it was agreed that approval be given for this to proceed on the basis that the revenue earned and costs involved were the responsibility of the Ministry.

It was further agreed that the Executive would continue with the production of "Buzzwords" for a further 12 months.

8. The meeting noted that Ashcrofts Honey House Ltd had been sold and it was agreed to ascertain if the new owners were prepared to continue to act as a distributor for promotional material.

GENERAL

1. Mr Ward reported on concern of two beekeepers as to the price of liquid sugar, and it was agreed that the Association would make representations on the understanding that adequate details were given to the Executive Secretary.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5.46 pm and reconvened at 8.50 am on Wednesday 3 May.

EDUCATION

1. The meeting noted receipt of a copy from Mr Wallingford of the oral and practical assessment guide (year 2).
2. The President reported that, at this stage, there had been no students enrolled at Telford for the current year, that Mr Marshall, the Apiary Manager, had resigned as from the end of this week, and that the Telford Beekeeping Unit had some 34 apiary sites with 650 hives.

The meeting noted the job description and background paper relative to the appointment of the Farm Manager, Apiculture, Telford. The position of Farm Manager was to be advertised.

Mr Herron undertook to consider replacing the President as the Association's representative on the Bee Unit Management Committee.

3. Mr Reid advised that NABU were currently looking at the provision of information for beekeepers to obtain financial management skills (Goal B, Objective 1).
4. Advice of the International Symposium on The Prevention Against Varroa Jacobsoni 9 - 12 October 1989, in Hungary. Agreed that this be sent to Mr Matheson.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The meeting noted the list (12) of 1988 unpaid hive levies, and, in particular, the advice from Mr Bidmead, and the Executive Secretary was requested to act accordingly.
2. The meeting considered the list of 1989 unpaid hive levies.
3. The meeting noted correspondence from two members relative to the current level of hive levy and from one member relevant to the application of the penalty clause, and the Executive Secretary was requested to respond accordingly.
4. The meeting noted comments from the President relative to the establishment of a Beekeeping Industry Council, previously discussed at the Planning Meeting, but no further action was taken.
5. It was noted that no further progress appears to have been made in respect of improved Branch Administration assistance. Mr Reid agreed to further discuss the matter with Mr Roberts and Mr White undertook to follow the matter through.

It was agreed that "Buzzwords" be used as a communication vehicle to Branches in respect of a calendar of dates, occasions, etc.

6. Accounts paid for March and April 1989, being cheques nos. 547293 - 547300, and 547181 to 547221, totalling \$131481.51, were approved.

7. The meeting agreed that no subscription be payable by Associate Members.
8. The President reported on discussions with a representative of Medicaid and the Executive Secretary indicated that no proposal had yet been received.
9. The meeting considered the appointment of a part time Management Officer, Goal G, Objective 1, and considered the options and schedule of responsibilities prepared by the Executive Secretary.
10. It was agreed that a Fax machine be acquired for the President, if this could be obtained at a suitable price, and it was agreed that Mr Young would discuss the matter with Mr Frank Lindsay.

MARKETING

1. The Executive Secretary reported that there had been no further information from the Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust.
2. It was agreed that the President and Mr Herron would develop a policy statement in respect of the importation of honey, Goal A, objective 2.
3. The meeting noted the USDA National Honey Market News for March.
4. The President advised that Messrs Bray and Lyttle had agreed to provide N.Z. input for the IHEO report and the Executive Secretary was requested to communicate with Messrs Bray and Lyttle early each calendar month.
5. Mr Ward reported that no further information had been received from the USA National Honey Board regarding promotional material exchanges.
6. The Executive Secretary was requested to convene a meeting of the marketing committee to consider the marketing strategy for New Zealand honey, Goal A, objective 1.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS

1. Mr Young reported that he had obtained application forms from several trusts, and he undertook to forward these to the Trustees.
2. It was agreed that the President should indicate the Association's dissatisfaction to the Trustees relative to lack of advice of grants approved/disallowed, etc.
3. The meeting noted the letter from the Bay of Plenty branch concerning a questionnaire to ascertain the extent of the poor honey crop and its effects. It was agreed that if this was to be presented to the Trustees, the Branch would have to provide a detailed request to the Trustees, including costings

REPORTS

1. The President undertook to discuss with Mr Ian Berry the proposed regulation of agricultural compounds
2. The meeting noted the various reports and proposals in respect of the combined land user organisation.
3. The President reported that the Otago Branch were obtaining for the library a copy of the video from England entitled "A Monk and His Bees".
4. There was a nil report from the Apiary Advisory Committee.
5. The meeting noted the minutes of the Invermay Apiculture Research and Advisory Meeting of 30 March.

BRANCH MATTERS

1. It was noted that the South Island drought relief papers had been circulated.
2. Mr White reported on comments in the Nelson Area relevant to the ownership of pollen, and it was agreed that he would obtain the details of the legal opinion so that this could be circulated to the Executive.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Beekeeping Educational Enterprise of Sierra Leone to be referred to the Ministry and Telford.
2. A letter from Bangladesh concerning a visit to New Zealand to be referred to MAF and Foreign Affairs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2 pm Sunday, 23 July 1989, Unit 10, Pacific Park,
Dunedin

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 3.51 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

_____ DATE

JULY 89 MINUTES

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Inc., held in Suite 42, Pacific Park Hotel, 21-24 Wallace Street, Dunedin on Sunday through to Thursday 23/27 July 1989 commencing at 2.18 p.m. on Sunday 23 July 1989

PRESENT:

Mr Allen McCaw President in the chair

Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, D. Ward, G. White and S. Young

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr G.M. Reid, National Manager Apiculture
B.V. MAF

Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary

Mr N. Wallingford, Executive Member elect

APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received by Mr D. Ward.

MINUTES:

The minutes including the In-committee minutes of the meeting held on the 2/3 May 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign both sets of minutes as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

INDUSTRY CONFERENCE:

The meeting attended to various housekeeping matters relative to the conference including attendance of the Hon. Mike Moore, Conference luncheons at \$10 per head and the Executive Secretary reminded members in respect of the arrangements for hotel accounts.

The meeting agreed to recommend to the annual general meeting the conferment of Life Membership to Percival Ian Berry and Ivan James Dickinson.

Consideration of remits was deferred until Mr D. Ward had arrived.

General discussion took place relevant to the seminar and the Executive Secretary reported on the proposal from Mr Ted Roberts to tape the seminar for purchase by members who were unable to attend. It was agreed that this matter including the possibility of videoing of future seminars be considered under

general business at conference.

PUBLICATIONS
AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS:

1. The meeting was advised that there was no report from the Post Advisory Committee and it appeared that this aspect of the Association's activity was not required.

General discussion took place relevant to the remit on the amalgamation of the industry's two publications but it was the general opinion of the Executive that Buzzwords and the N.Z. "Beekeeper" served two distinct purposes.

2. The Executive Secretary reported on a response from Capricorn Communications Ltd and following general discussion it was agreed that no further action be taken.
3. The meeting noted advice from the South Western Districts that their proposal to last year's industry conference relevant to fill in videos for TV be not pursued.
4. It was agreed that the matter of health factors, a research project, be a matter to be considered by the Marketing Committee when it next met.
5. The President reported on correspondence and discussions concerning the commemorative recognition of the introduction of honey bees following which it was agreed:

a) that Mr Ward would ascertain the costs of providing a painting of Miss Bumby as distinct from the costs relative to the provision of a photograph. In the meantime the Executive Secretary to ascertain from the local Historic Places Trust whether they would be acceptable to the provision of a print/painting plus inscription for Mangungu Mission House.

6. The President reported that MAF were still exploring the aspect of an advertising cover for Buzzwords. He further indicated that Mr Bray was prepared to supply marketing information from the Packers Association for incorporation in Buzzwords.

7. Some discussion took place concerning the current stocks of "The Story of Bees and Honey" following which it was agreed that these be made available free to branches and members providing the recipients meet the cost of freight and distribution. The Executive Secretary to ascertain present packaging arrangements for the 28,000 pamphlets in stock.
8. With respect to the pamphlet outlining the activities of the NBA, it was agreed that a reprint of this be deferred pending the outcome of proposed legislation changes.
9. It was noted that stocks of the Profile document were exhausted and Mr Wallingford reported that the cost to reprint 500 copies would be \$1407 plus GST and in addition the document would require some updating. It was agreed that an application be made to the Trustees for the cost of this reprint.
10. The Executive Secretary reported to the meeting that it was normal for the annual subscription for the Beekeeper to be considered at the September meeting, but in the light of proposed legislative changes it maynot be practical to do this for the 1990 year.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

REMITTS

1. National Executive. General discussion took place in respect of this remit and an indication of branch support for such a proposal was ascertained.
2. No additional comment.
3. Waikato. It was the opinion of the Executive that this appeared to be impractical and would hamper forward planning.
4. Canterbury. Noted.
5. South Canterbury. It was noted that this was not in the accepted form for a remit and in fact was just a statement by the branch.
6. Canterbury. The meeting noted a fax message from the Waikato branch and was

of the opinion that this subject required informed debate.

7. Otago. General discussion took place concerning the sensitivity of this topic and the desirability of debate being taken in committee.
8. Waikato. It was suggested that this might be withdrawn in favour of remit 9 by Nelson.
9. Nelson. The committee was in favour of this remit.
10. Otago. The committee was in favour of this remit.
11. Bay of Plenty. The Ministry's advice ~~was that the~~ programmes were still available but of course now at a fee.
12. Canterbury. Noted by the committee
13. Bay of Plenty. Noted by the committee
14. South Western Districts. The information relative to the use of funds was currently available in the associations annual report.
15. Canterbury. No comment
16. Auckland. In general terms the Executive did not favour this proposal.
17. Marlborough. The Executive supported this proposal but were of the opinion that if it was to be introduced it should be undertaken by the Queen Breeders Association.
18. Bay of Plenty. Noted.
19. Waikato. Noted.
20. South Western Districts. The Executive were given to understand that this remit would be withdrawn.

MARKETING:

1. General discussion took place with respect to the notes of the Marketing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 1989 with particular emphasis on the development of a marketing strategy for New Zealand honey.

It was agreed that if at all practical

the Executive Secretary arrange a luncheon meeting between the President and Vice President of the NBA and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the N.Z. Honey Producers Co-Operative.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7.28 p.m. and reconvened at 8.40 a.m. on Monday 24 July.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G.M. Reid was in attendance at this stage.

ADVISORY

AND RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted the report of National Manager, Apiculture MAFQual for the Annual Conference and in general discussion Mr Reid updated the present staffing situation for the National Apicultural Business unit.
2. Mr Reid reported on a prosecution being undertaken by MAF in Auckland in respect of the illegal importation of honey and he further reported on advice given to the Australians through MERT relevant to chalkbrood.
3. General discussion took place relevant to the Primary Industries Levy Act and the proposed review of the Apiaries Act 1969.
4. The meeting received the proposal from MAFQual for the collection of the Apiaries Registration and Inspection Fee by the Whangarei office of MAFQual and it was agreed that this be considered at the September meeting in the light of conference decisions. The President also indicated to members his desire that the matter of regulations under the Primary Industries Bill should also be discussed at that time.
5. The meeting generally discussed the aspect of the possum control programme, it being the opinion of the meeting that the President would have to exercise care in policing the debate on this topic at the conference.
6. With respect to the ban on the importation of honey by the New South Wales State Government it was agreed that this matter be reviewed in the light of any statements made by the Minister at the opening of Conference.

7. The meeting noted that the report for Invermay Apicultural Research would be given to Conference.
8. It was noted that the Executive was to meet with interested Apicultural "researchers" at 10.30 a.m. later this morning.
9. The President expressed his concern as to the need for protection of Industry interests in research funding.
10. Mr Reid reported that he had responded to the University of New South Wales in respect to the availability of the Associations mailing list and the availability of the information sought.
11. The meeting noted the minutes of the Advisory Committee of the Ruakura Apiculture Research and Advisory Unit meeting of the 8 March 1989.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.27 to meet with persons interested in the establishment of an industry research committee and reconvened at 5.10 p.m. on Tuesday 25 July.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D. Penrose and P. Bray. An apology for absence Mr M. Reid.

- MARKETING:**
2. The meeting noted the report from the Marketing Committee in respect of the Apiculture and Marketing Research Development Trust.
 3. The President reported that, following the meeting he and the Vice President Mr Gavin White had had with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Co-Op - Messrs K. Ecroyd and S. Lyttle:-

Item A: For the I.H.E.O. survey Mr Ecroyd was prepared to provide information relevant to New Zealand; that he was prepared to accept comments from anybody within New Zealand for incorporation in the response but in the final analysis the information that would be sent to IHEO would be left to his judgement.

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Item B: General discussion took place with respect to a New Zealand Marketing strategy. The meeting agreed that this would take some considerable time to evolve but that dialogue should continue and the continuation of meetings by the Marketing Committee was desirable.

AUSTRALIA:

Mr David Penrose addressed the meeting relative to his recent visit(s) to Australia, discussions with representatives of the Australian Honey Board and statements made by the Chairman of that board in respect of the export by Australia of honey to New Zealand.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that a meeting be arranged for lunch time the following day involving the Executive, the Co-Op and the Manager of the N.A.B.U. together with Mr Penrose.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.31 p.m. and reconvened at 5.11 p.m. on Wednesday the 26 July.

MARKETING:

4. The President confirmed that Mr Bray had agreed to provide marketing information from the Honey Packers Association for incorporation in Buzzwords.
5. With respect to the questionnaires proposed to be sent to members by the Marketing Committee, it was agreed that the first questionnaire be sent but that a decision on the second be held over pending further consideration by conference.
6. The meeting noted the U.S.D.A. statistics for the period June '89 and also the New Zealand Export statistics for the month of May and the year to date May 1989.
7. Considerable discussion took place concerning the results of the meeting held at lunch time with particular reference to the exporting by Australia of honey to New Zealand. It was agreed that the President would submit to the Executive a draft of a letter to go to the Minister. Executive to

respond direct to the President.

With respect to the matters raised at the meeting it was resolved that Mr Dudley Ward would telephone Mr John Wells, the Manager of the Australian Honey Board to ascertain the up to date situation in respect of the concerns of Mr Penrose. Mr Ward would then report to the President on the outcome of this discussion.

8. The meeting noted that Mr Stuckey had presented to the Conference the outline of a honey stabilisation scheme.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting noted that the matter of financial management for beekeepers might be a topic for the seminar at the 1990 conference.
2. The President reported that Mr G. MacKenzie had been appointed the Manager of the Telford Apicultural Unit.

FINANCE:

1. The meeting considered the schedule of unpaid Hive Levies.
2. The meeting noted that no further action had been taken in respect of improved branch administration.
3. Accounts paid for May and June 1989 being cheque numbers 547222 - 547240 and 149801 - 149828 and totalling \$28,247.63 were approved.
4. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's financial statement (cash basis) for the 6 months ended the 30 June 1989.
5. With respect to the appointment of a Management Support Officer it was agreed that consideration of this proposal be undertaken later.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.34 p.m. and reconvened at 5.17 p.m. on Thursday 27 July 1989.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Mr G. Martin.

WELCOME

The President extended a warm welcome to Mr N. Wallingford attending his first meeting of the Executive and expressed on behalf of the Executive and the Association its appreciation to Mr Stan Young for his contribution to the industry.

REMITTS:

1. The Executive Secretary advised that he would be preparing the 1990 budget for consideration at the September meeting which will enable the Executive to establish what funds might be available for the appointment of a Management Support Officer.

The President advised the meeting that between now and the September meeting he would be giving consideration to the allocation of responsibilities to other members of the Executive.

It was agreed that the matter of a job description and person description for the Management Support Officer be finalised at the September meeting following which advertisements will be placed in the November Beekeeper and Buzzwords. It was however agreed that in the meantime an advertisement be placed in the September Buzzwords and November "Beekeeper" for people who would be interested in the position to register their interest.

The President indicated that he would give consideration to a short term contractual appointment between now and December to consider matters of urgent interest to the industry.

Remit 2: Withdrawn

Remit 3: Lost

Remit 4: The Executive noted that this needed to be industry driven and it would be desirable for a member of the Executive to take a prominent role in this industry activity.

The Secretary reported on an indication of interest from Mr Mike

Stuckey.

- Remit 5: Lost
- Remit 6: It was agreed that this was an aspect of Industry activity which could be included in the Presidents letter to the Minister as decided under Goal A Objective 2.
- Remit 7: Withdrawn
- Remit 8: Withdrawn
- Remit 9: It was agreed that the contents of this remit be drawn to the attention of the Minister.
- Remit 10: The Executive was given to understand that this matter was already included in Dr Mark Goodwin's research programme for next year.
- Remit 11: It was noted that it was a decision of MAF Policy Services not to include beekeeping in their financial monitoring programme and Mr Wallingford undertook to ascertain whether this could be actioned by the Bay of Plenty Branch.
- Remit 12 and 13: Mr White undertook to review earlier material on this subject and report back.
- Remit 14: It was noted that the use of Trust funds was already reported to branches and members as part of the NBA's annual report. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the Trustees for their opinion on the second proposal relative to the distribution of the Trusts' balance sheets.
- Remit 15: It was agreed that the President would prepare an article for inclusion in an issue of Buzzwords.
- Remit 16: Lost, but it was agreed that this matter be kept under review.
- Remit 17: The President indicated that Mr Reg Clarke was prepared to provide a more detailed proposal for

consideration.

Remit 18: Lost

Remit 19

and 20: It was agreed that a circular be sent to branches to ascertain
a) Those considering attending or
b) Those certain to attend a conference in Rarotonga. In the meantime the Secretary obtain confirmation from Hawkes Bay that they were prepared to host the 1990 conference.

REPORTS:

General discussion took place relevant to the new Land User Organisation.

**BRANCH
MATTERS:**

1. The President reported that he had received a response from Mr Matheson concerning the expression of concern from the Waikato Branch relative to matters appearing in minutes of general circulation.
2. The President reported on an expression of concern from Mr Gary Jeffries of Canterbury concerning drought relief and Murray Reid undertook to discuss the general concept with Mr Stuart White of MAF.

GENERAL:

It was noted that the Federated Farmers had made submissions on the Transport Law Reform Bill no. 2.

**INDUSTRY
TRUSTS:**

The meeting noted the Presidents letter to the Chairman of the Trustees.

The meeting received the draft application form prepared by the Trustees and it was agreed that this be considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

General discussion took place relevant to the lines of communication between the Trustees, the Association and applicants.

**DATE OF
NEXT MEETING:**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on the 12/13 September, (the date to be finalised by the President).

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.

PRESIDENT:

DATE:

SEPT 89 MINUTES

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC, HELD IN THE PORK INDUSTRY BOARD ROOM, 11TH FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, 114 THE TERRACE, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER 1989 COMMENCING AT 10.03 A.M. ON THE TUESDAY.

PRESENT: Mr A. McCaw, President in the chair, Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, D. Ward, G. White and N. Wallingford.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G.M. Reid, National Manager Apiculture MAF, Mr S.C. Goodman Executive Secretary, Mr R. Berry (part of the meeting only).

MINUTES: 1. The minutes of the meeting held 23/27 July 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after adding on page 8 item 2 under Education Mr "Gavin" McKenzie.

2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Conference of Branch Delegates held on 26/27 July 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and noted by the President as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Mr Ward reported that the Hawkes Bay branch had made representations to the Havelock North Council for the 1990 Conference to be included as part of the "1990 celebrations". The branch had suggested the possibility of postponing the Rarotonga conference until 1991. Reservations had been made at the Parkwood Country Lodge, Havelock North.

2. The President reported that Mr Russell Berry would be in attendance at lunch time to appraise the Executive of developments in respect of a conference in Rarotonga in 1990.

MANAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICER:

It was agreed that consideration of this item together with the 1990 budget be deferred until Finance and Administration.

RESOURCE
ALLOCATION:

The President tabled a paper in respect of areas of responsibility for Executive members together with sub committee membership. After some discussion amendment and addition the proposal as submitted was approved (see appendix I).

It was further agreed that letters of appreciation be sent to various members who had served on committees and provided assistance to the executive.

The President asked executive members to commence the forward planning process with the objective of providing proposals for the 1990/91 Industry plan in their particular areas of responsibility.

ADVISORY:

It was agreed that this be deferred until the attendance of Mr Murray Reid.

PUBLICATIONS
AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS:

1. It was noted that the reprinting of the pamphlet outlining the NBA activities had been deferred pending finalisation of new legislation.

2. It was noted that the reprint of the Profile Document now awaited approval by the Trustees for funding.

3. The meeting considered the paper from the Executive Secretary in respect of a review of the subscriptions for overseas members and it was agreed that no increase be instituted for 1990.

4. The meeting considered a letter from Mr Reg Clark, relevant to the annual Queen Bee quality competition. The Executive agreed to accept the concepts as outlined by Mr Clark and decided that the committee be a four person committee consisting of Messrs Clark, J. Dobson, G.White and T. Gavin.

Mr Gavin White undertook to convey the Executive's decision to Mr Clark.

5. With respect to the commemorative recognition of the introduction of Honey Bees the meeting noted a response from the Historic Places Trust. It was agreed that if this was acceptable to the Mangungu Mission Station Committee then the matter be proceeded with.

Mr Gavin White undertook to ascertain from the Editor of the Historic Places Trust magazine in Christchurch and Mr John Smith availability of the print negatives of Miss Bumby.

6. The meeting was advised that the response to advertising on the cover of Buzzwords as sought by MAF had not been as positive as hoped but negotiations were continuing.

It was noted that the proposed increase in postage when it came into effect would add an additional \$250 per issue to the costs of Buzzwords.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.18 p.m. for a working lunch for discussions with Mr Russell Berry.

MATTERS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES:

Following a presentation by Mr Russell Berry and considerable discussion by the Executive it was agreed:

That Mr R. Berry be authorised to arrange for the sending of information and proposed itinerary to all New Zealand Beekeepers with 6 hives and over for the 1990 Annual Beekeepers Conference, Seminar/Workshop, to be held in Rarotonga.

The Executive further agreed that:

If more than 130 bookings with a \$100 deposit were received by the 31 December 1989 deadline, the Executive would allow Waikato to proceed with this proposal.

MARKETING: 1. The meeting discussed with Mr Russell Berry the concept of importation of Australian honey, and the President advised him of his appointment to the sub committee to consider this subject. It was agreed that Mr Dudley Ward in consultation with the committee maintain regular dialogue with Mr John Wells of the Australian Honey Board.

GENERAL: 1. The meeting discussed with Mr Berry the New Zealand Pollination Association and possible national standards.

ADVISORY: 1. The meeting discussed with Mr Berry the possibility of establishing a committee to

investigate all matters relative to drug feeding. Mr Reid indicated that an estimate of the cost of such an undertaking would be \$500. Mr Berry indicated that Arataki would be prepared to assist with this cost.

TRUSTEES:

1. The President reported on his discussions with the Chairman of Trustees, Mr David Kay. He expressed his and the committee's concern at the need to improve lines of communication and suggested that it would be desirable to have a joint meeting with the Trustees at the time of the May meeting.

EDUCATION:

1. It was noted that the subject of financial management skills for beekeepers as a conference seminar topic would largely depend upon the venue.

2. The President reported that the Telford Bee Unit had obtained an additional 200 hives and that the next meeting of the management committee would be held on the 27 September.

3. The meeting considered that the matter of recording (tape/video) of future conference seminars was a matter for review by the Conference hosts.

4. Mr Wallingford reported that in respect of the Bay of Plenty certificate course it would be desirable for a meeting of the committee to take place on the Thursday (now Wednesday) following the December executive meeting.

FINANCE AND

ADMINISTRATION:

1. The committee reviewed the schedule of unpaid hive levies for 1989 and it was agreed that consideration be given to removing from the list of recipients of Buzzwords unpaid hive levy members after the due date.

2. Mr White undertook to discuss with Mr Roberts the matter of improved branch administration.

3. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for July/August 1989 being cheque numbers 149829 - 149860 and 149441 - 149453 totalling \$18,737.71.

4. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statements (cash basis) for the 8 months ended the 31 August 1989.

5. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's draft budget for the 1990 year and after considerable discussion it was agreed to defer a decision on this until the following day.

6. The meeting considered a letter from the General Manager of the Pork Industry Board relative to the administration fee for 1990 and the President reported that he had discussed this with Mr Allen Berry and the opinion was that the fee was fair and reasonable and it was agreed that this be approved.

7. General discussion took place in respect of the improvement of remits to conference and it was agreed that Executive members would consider the circular currently sent to branches with the intention of improving this for the 1990 conference.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 6.01 p.m. and reconvened at 8.35 a.m.

ADVISORY

AND RESEARCH: 2. The meeting noted the report of the Manager NABU for this meeting in respect of:

South Island Apiculture position
Auckland position
Apiaries act review; Agriculture Security Bill
Live Bees to the USA
1080 Banks Peninsula
Honey to Australia
Definition of an Apiary : Apiaries Act review
Disease - a - thons
ERP display at Hamilton

3. Mr Reid advised that the Commodities Levy Bill was at present with the drafting council. It was anticipated that the Bill would be available sometime in October and enacted by February. General discussion took place relevant to the ownership and availability of information obtained under the Commodities Levy Act and the Apiaries Act.

4. Mr Reid reported on the error at the Wallaceville Animal Research Centre relevant to the assessment of honey samples sent from the Waikato.

5. It was agreed that the matter of the circulation of Dr Ben Oldroyd's report be discussed later in the meeting.

6. General discussion took place in respect of the contract for the provision of Apiary Inspection by MAF and the Commodities Levies Bill. This had particular relevance to the fee to be paid by all beekeepers in respect of Apiary sites and the possibility of a one only payment system incorporating the association's hive levy. The meeting also considered the timing scale for the collection of the fee/levy in relation to the passing of legislation and the financial requirements/cash requirements of the Ministry and the Association.

The meeting considered the draft letter prepared by the President to be sent to all beekeepers in New Zealand detailing the proposal in respect of the apiary fee.

It was agreed that when the Commodities Levy Bill was available copies be obtained for all members of the Executive and that they would submit their comments direct to the President so that, if necessary, submissions could be made by the Association to the Select Committee.

7. It was agreed that the President would prepare a submission in respect of the Apiaries Act to ensure that the Association had access to information gathered by the Ministry under the terms of the Act.

8. Mr Gavin White reported on his attendance at the Pest Destruction Officers Annual Conference. There was general acceptance of a need for two way communication. The regulations were to be amended to provide for the distance from apiaries to be increased to one kilometre. Officers now had an action check list.

Following further general discussion it was agreed that the President would write to the Minister expressing the Association's prime concern at the use of jam baits. Copies of the letter to be sent to the Local

Authorities Commission and Federated Farmers. Further that a digest of the actions taken by the Executive be printed in a future issue of Buzzwords.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.24 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1.05 p.m.

ADVISORY

AND RESEARCH: 9. Mr Murray Reid reported that the new season's research at the Ruakura Apiculture Research Unit was now well underway.

The President reported that there would be a meeting of the Management Committee of the Invermay Apiculture Research and Advisory Unit later this month or early in October. He reported on discussions with Ms Barbara Barrett with reference to the future funding of Stephen Ogden's position as an Apicultural Researcher at Invermay.

10. The meeting considered the report in respect of the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee, and it was agreed, that subject to acceptance, the following committee be established:

Dr Mark Goodwin, Apiculture Scientist, Ruakura as Chairman; Nick Wallingford Polytechnic Tutor/NBA Executive member as Secretary; Dr Steven Ogden, Apiculture Scientist Invermay; Dr Alison Mercer, Zoologist University of Otago; Ted Roberts, MAF Apiculture Advisory Officer; Allen McCaw, Beekeeper/NBA Executive member.

The Executive Secretary to ascertain from the committee their willingness to serve.

The general conditions concerning the ARAC committee membership and its roll were approved by the Executive.

11. The meeting was advised that the grant to the CSIRO had been made by the Trustees. The Executive Secretary was requested to examine the files and ensure that the Industry's interests were suitably protected. Dr Denis Anderson was understood to be initiating some action from CSIRO Australia.

12. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary clarify the terms and conditions in respect of the DSIR grant funding for Ms Helen Murray.

13. Mr Reid reported that the disease diagnostic service at Lynfield would continue to be available on demand.

14. It was agreed that the ARA committee be asked to consider, as one of its terms of reference, the protection of the industry's interests in research funding.

15. Mr Wallingford reported that the Bay of Plenty Branch would be undertaking a pilot scheme in respect of a financial monitoring programme.

16. Mr Gavin White indicated that he had still to take action in respect of the code of ethics.

17. The meeting noted a letter from Mr Gavin, President of the New Zealand Queen Breeders Association to the Minister in respect of the importation of genetic material. Mr Reid assured the meeting that no new proposals would be approved without consultation with the industry, but did indicate that a further importation of semen was expected this year.

18. The meeting considered a letter from Davidson Apiaries Limited relative to the continuing problem in South Canterbury and the President undertook to respond to Mr Davidson detailing the considerable efforts made by the Association and by MAF on behalf of those affected beekeepers in the area.

19. Mr Reid indicated that the Ministry would be happy to prepare a report in respect of drug feeding including a literary search and consequences and/or benefits of such action. The cost of \$500 be included in the Association's request to the Trustees for financial assistance.

MARKETING:

2. Mr Ward suggested that it was now appropriate for the industry to give consideration to the generic promotion of honey. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary arrange a meeting of the marketing committee as soon as practical.

The meeting considered the draft questionnaire on production and it was agreed that Mr Wallingford would review the questionnaire and arrange for it to be included with the next issue of Buzzwords.

3. The meeting noted the U.S.D.A. Honey Market statistics for July 1989 and the Export statistics for the period to July 1989.

4. It was reported that the Co-op had arranged for Mr John Hartnell their Marketing Manager to co-ordinate the New Zealand report for I.H.E.O. Mr Hartnell had circulated exporters in the industry seeking their contribution to the IHEO reports each month.

5. It was agreed that the questionnaire on the financing of honey promotion be included with the production questionnaire referred to earlier.

INDUSTRY
TRUSTS:

2. The President reported that following discussions with the Chairman of the Trust and subject to the agreement of the other Trustees they will provide a financial summary for inclusion in the N.B.A's annual report along with details of grants from Trust funds.

3. The meeting considered the draft application forms and these were approved Mr Wallingford undertook to "tidy up" before submission to the trustees.

4. The meeting considered in committee the requests for assistance from the Trusts.

FINANCE
AND

ADMINISTRATION: 1. The meeting agreed that the Hive Levy for 1990 should remain at 48¢.

The subscription for ordinary members would be increased to \$30.00 plus GST and this will include the provision of Buzzwords.

INDUSTRY
TRUSTS:

5. It was agreed that the 1990 May meeting be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 1 & 2 May and the Executive Secretary to invite the Trustees to hold their general meeting at that time so that they could meet with the Executive Committee.

REPORTS:

1. The meeting considered the report from Mr I. Berry on the Pesticides Board meeting of the 15 August and noted the proposal to establish an Environmental Protection Agency.

The Executive agreed to the advertisement in the Orchardist on a 50/50 basis.

2. Federated Farmers. Mr Gavin White reported no further major developments but that the development of combined land user organisation was progressing.

3. The President reported on behalf of the Librarian that the videos were very popular amongst borrowers.

It was agreed that arrangements be made with Mr Wallingford for the library catalogue to be updated.

4. The meeting noted the report from Mr Lorimer that the Apiary Advisory Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Executive.

5. It was agreed that provision be made in future Agendas for specialty interest group representatives to report.

BRANCH
MATTERS:

1. The meeting considered the letter from the Waikato branch concerning the early voting at conference on remits and after considerable discussion decided it could create more constitutional and debating problems than it might solve.

2. The meeting considered the matter raised by Mr Penrose at Conference relevant to "Branch voting" on an amended motion at conference and decided that in the light of the rules no problems were envisaged.

3. The meeting noted the MAF South Central proposals relevant to the South Island drought package. The President reported that he had been consulted several times by Mr Withnall, MAF Timaru who had prepared the drought relief package relevant to beekeepers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The meeting noted the letter from Golden Grove Apiaries concerning the Bay of Plenty Young Beekeeper of the Year and it was agreed to await developments.

2. It was agreed that the Commercial

Pollination Association Inc of Auckland be admitted as an Associate member on the understanding that its membership be restricted to NBA members.

3. A letter from the Waikato relevant to members voting at branch meetings, Mr Wallingford advised that provision would be made on the receipting part of the levy system to advise members in which branch they were registered and suggesting that if this was not satisfactory, application for change would have to be made to the Executive.

With respect to the Branch comments on the Transport Law Reform Bill the Executive Secretary was requested to examine the files in the respect of this matter.

NEXT

MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held on Monday and Tuesday 11 and 12 December 1989.

CORRESPONDENCE:

4. The Executive Secretary was requested to compliment the South Canterbury Branch relative to the Timaru Herald article of the 11 July regarding the feeding of honey to birds.

GENERAL:

1. Mr Martin reported that the second reading of the Transport Law Reform bill will take place on the 2 December with a third reading on the 8 December. He advised that submissions were now being considered by the Select Committee and noting that Federated Farmers were considering a submission to the Human Rights Commission. He also reported that Federated Farmers had made submissions on behalf of all farmers which included those changes affecting beekeepers.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.27 p.m.

PRESIDENT

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 1989

NBA EXECUTIVE - AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
- SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	EXEC. MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE
Finance and Administration inc. Management Support Officer	Exec. Sec/All Exec. members
Trust Funds and Trustees	President/All Exec. members
Industry Planning	President/All Exec. members
Industry Conference	President/All Exec. members
Research: (a) Ruakura Research & Advisory Cttee	Nick Wallingford/Gerard Martin (Murray Reid) (A.D. Lorimer)
(b) Invermay Research & Advisory Cttee	Allen McCaw/Keith Herron
(c) DSIR Pathology - Mt Albert	Allen McCaw/ (Murray Reid)
(d) CSIRO - Australia	Allen McCaw/Nick Wallingford (Murray Reid)
(e) A.R.A. Cttee	Nick Wallingford/Gerard Martin (Ted Roberts)
Education: (a) BOP Polytechnic	Nick Wallingford/Gerard Martin
(b) Telford	Keith Herron/Allen McCaw
Marketing: (a) Research and Planning Cttee	Exec. Sec/Dudley Ward Keith Herron (Peter Bray, ?Co-Op Rep.)
(b) Honey Stock Stabilisation	Exec. Sec/Dudley Ward Keith Herron (Peter Bray/Mike Stuckey)
(c) Promotions Cttee	Gavin White/Dudley Ward (Ian Berry)
Publications and P.R.:	
(a) Buzzwords	President/Nick Wallingford (Andrew Matheson)
(b) Beekeeper	Gerard Martin/Allen McCaw (Ted Roberts)

Pubs. & PR Contd

(c) Other items	Nick Wallington/Gavin White (Andrew Matheson)
Pesticides Board:	(Ian Berry)/Dudley Ward
Federated Farmers: includes proposed Land User Group	Gavin White/Gerard Martin
Library Cttee:	Ketih Herron/Allen McCaw (John Heineman - Librarian)
Apiary Advisory Committee:	Gerard Martin/(Tony Lorimer Mike Stuckey/Murray Reid)
Branch Matters:	Refer to nearest Exec. member for action and/or recommendation, e.g. Waikato - Gerard Martin Canterbury - Gavin White etc, etc
Specialty Groups:	
(a) Queen Breeders Assn	Gavin White/Allen McCaw
(b) Pollination Assns	Nick Wallingford/Gavin White (Russell Berry)
(c) Packers Assn	Keith Herron/Dudley Ward (Peter Bray)
(d) Exporters (IHEO)	Dudley Ward/Keith Herron (John Hartnell)

CURRENT ISSUES

Funding Apiary Register and Inspections:) Allen McCaw
Commodities Levy Bill:) (Murray Reid)
Importation of Honey:	Nick Wallingford/Dudley Ward (Russell Berry)
1080 poisoning programme:	Gavin White/Allen McCaw (Murray Reid/Mark Goodwin)
Transport Law Reform Bill:	Gerard Martin
South Canterbury Area:	Keith Herron/Allen McCaw
Importation of Bee Stock:	Gavin White/Allen McCaw (Derek Bettsworth)

**IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 12 AND 13 SEPTEMBER 1989.**

TRUST

- APPLICATIONS:**
1. It was agreed that the Association would apply to the Trustees for financial assistance for
 - (a) the joint advertisement in the Orchardist with the Pesticides Board
 - (b) the reprint of the Profile Document
 - (c) the drug research project proposed to be undertaken by MAF.
 2. With respect to the application from Mr J.A. Davis for funds to cover part of the cost of research and development of JAD beeframe, it was agreed that this be not supported by the Executive, as in their opinion, it was a commercial proposal already subject to a commercial agreement and there were no stated benefits to the NBA.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

DEC 89 MINUTES

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. (INC)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. (INC) HELD IN THE PORK INDUSTRY BOARD ROOM, 11TH FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, 114 THE TERRACE, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY 11 AND 12 DECEMBER 1989 COMMENCING AT 10.36 A.M. ON THE MONDAY.

PRESENT:

Mr A. McCaw (President in the chair)
Messrs K. Herron, G. Martin, D. Ward, G. White and N. Wallingford.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr G.M. Reid National Manager
Apiculture MAF, Mr S.C. Goodman
Executive Secretary.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for lateness was received from Mr G.M. Reid and from Mr K. Herron.

MINUTES:

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 & 13 September 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

2. The In-committee minutes of the meeting held on the 12 & 13 September 1989 having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

1990 CONFERENCE:

The meeting noted that to date there had been no circular to members from Mr Russell Berry with regard to the 1990 Conference venue in Rarotonga. It was agreed that if no response had been received by the 31 December the Hawkes Bay Branch be confirmed as the venue as soon as practical in the New Year.

ADVISORY:

It was agreed that this be deferred until the attendance of Mr Murray Reid.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. It was noted that the reprinting of the pamphlet outlining the NBA activities had been deferred pending finalisation of new legislation.

2. It was noted that the reprint of the Profile document now awaited approval by the Trustees for funding.

Mr Wallingford reported that a reprint of a lesser number would almost be as expensive as the proposed 500.

3. It was agreed that payment for classified advertisements in the Beekeeper be made in advance.

4. The Executive saw no benefits in supplying the Beekeeper on consignment to retail outlets.

5. With regard to the commemorative recognition at the Mangungu Mission Station, Mr White reported that Mr John Smith did not have a print or photo of Miss Bumby and had suggested trying the Canterbury Museum. Mr White undertook to make further enquiries concerning the availability of a print/negative including the costs of reproduction. The President undertook to ask Mr Dawson to provide a suitable text and also undertook to discuss with Aidan Challice of Historic Places Trust, details to finalise the project.

6. The meeting was advised that there had been no further progress with respect to the advertising-Buzzwords cover-and Mr Reid confirmed this later in the meeting.

7. The President proposed that the matter of Association's publications be an item for consideration at the 1990 Annual planning meeting.

EDUCATION:

1. It was agreed that the matter of financial management skills for beekeepers be a suggested seminar topic subject to finalisation of the 1990 conference venue. Mr Ward undertook to advise the Hawkes Bay Branch of this proposal.

2. Mr Wallingford reminded the meeting that the Certificate of Beekeeping Committee would be convened following the Executive meeting. He also advised the Executive that although he would be continuing to be responsible for the Bay of Plenty Course, he would not in future be marking all of the scripts.

3. The President reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had met on the 27 September and at

present one student was enrolled, the unit would be extracting their own honey this year and currently had between 7-800 hives. The matter of a Marketing strategy to attract students was also discussed.

ADVISORY
AND RESEARCH:

1. The meeting noted the report of the Manager (NABU) for this meeting in respect of:

SI Apiculture Systems Manager (ASM)
ARIF Computer Programme
PNG
Diseaseathons
Border Control Review
Agriculture Quarantine Training
Commemorative Rose
RARA and IARA Meeting 13 December
Semen importation
Drug Feeding

In speaking to the South Island Apiculture position Mr Reid reviewed in detail the current funding arrangements. With respect to Agriculture Quarantine Training, Mr Reid suggested that a meeting in 1990 with the Ag Quarantine people in Wellington, similar to the Auckland meeting, would be an advantage.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.40 for lunch and reconvened at 1.23 p.m.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH:

2. With regard to the matter of Apiary Inspection and the South Island Apiculture position, the President reported on his meeting with MAFQual South.

Mr Reid advised the Executive that the Apiculture Business Unit would in the New Year come under the Animals section of MAFQual.

3. The meeting considered the letter of the 29 November from MAFQual - Apiary Registration and Inspection Fee (ARIF).

4. The meeting was advised that it was anticipated that the Commodities Levy Bill will be introduced to the House before Christmas.

PLANNING
MEETING:

It was agreed that the 1990 Planning Meeting be held at Flock House 12-15 March 1990. The Executive to meet after lunch on Monday 12 March 1990 with any visitors arriving on the evening of Monday, so that the planning meeting could commence early on Tuesday morning. The meeting would conclude before lunch on Thursday.

ADVISORY AND
RESEARCH:

5. Mr Reid reported that the Primary Products Bill would contain regulations including aspects of the current Apiaries Act not included in the Agricultural Security Act. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary advise the Ministry of this understanding of the Primary Products Bill, seeking confirmation and requesting to be kept advised of developments.

6. The meeting noted the letter of the 15 September from the Agricultural Pest Destruction Council with regard to the research contract on "Acceptance of Molasses Paste by Possums" and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain from the Council details of the field trials.

7. It was noted that the staff of the Ruakura Agriculture Research Unit would be meeting this week with the Invermay Apicultural to discuss Apicultural research and funding.

It was further noted that the Invermay Apiculture Research and Advisory Group had met on the 12 October and copies of the minutes of that meeting were made available by the President.

8. With regard to the Apiculture Research Advisory Committee, it was agreed that Dr Mercer's position be confirmed. It was noted that a meeting of the committee had been suggested for late January 1990. Alternatively could be held at the time of the Flock House planning meeting.

9. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the DSIR seeking an interim report in respect of the

research being undertaken by Helen Murray.

The President tabled a letter from Dr Dennis Anderson detailing Honey Bee Pathology projects for the period 1989/92 to be undertaken by Dr Anderson. jointly funded by the NBA and CSIRO Australia.

10. Mr Wallingford reported that there had been no further action with regard to the financial monitoring programme by the Bay of Plenty Branch.

11. The meeting was advised by Mr White that a circular had been sent to all branches with respect to the Code of Ethics requesting them to discuss the matter and report back by 1st March 1990.

12. The meeting considered a paper from MAFQual (Whangarei) with regard to Honey Bee Exotic Disease and Pest Response Industry Consultation together with a paper prepared by Mr Reid - Feeding Drugs to Honey Bees : NBA/MAF position paper for industry debate. The meeting agreed that this was a subject that needed in depth discussion within the industry. It was agreed that the papers be sent to selected members within the industry for comment and that Mr Wallingford would undertake this responsibility. The results would be categorised and sent to individual members of the Executive for consideration.

13. It was agreed that copies of Dr Ben Oldroyds report be circulated to Branches.

14. With regard to the importation of bee stock, the meeting was advised that quarantine facilities were available at either the DSIR or Ruakura.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting concluded at 5.32 p.m. and reconvened at 8.39 a.m. on Tuesday 12 December.

**FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION:**

1. The committee conducted a review of unpaid 1989 levies noting that there were still 23 payments outstanding.

The subject of supply of Buzzwords considered at the September meeting was noted as a matter for future decision.

2. Mr White indicated that there was nothing further to report in respect of improved branch administration.

3. The meeting considered and approved the schedule of paid accounts for the period September-October-November 1989 being cheques 149454 to 149500 and 15381 to 15388 and totalling \$42,096.14.

4. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement (cash basis) for the 11 months ended 30 November 1989.

5. The meeting considered the request from the Otago Branch for financial assistance from the seminar fund to the value of \$377.78. In view of the fact that the Association had already contributed towards Sue Walker's cost the request was declined.

6. The meeting considered the current circulation list of Executive minutes and agreed that the Beekeeping Tutor Bay of Plenty Community College be deleted from the list.

It was further agreed that private companies or individuals seeking copies of Executive minutes be charged and this charge be \$25.00 per annum.

It was further agreed that the New Zealand Honey Producers Co-Op be deleted from the circulation list and noting that Arataki Honey Ltd be amended to Mr Ian Berry, as Pesticides Board Representative.

7. The meeting was advised that a review of the circular currently sent to branches with respect to remits had still to be considered by members.

8. The meeting considered the current list of life members and it was noted that Mr H. Cloake (deceased) should be deleted.

The meeting then considered the complimentary list (N.Z. Beekeeper) and Honorary members, it was agreed that the

following be deleted:

Bay of Plenty Community College
Auckland Tool and Gauge
Ruakura Library
G.A. Beard
Flock House
Dr N. Moar
N.Z. Apple & Pear Board

It was further agreed that the DSIR
Auckland be added to the list.

9. Considerable discussion took place
concerning the appointment of a
management support officer and the
establishment of a job and person
description.

It was agreed that the Executive arrange
a 12 month contract commencing 1 January
1990 for a Management Support Officer on
the terms outlined to Conference and
further that the appointee be Mr Ted
Roberts with a title of Executive
Officer.

Matters to be considered by the
Executive Officer being Legislation,
ERP/Drug Feeding, Publications, Pest
Control and ARAC.

10. Considerable discussion took place
with respect to the Transport Law Reform
Bill noting that this matter had first
been raised at the 1987 Christchurch
Conference.

It was agreed that the Association would
make application for a partial exemption
under sub section 10 of section 70C
(section 15 of the Transport Law
Amendment Act) in respect of Log Books
for a radius of 100 kilometres of the
domicile of the vehicle. The President
together with Messrs Martin and
Wallingford undertook to draft this
application.

It was further agreed that members and
branches be advised that exemptions
under subsection(s) section 70B (15)
can only be obtained on an individual
basis and therefore it was agreed that
Mr Matheson and Mr Wallingford would
prepare a Buzzwords article to members
detailing the procedures to be followed.

Mr Martin undertook to advise Mr Russell Berry of developments in respect of the Transport Law Reform Bill.

MARKETING:

1. The meeting considered the notes of the Marketing Committee meeting held in Christchurch 9 November (appendix I).

2. Mr Wallingford reported that the letter to the Minister re imports of honey was still under consideration. It was agreed that this should be finalised but a decision on whether to send to the Minister should be deferred.

3. The meeting noted the USDA statistics for the month of October 1989.

4. The meeting noted the Export Statistics for the period to the end of October 1989.

5. The meeting noted correspondence from the IHEO and that Mr John Hartnell was currently supplying information in respect of the New Zealand market.

6. The President reported on a draft received from the Biological Council concerning a standard for Organic Raw Honey and advised on correspondence from Mr Peter Bray in respect of the first and subsequent drafts.

**INDUSTRY'S
TRUSTS:**

1. The meeting noted that the Trustees had not yet held their meeting scheduled for October to consider the applications forwarded following the last meeting.

2. It was noted that the Trustees had been advised of the proposed joint meeting with the Executive in May 1990.

3. It was noted that the Trustees had been written to concerning the provision of material for the annual report.

4. Mr Wallingford reported that the redraft of the Trust Fund Application forms had been sent to the Trustees for their final approval.

5. The meeting noted that as decided by the Marketing Committee an application to the Trustees for funds for Market Research had been lodged.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board. The meeting noted the report from Mr Ian Berry on the Pesticides Board meeting of the 18 October.
2. Federated Farmers. Nil report. The meeting noted the expressions of concern from Mr Mike Stuckey concerning the local authority reorganisation and rural representation.
3. Library Committee. It was noted that the update ad reprint of the catalogue was in hand.
4. Advisory Committee. It was noted that this committee had not met.
5. Queen Breeders Association. Mr White reported that the Association were made aware of the recent import of semen.
6. Mr Wallingford tabled a series of articles relevant to pollination and the establishment of an inspection monitoring service in the Bay of Plenty for Pollination.
7. Packers Association. Nil report.
8. Exporters, discussed earlier in the meeting.

BRANCH MATTERS:

1. The meeting considered a letter from the Auckland Association concerning the charge for honey house inspection. It was noted that this varied considerably throughout the country and it was therefore a matter between the individuals/branch and the local authority with the need for the council/authority to justify the fee being charged.
2. With regard to the Auckland branch concern about misconstruction of conference addressees, it was agreed that Mr Wallingford would respond.

GENERAL:

The President reported on his letter to Mr Paul Holmes following the interview on television with Mr Gaisford regarding beestings as a treatment for arthritis.

**OTHER
CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. The meeting noted the letter from

Lincoln College concerning their Charter.

2. The meeting noted the letter from the Royal Agriculture Society of England concerning the 8th Royal Show International Symposium.

3. Some discussion took place in respect of the possibility of ID cards for members to provide for any exemption for Transport Regulations granted to beekeepers.

MEETINGS:

1. It was noted that the next meeting would be the planning meeting at Flock House commencing on Monday 12 March and concluding on Thursday 15 March.

2. The next meeting of the Executive would be in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday 1 & 2 May 1990.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m.

PRESIDENT:

DATE: