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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE N.Z. PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11th FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 9th & 11th MARCH 1992, COMMENCING AT 10.10am.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President (in the Chair)
Miss F Trewby, Messrs K Herron, G Martin, N Wallingford and M Wraight.
In attendance: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary

Mr T Roberts, Executive Officer
(Monday only)

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th & 11th December 1991, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendment:

The reference on Page 9, item 16 under Advisory - should read "Queen Bee Producers Association Report - Nil."

MATTERS

- ARISING:
1. Mr Martin enquired in respect of the reference on page 9 to the Minister's decision not to re-convene the Apiary Advisory Committee and what action the N.B.A. proposed to take. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Mr Martin in the North Island, and Mr Wraight in the South Island, would liaise with the respective A.A.O's in their area to ensure that maximum information was available to N.B.A. members.
 2. The Executive Secretary reviewed the arrangements for the Planning Meeting the following day.

AGENDA: President indicated that there were at least 6 urgent items on the agenda paper and he proposed to consider these first before attending to other matters on the agenda paper.

One matter arising from discussion was the possible additional expenditure in respect of clinical tests to be undertaken with regard to the Waikato University manuka honey research; it was agreed that Mr Wallingford clarify the situation with Dr Molan as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 for lunch and reconvened at 1.20pm.

MARKETING:

3. (Continued)
The meeting again reviewed the paper from Floyd Marketing and in particular the three interim proposals contained in the report from the Focus Group.

The Executive spent some time in clarifying its requirements in respect of these three proposals, it was then agreed that a fax be sent to Mr Floyd as soon as practical, to seek clarification in respect of the matters raised.

4. Following advice from Ms Sue Jenkins of a Nutrition Conference to be held in Auckland in April, it was left to the President and Miss Trewby to further review the proposal with authority to arrange for Association representation at the conference if this was thought desirable.

It was agreed that financial assistance be sought from the Trustees for this conference attendance.

5. Meeting accepted the offer of Ms Sue Jenkins to pursue industry involvement in the visit to New Zealand of Julia Child, who would be visiting New Zealand in October this year.

- ADVISORY:**
1. The meeting noted that the Minister had agreed to the \$1.11 hive levy for the 1993 year.
2. Considerable discussion took place with regard to the Association's requirements of an endemic disease control system. The meeting reviewed the N.B.A. requirements and costings, and also reviewed the options currently before the Association from the Ministry being those received in 1991. It was noted that from the proposed \$1.11 levy for 1993, 50¢ was to be set aside for the endemic disease control proposals.

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4. Following the departure of Ms de Jong, the Executive further debated the three principles in respect of a commodity levy, i.e. item to be levied, the payer of the levy, and the supplier of the service.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.20pm.

5. Mr Don Crump from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Head Office, joined the executive for lunch, following which he reviewed the present official situation in respect of applications for a levy under the Commodity Levies Act.

Mr Crump indicated that Federated Farmers were apparently surveying their members to ascertain their response to a statistical survey, viz a viz a ballot - close off date for the survey being 31 May 1992.

6. It was agreed that the President would update members of the association on the present situation in respect of an N.B.A. Commodity Levy, with an article in Buzzwords.
7. It was agreed that the Executive would take no further action in respect of a commodity levy under the Commodity Levies Act until the matter had been further explored by the Land User Group of Federated Farmers.

ADVISORY: 3. The meeting considered the response from Mr Reid, National Manager, Apiculture, in respect of the A.F.B. Disease Control Programme. It was agreed that this be referred to the subcommittee appointed the previous day, i.e. The President, Vice-President and Mr K Herron. .

The Executive Secretary was requested to write to Federated Farmers to ascertain the current situation in respect of their endeavours in relation to the Commodity Levies Act.

With regard to N.B.A. representation at future meetings of the Land User Group the meeting reiterated its previous decision that it was desirable for the Association to be represented and in the event that Mr Martin was unable to attend he would endeavour to nominate a replacement.

It was agreed that invitations to the usual presenters to conference be extended, but that in view of the conclusion of Denis Anderson's contract, he not be included.

A decision on the attendance of Mr Bill Floyd at Conference was deferred until later in the meeting. The meeting noted the following dates for Conference matters:

- a) Remits close 8th June 1992,
Executive nominations close 26th May 1992,
Executive voting closes 26th June 1992.

EDUCATION:

1. It was agreed that the preparation of a video on basics be deleted from future agenda papers.
2. Miss Trewby reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had not met since the last executive meeting. She indicated that currently there were 9 students, of which 5 were from overseas.
3. Miss Trewby tabled the report of the Librarian to the Library Committee and this was received.

PUBLICATIONS

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PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. It was noted that there had been no further development in respect of the review of industry publications and editorship arrangements.
2. The meeting was advised that the Bay of Plenty branch had accepted the proposal that the Beekeeper of the Year be inaugurated in 1994.
3. It was agreed that the profile document be updated and reprinted. Mr Wallingford undertook to ascertain from Mr Van Eaton his availability to carry out the updating of statistics and content revision.

It was agreed that an application be lodged with the Trustees to meet the cost of this updating and reprinting.

4. With regard to the binding of past issues of the Beekeeper, it was agreed that this matter be left to the discretion of the Librarian.

9. With regard to the report and proposed tasks provided by the Focus Group, it was agreed that the Executive support an application to the Trustees the industry would meet one-third of that cost from the donations received to date for the marketing appeal. The President undertook to prepare the submission for the Trustees.

General discussion took place with regard to the need to be able to measure delivery and performance in regard to the marketing.

10. The meeting noted that there had been no further developments in respect of the "Safe Food" food hygiene regulations.
11. The meeting noted that there was nothing to report in respect of honey house regulation interpretation.
12. It was noted that there had been one response to the Beekeeper article on the gathering of honey samples and it was agreed that letters of appreciation be sent to Messrs Peter Bray and Steve Lyttle.
13. The meeting was advised that the appeal for funds for honey marketing and promotion had reached a level of less than \$7,000.
14. The meeting noted the export statistics for the one month in January 1992.
15. The meeting noted the report of the N.Z. Honey Packers Association conference call of 3rd February 1992.
16. The meeting noted the USDA monthly report for January 1992.

ADVISORY:

6. Advice from the Minister that he was unwilling to support the proposed changes to the Hive Levy Act at this time.
7. There was no further information in respect of the deferred legislation, i.e. Primary Products Bill Agriculture Compounds Bill.
8. The meeting noted a letter from the Pest Management Services Limited to the Executive Officer, and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to obtain a copy of the latest report of the Oxalic Acid trial results.

7. With regard to the establishment of a fax register for branches, Mr Wallingford undertook to include this on the "branch reporting form" discussed earlier in the meeting in respect of publicity.
8. Meeting considered the draft Annual Report for 1991 and subject to one or two minor amendments this was approved for circulation to members.
9. Meeting considered the unaudited financial statement for the 12 months to 31st December 1991 and the President and Vice President were authorised to sign these on behalf of the Association. The accounts were approved subject to final audit.

NEXT MEETING: It was agreed the visit with AQS in Auckland be limited to a visit to the Mail Centre.

The Auckland branch be requested to invite members of the Northland branch to the meeting with the Executive.

The Executive Meeting to commence at 10am on the Tuesday.

ADMINISTRATION:

10. The meeting considered a paper on suggested changes for the NZ Beekeeping Industry, recently received from Mr Russell Berry. It was agreed that members of the Executive would consider this paper and forward any questions to the Executive Officer by 31st March, who would then, refer these to Mr Berry so that the matter could be discussed at the April meeting.
11. With regard to Hive Levies not collected through the due legal process that in future the Executive Secretary would report these back to the Executive.
12. The meeting considered in-committee applications for deferrment of Hive Levy.
13. The meeting considered a letter concerning the level of hive levy and the Executive Secretary was requested to respond.
14. The meeting considered the schedule of accounts paid for December 1991, January & February 1992 being cheques : 792303 to 792350 and 792531 to 792360 and 3666821 to 366824 and 355825 to 355829 totalling \$55,042.70 were approved for payment.

AMERICAN FOULBROOD DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM: ESTIMATES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In all the estimates provided the target is 10% of apiaries or 2579 at an average rate of 10 apiaries per day including travelling.

3.0 MAF to carry out 1093 apiary inspections and beekeepers 1486 inspections, mostly during diseaseathons. MAF to pay wages to some temporary inspectors.

* Inspections: 109 days at \$306/day	33,572
* Kilometres: 48,000 at 50 cents	24,000
* Travelling allowance and accommodation: 35 at \$123/day	4,305
* Wages	5,000
* Administration: 177 days at 308/day (activities are as per 2.0 with an additional 49 days to organise diseaseathons).	54,516

- organising inspection programs
- attendance at field days, NBA and executive meetings
- publicity, extension, advisory
- counselling and disease management
- training and auditing part time inspectors
- preparing manuals and specifications for inspectors
- recording disease data
- preparing reports, budgets and statistics
- burning hives and controlling outbreaks
- legal (prosecutions, warrants, notices, delegations, Apiaries Act review)

* Tolls	1,400
* Aglinks	500
* Stores and protective clothing	1,400
	<u>124,693</u>

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IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. INC, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE N.Z. PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, 11th FLOOR, DALMUIR HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON 9th & 11th MARCH 1992.

TRUST APPLICATIONS:

1. N.B.A. application for the reprint and updating of the profile document \$2,000.
2. N.B.A. application for representation at the Health Department Nutrition Seminar, subject to a decision by the President and Miss F Trewby.
3. N.B.A. application of \$2 for \$1 subsidy to carry out the five tasks listed in Floyd Marketing proposal of 10th March 1992. (\$16,560 in total).
4. Executive agreed to support the application of R J Clarke for \$5,000 to study factors principally diet and production methods, that affect queen reproductive physiology. The object is to improve methods of queen production, so as to produce queens of superior physical quality.
5. DSIR Plant Protection seeking \$10,000 to develop a new diagnostic test for European Foulbrood, using DNA technology. Executive supported the request for this money.
6. Request from the Horticulture Crown Research Institute seeking funding to identify the relative importance of factors contributing to the spread of American Foulbrood disease. Funds sought \$25,000 supported by the Executive.
7. A request from Telford Rural Polytechnic for a \$500 bursary for their top student was supported by the Executive, noting however the decision of the Trustees taken at their June 1988 meeting.
8. N.B.A. - Certification Scheme for Organic Honey development contact with MAF \$1200.

HIVE LEVIES:

The meeting considered the request for deferment of Hive Levies and :

- a) approved the request of Ian McGregor of Tapanui to four schedule payments
- b) agreed to the deferment request by G R Mallard of Oxford for a deferment for 2 months
- c) Executive Secretary to ascertain details of Mr Bruce Stephens, Oamaru, liability for hive levy

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC HELD IN No.3 CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMERCE CLUB OF AUCKLAND, 27/33 OHINERAU STREET, REMUERA, AUCKLAND ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 28th & 29th APRIL 1992.

PRESENT:

Mr D Ward, President, in the chair
Miss F Trewby, Messrs K Herron, G Martin,
N Wallingford, and M Wraight

In attendance:

Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr T Roberts, Executive Officer
Mr M Reid, National Manager, Agriculture
NABU, MAF

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th & 11th March 1992, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:

The reference on page 6, Advisory 4 E.D.T.R. should read E.D.P.R.

The In Committee Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th & 11th March 1992 having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS

ARISING:

1. Executive Officer outlined the arrangements made for the following day to visit the overseas mail operation of the MAF Border Service.
2. It was agreed that the President would discuss with the President of the Auckland Branch the arrangements for the meeting this evening.
3. The meeting was advised that Dr Stephen Ogden was seeking comment from beekeepers in respect of the review of export certification procedure (bee products).

INDUSTRY

CONFERENCE:

1. The Executive Secretary indicated that the Associate Minister, Mr Denis Marshall had agreed to open conference, subject to being granted leave of absence from the House.

2. With regard to the attendance of Mr Bill Floyd at Conference it was agreed that this be discussed later under Marketing.

MARKETING: 1. A proposal that those who had assisted financially with the marketing appeal have their names displayed at conference was lost.

Executive agreed that a list of names of those who had contributed to the marketing appeal be published in due course in the journal.

The President undertook to make a formal approach to Chelsea Sugar for assistance in respect of the Association's marketing projects.

2. The meeting was advised that the application for financial assistance had been forwarded to the Trustees. Mr Wallingford commented on the need to measure the delivery against the proposal when considering any additional applications to the Trustees.
3. Miss F Trewby, in commenting on the Opening Day of the Nutrition Policy Conference, emphasised the impact that the new Food Regulations, Food Labelling Regulations and the desirability to harmonize regulations with Australia, will have on the industry.
4. In the light of comments from the Marketing Sub-committee concerning export statistics from the Department of Statistics, it was agreed that, at the September meeting, a luncheon be arranged with representatives from the Department.
5. Following the recommendation from the Marketing Sub-committee, it was agreed that the Executive draw up a set of Guidelines in respect of a Code of Practice, and that a committee comprising Mr Martin and Miss Trewby be set-up to report back to the December meeting of the Executive, so that, if desirable this topic could be a subject for the 1993 industry planning meeting.
6. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary make approaches to the Commerce Commission ascertaining options available to the industry in the event of any unfair competition.

7. It was agreed that consideration of the paper from Mr Van Eaton, with regard to the NBA conformity certification scheme for organic honey production, be considered the following day.
8. Mr Wraight referred to a paper Food Safety for the Future, by Mr Tom Robertson, discussing food handling and it was agreed that the industry take no action at this stage in respect of this matter.

EDUCATION:

1. Miss Trewby reported that the Telford Bee Unit Management Committee had met last week, and had been considering the criteria and timing of the two practical modules, 6 & 12 of the Correspondence School. In particular, the consideration of replacing them with correspondence modules.

Another matter discussed had been the weighting within the module structure. 23 students had been involved at the beginning of the year, of which 5 had now completed.

2. There was a nil report from the Library Committee.

ADVISORY:

At 12.15pm the Executive met with Dr Louise Malone, from DSIR, for a presentation in respect of a test kit for nosema, general discussion took place through the lunch recess. The Executive Committee recommencing its meeting at 1.25pm.

PUBLICATIONS

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PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Mr Wallingford reported that the reprint of the profile document was still under action.
2. General comment was passed in respect to branches response to the Ministry's draft schedule of conditions for importation into New Zealand of honey from Australia.
3. Miss Trewby reported on the Print Pac UEB Awards. It was agreed reference to these be made in the next issue of Buzzwords.

RESEARCH: 1.

The meeting noted that there was no report from the ARAC Meeting in Wellington, nor the Ruakura Agricultural Research Unit meeting in Mt Albert.

2. In discussing the proposal from the DSIR for the test kit for nosema the Executive agreed that any financial benefit, or even return on investment, was a matter in this instance, for the Trustees.

PUBLICATIONS
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4. The Executive Officer reported that, in respect of the draft schedule of conditions for importation into New Zealand of honey from Australia, all submissions would be considered by the end of May. The Ministry would then modify, abandon, or proceed with the draft protocol. He understood that, if there were to be any changes, the modified draft would again be re-circulated to those in the industry.

MARKETING: 8.

The meeting considered the recommendation from the Marketing Committee for the funding of marketing activities, and the meeting accepted the proposal that the focus group should make a presentation to the 1992 Conference in respect of the marketing proposals for the industry.

After considerable discussions it was agreed that the industry fund a marketing programme in 1993 by a 50¢ increase in the hive levy in 1993, and that, in addition, the Executive approach the Trustees for additional funding to further enhance the industry marketing programme.

In the light of this decision, the Executive further agreed to request the Associate Minister to defer the publication in the Gazette of the current \$1.11 levy for 1993. Reference to this deferment, together with an explanation of the reason for the deferment, be made in the next issue of Buzzwords.

With regard to the attendance at conference of Mr Bill Floyd, it was agreed that this matter, and any related costs be left to the President, Vice-President to resolve in consultation (if desirable) with the Hawkes Bay branch.

ADVISORY: 1. With regard to the contract for an endemic disease control system the meeting complimented the Executive Officer on the paper presented to the Executive.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.30pm, and met that evening with the Auckland Branch, together with representative from Northland and Bay of Plenty branches. The Executive reconvened on Wednesday, 29th April at 8.12 am.

ADVISORY: 1. (continued)...
Considerable discussion then took place in respect of the disease control programme and/or the contract for supply by the Ministry of Agriculture.

A proposal that the Executive Officer's paper be circulated to branches, and all beekeepers who were members of the Association was lost. It was agreed however that the paper be distributed to all levy payers for consideration, and urging discussion at branch level.

The Executive were of the opinion that a covering letter would be necessary, and it was agreed that this be referred to the sub-committee (set up at the last Executive meeting) to prepare.

It was also agreed that comment be received back by the 30th June and the Executive Officer undertook to summarise these submissions in time for Industry Conference.

The Executive noted its moral commitment to the Ministry for the provision of an endemic disease control programme and the Executive Secretary was requested to convey to the Ministry the Association's intention to negotiate a contract.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10am to visit the overseas mail operation of the MAF Border Service. Following its return to the Conference Room, and during a working lunch, further discussions were held with representatives of the Border Service. The Executive Meeting reconvened at 1.05pm.

ADVISORY: 2. Meeting noted that it had not received a copy of the Federated Farmers memo of 6 April 1992, concerning the Commodity Levies Act. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Federated Farmers requesting that the Association be kept informed of developments in respect of this topic.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Mr Paul Haywood, Convenor of the Commodity Levy's sub-committee of Federated Farmers as a follow up to the Association's letter of 16 March, 1992.

3. The Executive Officer reported that the policy document on bio-security had been referred to the legal drafting office for the drafting of the Bill. Indications were that its priority was slipping in the light of other Cabinet requirements.
4. With regard to other pending legislation, i.e. the Primary Products Bill and the Agriculture Compounds it was unlikely that these would see introduction in the foreseeable future.
5. The meeting noted the letter from the Executive Officer to Pest Management Services Limited seeking a copy of Jim Bell's report on the Trial of Oxalic Acid. As this report had not yet been received it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Associate Minister, outlining the Association's problems in respect of obtaining reports and expressing its concern in respect of public safety. Mr Wallingford undertook to draft this letter for signature by the President. Copies to be sent to the National Science Strategy Committee for the Control of Possum/Bovine TB, and to the Minister of Research Science and Technology.
6. Executive Secretary reported that he had written twice to the Ministry concerning the Debriefing Paper on MAF Quality Management - European Foulbrood Response, but a response had not been received. It was agreed that the Executive Officer make further enquiries in respect of this matter.
7. General discussion took place on the action taken by the Ministry, following the Nelson emergency, and it appeared that the only action in respect of A.F.B. had been a letter to the respective beekeepers involved.
8. The meeting noted that the Executive Officer would be acting as the co-ordinator in respect of the research by the Conservation Department on beehives on Conservation land.
9. Mr Reid reported on another suspect swarm in another car factory, reported as negative.

10. Mr Wallingford reported that there been a considerable increase in the number of hives placed, by Bay of Plenty members, for pollination this year.
11. Pesticides Board - nil report.
12. Queen Bee Producers' Association - nil report.
13. With regard to the letter from N J Gouwenberg it was agreed that the Executive Secretary supply him with a copy of the MAF Press Release and the issue of Buzzwords in respect of the Nelson emergency.
14. Mr Reid tabled a Bee World publication - Beekeeping Leading Agricultural Change in New Zealand.
15. Mr Reid reported that Varoa had been confirmed in the United Kingdom.
16. Mr Reid reported that in respect of the United States purchasing Queens from New Zealand, further research and sampling was being undertaken, but it was not anticipated that a market would be available this year.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Executive Secretary reported that a response had not yet been received from the Trustees in respect of the applications considered at the last meeting of the Executive.
2. The Executive Officer reported he had had discussions with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance group concerning insurance cover and noted that in due course they would come back to the Association with an appropriate discussion document.

Meeting was advised that no information had been received from Mr Stevens in respect of his costs and losses and therefore consideration of an ex gratia payment could not be undertaken.
3. The meeting noted that an exchange of letters had been completed with the Ministry in respect of the contract for the Management Support Officer.

4. With regard to the proposals from Mr Russell Berry on N.B.A. administration, it was agreed that this be distributed to all beekeepers with over 50 hives. It was further agreed that Mr Berry be thanked for his paper, and enquiring whether he, or the Waikato branch, might be presenting the proposal as a remit to Industry Conference and so ascertaining members response to the proposal.

5. Meeting noted that a limited Mailing List had been made available to Nexus Packing Systems.

It was agreed that a request of OTM Limited for a mailing list be declined.

6. The meeting received the report from Morrison, Morpeth in respect of unpaid Hive Levy's for 1991.

7. The meeting considered the schedule of accounts paid for March 1992 being cheques :
266830 - 266849 and totalling \$78,065.51 were approved for payment.

8. Meeting noted a request for a hive levy deferment. The Executive Secretary was requested to indicate to the applicant that a deferment could not be granted as it was after the specified date. The Executive agreed to accept the payment proposals suggested, noting that this did not provide the beekeeper with any voting rights until payment in full.

9. Meeting considered a proposal from the Waikato branch that any decision regarding the increase of hive levy be left until after the Annual Beekeepers' Conference. It was agreed that the Waikato branch be advised that the Executive is committed to a \$1.11 levy which, in addition to normal activities, would fund the endemic disease control programme. However it should be noted that as a consequence of the Executive's earlier decision in respect of a proposed marketing levy, the Associate Minister had been requested to defer the publication of the 1993 levy in the Gazette.

10. The meeting considered a proposal from Medic Aid for a group scheme for NZ Beekeepers and the Executive was of the opinion that this was not of benefit to members.

11. The meeting discussed the request from Mr Russell Berry for copies of correspondence, and was of the opinion that such a request from members should be

complied with where practical, but noting that the cost of such compliance would be the responsibility of the member, and further noting that there may well be time constraints on delivery.

FEDERATED FARMERS:

The meeting noted that the Association representation at meetings of the combined Land User Group had been discussed earlier in the meeting when the Executive reaffirmed its previous decisions that it was desirable for the Association to be represented at meetings of the Land User Group, and that in the event that Mr Martin was unable to attend he would endeavour to nominate a replacement.

ADMINISTRATION:

12. Miss Trewby reported that, in discussion with Mr Stevens, it had been ascertained that he had not submitted information in respect of his costs and losses as he had been waiting for his current year's financial statements. It was agreed that the Executive would again review this matter at the July meeting.

- GENERAL:** 1. Mr Wraight reported that he had been advised that with respect to Tutu in the Marlborough area, samples had been taken from 9 sites in late January, and further samples taken in March.

- MARKETING:** 9. With respect to the paper prepared by Mr Van Eaton on conformity certification scheme for organic honey production, it was agreed that this be circulated to the Exporters and Comb Honey Associations, requesting them to comment on the proposals by 30 June.

- GENERAL:** 2. Mr Herron sought comment in respect of requests being received from the Southland Area Health Board.

3. Executive Officer reported on responses in respect of the MORST/FORST Priority Setting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive would be at the time of Industry Conference, and will commence at 8.30am on Monday 20 July 1992

- CLOSURE:** The meeting concluded at 5.00pm

Chairman

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC HELD IN SUITE 822, ANGUS INN MOTOR HOTEL, RAILWAY ROAD, HASTINGS ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 20, 21 & 23 JULY 1992, COMMENCING AT 8.35 am ON 20 JULY 1992.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President, in the Chair
Miss F Trewby, Messrs K Herron, G Martin, N Wallingford and M Wraight.

In attendance:

Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary

Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

Mr G M Reid, National Manager, Agriculture NABU MAF

Mr R Bensemman, Executive Member elect

CONFERENCE: It was agreed that the top table for conference comprise the President, Executive Secretary, Vice President and Executive Officer.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th & 29th April 1992 having been circulated, were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS

ARISING: General discussion took place in respect of benefits of holding executive meetings in centres other than Wellington, and it was the general opinion that this was desirable over a period of time.

CONFERENCE:

1. The Executive Secretary reported on the delayed arrival of the Associate Minister, and it was agreed that where appropriate, conference presentations be advanced accordingly.
2. In considering the various remits to be presented to conference, it was agreed that the normal procedure of reading the remit be dispensed with.

REMIT 1. Mr Wraight reported that his enquiries in respect of this matter, had indicated that, it would be inappropriate to be involved "with the situation until the matter settles down".

REMIT 2. It was noted that this matter was already under review by Executive, and it was anticipated an interim report would be available for the December

in respect of this proposal.

REMIT 4. The Executive was of the opinion that the proposal would be contrary to government

REMIT 5. General discussion took place with respect to Remit No.8 (left on the table at the last Conference), and it was considered by the Executive that it was necessary for the "industry" to establish its attitude through financing of marketing.

REMIT 6. Following an update on the situation from the Executive Officer, including the indication that another draft protocol was to be released, the opinion of the Executive was that they had taken the strongest possible action to date. It was noted that the contribution provided by branches had been agreed to ascertain from Mr Reid what had been received for the importation of Australia.

REMIT 7. The Executive questioned the prioritizing of problems raised in this remit as it was of the opinion that each matter was of equal importance. The Executive agreed that Mr Reid should be requested to provide additional information as to the current situation.

REMIT 8. The Executive were of the opinion that to arouse "island" differences. There were matters of commonality between the island divisions. In any case, it was undesirable to create more divisions than already existed in the industry.

REMIT 9. The Executive were of the opinion that this was an important issue.

REMIT 10 & 11. It was agreed that the Executive should listen to the wishes of the membership, the problems that might occur in respect of a limited time span and the geographical representation.

REMIT 13. It was agreed to seek further comment from the membership but the Executive noted that the criteria in respect of exports was generally set by the importing country.

REMIT 14. It was agreed to seek comment from Drs Mark Goodwin and Barry Donovan.

REMIT 15. Executive noted that this matter had been discussed at the 1991 conference, following remits from Mr Bassett. The Executive had subsequently corresponded with the Animal Health Board.

Mr Martin reported on correspondence received by Mr Bassett from the Wanganui/Manawatu Regional Council. Following general discussion, it was agreed that the Executive further discuss the matter with Mr Nelson.

REMIT 16. It was agreed that this matter should be considered with Remit 18, noting that the Executive had already written to the Minister who had declined to pursue the matter in the light of the availability of the Commodity Levies Act, and the sunset Clause in respect of the Hive Levy Act.

REMIT 19, 20, 22 & 23. Executive Officer reported that he had received approximately 7 responses from branches and one or two from individuals. Most favoured a programme being developed by the industry; 4 favoured branch involvement, but few favoured branch organisation. The Executive Officer was requested to comment during the early stages of the presentation of these remits.

REMIT 21. No debate.

REMIT 24. Mr Bensemenn commented that the intent behind the remit was an incentive to "non hive levy payers" to become hive levy payers. It was the opinion of the Executive that the proposal would not come within the Apiaries Act, although it might come within new Regulations which could be produced.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm for lunch, and reconvened at 1.10pm.

CONFERENCE:

REMIT 25. Executive Officer reported that the section within the Ministry responsible for this aspect of the industry, was MAF Policy, and it related to risk management and the cost/benefit to the nation. It would be therefore incumbent upon the association to be able to state a case "in the national interest".

Discussing this matter, the Executive went into committee to consider the aspects of the Nelson situation.

While discussing this remit, the Executive Officer reported on discussions currently being held with the Farmers Mutual Group.

REMIT 27. The Executive questioned the practicality of the sampling base proposed by this Remit, and suggested that an input from Dr Mark Goodwin would be of assistance to conference.

REMIT 28. This being in similar vein to the previous Remit it was further suggested that Dr Mark Goodwin make some contribution in respect of the suggested statistical viability.

REMIT 29. Executive was concerned as to who would carry the proposed sampling, and how the analysis would be funded.

REMIT 30. In considering this remit, lengthy discussions took place as to the request from Mr Russell Berry for the holding of a Special General Meeting. The legal opinion from Morrison & Morpeth in respect of the change of Rules of the Association was also discussed.

REMIT 31. In considering this remit the Executive also considered a late remit (No.33) from South Canterbury. The Executive favoured the setting up of a subcommittee of senior members of the Association who had had experience in NBA administration.

REMIT 32. Meeting was advised that it was intended to proceed at Gore as the venue for the 1993 Conference (to be organised by the Southland branch) with suggested dates of 5/9 July 1993.

REMIT 15.

a) The Executive Officer reported on discussions with Mr Nelson, and in particular the proposal to educate Pest Destruction personnel on the correct way to conduct trials in respect of the bee repellent.

b) Mr Martin reported on discussions with Mr Bass and it was agreed that the NBA meet with persons involved in the King Country, and that the Association be represented by the Executive Officer together with the President or Vice President.

2. The Executive had no input in respect of the special interest groups.
3. There were no nominations for Life Membership.
4. The Executive Secretary reported that the only reports received to date were from Dr Louise Malone, and Mr John Heinemann.
5. In the light of the opinion of the Solicitor and the problems encountered by the Executive, with respect to rule changes, it was agreed to advise the Annual General Meeting, that the Executive propose to hold a postal ballot to:
 - a) correct the previous irregularities,
 - b) to standardise Rule 29 and its subsections
 - c) to place before Members the proposed alterations from Mr Russell Berry, providing these received support from meeting of Branch delegates, (noting in particular Remit 30).
6. It was agreed that the offer of videoing the Industry Conference be declined.

MARKETING:

1. The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made with the Editor to list the contributors to the Marketing Appeal.

The President indicated that he would be discussing with Chelsea Sugar their support for the Marketing Fund at this Conference.
2. Executive Secretary reported that arrangements were in hand to meet with the Department of Statistics at the September luncheon.
3. It was noted that the guidelines in respect of the Code of Practice were not due until the December meeting.
4. The meeting noted the response from the Commerce Commission in respect of unfair competition, and it was agreed that copies of this be made available to Airborne Honey and the Co-Op.
5. It was noted that several requests for a copy of the Certification Scheme for Organic Honey Production had been received, but no comments had been provided to the NBA.

It was agreed that a copy of the proposal not be supplied to either Mr Jeffrey or the Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association.



Association.

8. The Executive endorsed the action taken by the President in respect of the meeting to discuss controls on methylbromide.
9. Mr Herron reported on the preparation of IHEO Reports and it was agreed that Mr Herron continue to provide these reports.
10. The meeting noted the export statistics for the period to May 1992.
11. The meeting was advised that there had not been recent Packers Association Conference call, although it was noted that the Association would meet today.
12. The meeting noted the USDA Honey Market Report for the month of June 1992.
13. The meeting noted comments from Mr Terry Gavin concerning imports from Australia.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting considered a proposal from the Librarian in respect of back copies of the NZ Beekeeping Magazine for IBRA, and it was agreed to acquiesce to this proposal.
2. The meeting noted the availability of Beekeeping Publications from the Cawthorn Institute, and that this was being handled by the Librarian.
3. Ms Trewby reported that the Telford Bee Management Committee had not met since the last meeting of Executive. She did however report that several members of the MAF staff had enrolled under the Correspondence Course.
4. The meeting noted the Librarian's report for Conference.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. There was no further information in respect of review of industry publications and editorship arrangements.

2. Mr Wallingford reported on actions being taken by Mr Cliff Van Eaton in respect of the update of the profile document. These were accepted by the Executive.
3. The Executive decided to take no action in respect of the new rural publication yet to be prepared by Yeldar Publishing.
4. It was agreed that copies of material be provided to the Vice President of the Southern North Island branch to assist him in providing a monthly newsletter to branch members.

- RESEARCH:**
1. It was agreed that the Agenda Item - Establishment of a Beekeeping Research Unit (Mary Bumby Memorial Fund) be deleted.
 2. It was noted that a report from the ARAC Meeting held in Blenheim 1992 was still not available.
 3. Mr Wallingford reported having attended the previous week, the meeting of the Ruakura Agriculture Research Unit, and he indicated :
 - a) That Dr Goodwin had been absorbed into the Horticultural and Food CRI and would be funded in part by the Kiwi Fruit Marketing Board, this Association, and from contestable funds.
 - b) Dr Goodwin's major research project had been the artificial means of pollination.
 - c) Further research had been conducted in respect of the drifting programme, and the location within the hive.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.35pm and reconvened at 8.07 am on Tuesday 21st July 1992.

PRESENT: In attendance Mr Murray Reid.

ADVISORY:

1. The President reported that not much progress had been made by the subcommittee in finalising an agreement with the Ministry for an Endemic Disease Control programme. A figure of \$75,000 had been quoted for a revised programme, involving less Ministry input and greater beekeeping input.

Considerable discussion took place in respect of the failure of the subcommittee to complete negotiations for a contract with the Ministry, for the supply of an Endemic Disease Control system, based on the decisions made by the Executive at their March 1992 meeting.

Control Programme to be supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture.

It was agreed that Ms Trewby be added to the subcommittee and it meet as and when practicable throughout the day to finalise this matter.

The Executive Officer summarised for the info the Executive the response to the paper sent to the beekeepers, noting none were totally against the proposal, and none in favour of a total eradication programme. It was agreed that the Executive look at this response in the light of consider the responses by a working party.


7. | With regard to the Diseaseathons, it was agreed Trewby and Mr K Herron would draft a questionnaire sent to branches to ascertain how effective the diseaseathons had been.

2. Mr Martin reported that the Land Users Group of Federated Farmers had met the previous week, but had been unable to attend as had Mr Michael W. Mr Wright indicated that in conversation with Mr Hayward of Federated Farmers, there had been no progress in respect of solving the problem of the Commodity Levies Act.
3. Executive Officer reported that the Biosecurity Legislation had been upgraded from C to B, and anticipated that it would therefore be introduced in House prior to Christmas.
4. The Executive Officer reported that policy had yet been written for the Primary Products Bill and Agricultural Compound Bill.
5. The Executive Officer undertook to have discussed with Mr Bassett, concerning the Possum Control Programme report back to Executive before the conclusion of the Conference.

6. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary seek a response from the Minister to the Association's letter of the 25th May 1992.
7. The meeting noted receipt of the MAF Quality Management Debriefing Report, Suspect European Foulbrood, Nelson, and it was agreed that copies of this also be made available to Messrs A McCaw, I Berry, G White, and D Haycock.
8. Considering the enquiry from Mr Dobson relative to progress on the 1989 Otago Remit on Wasp Control, it was agreed that the Executive Officer arrange for Mr Dobson to meet with Dr Mark Goodwin.
9. Mr Reid tabled his Annual Report which was to be presented to Conference the following day.

He further reported that approval had been given for the appointment of a new Advisory Officer based at Invermay.

With regard to the protocols for the importation of Australian Honey, copies of the revised document were made available to members of the Executive and it was noted that copies would also be sent to those who had responded to the previous document.

10.  Mr Wallingford commented on the offer of the Kiwifruit Pollination Association, and he indicated that an endeavour to establish quantification was being undertaken and that he would work with them to develop the proposal.

11. Pesticides Board: Nil report.

12. Queen Bee Producers Association: Nil report.
It was agreed that Ms Trewby would accept responsibility for this topic in respect of Executive activities.

13. A letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources Development at Kiribati. It was agreed that this be referred to Mr Gavin McKenzie.

**FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION:**

1. The meeting noted the report of the Trustees in respect of the February applications, noting that financial assistance for the attendance at the Nutrition Conference would be considered in the September meeting.

CONSIDER THIS MATTER.

It was noted that proposals were still awaited from insurance companies.

3. With regard to the proposals from Mr R Berry for c) to administration it was agreed to await the outcome of the Conference response to the remits.
4. Meeting considered the financial report from the Marlborough Branch on the 1991 Conference, and as surplus had been generated from "related" Conference activities it was agreed to acquiesce the Marlborough Branch request that the surplus funds be credited to the Marketing Fund.
5. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's interim report concerning finances for diseaseathons.
6. It was agreed that no action be taken meantime in respect of the second round of Trust Applications, the Executive did agree to give urgent consideration to the University of Auckland request. This seemed appropriate after the conference deliberations.
7. The meeting considered the schedule of unpaid hive levies.
8. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement (cash) for the 6 months to 30 September 1991.
9. The meeting considered the schedule of accounts payable for May/June 1992 being cheque numbers 366850 - 366798 totalling \$68766.95 and these were approved for payment.
10. Executive Secretary expressed concern at receipt of abusive telephone calls to the Receptionist at the Industry Board at the time the Pork Industry Board was relocating offices, and indicated that similar situations would not be tolerated by the Pork Industry Board. The Executive requested the Executive Secretary to convey the Association's apologies to those people involved.

11. It was agreed that at the September meeting the Executive give consideration to establishing a policy/package to accommodate requests from school children for information for school projects.

**FEDERATED
FARMERS:**

1. The meeting considered a proposal from Mr Gavin, reference to representation at Federated Farmers. It was agreed that Mr Martin discuss this matter with Mr Gavin, but it was essential to retain a watching brief in respect of matters being considered by Federated Farmers.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10.45am and reconvened at 7.05pm.

CONFERENCE:

1. The Executive Secretary reminded Executive of the arrangements for the hotel accounts at the conference.

**BRANCH
MATTERS:**

1. Meeting considered two notices of motion from the Waikato Branch:
- a) In respect of normal quarantine operations for all air traffic from Australia, Mr Wallingford undertook to draft a suitable letter to the Minister for signature by the President.
 - b) Seeking availability at Conference of options in respect of the disease control programme. The Executive Officer undertook to ascertain more specifically the requirements of the Waikato Branch in this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the NZ Engine Reconditioners Association with regard to the effect of the importation of second hand vehicles and engines to New Zealand. The Executive decided to respond by stating its policy in respect of agricultural security.
2. Copies of correspondence from Arataki Honey to the Manawatu/Wanganui Regional Council - reference to 1080 poison. This was noted in relation to the debate on the subject earlier in the meeting.
3. Letter from Dr Mark Goodwin, concerning research funding and the investigation into the potential of using wasp traps. It was agreed to refer this to the trustees with a recommendation that the funding already approved be proceeded with.

Australia. It was agreed that the Executive Office would draft a response from the Association, but that the meantime the attention of branches being drawn to this document.

GENERAL:

It was agreed that the Executive Officer make further enquiries in respect of the research by the Conservation Department on beehives on Conservation land, discussed at the April 1992 meeting.

DATE OF NEXT

MEETING: It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive would be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15 & 16 September 1992 at the offices of the Pork Industry Board, 94 Dixon Street, Wellington.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7.40pm and reconvened at 6pm on Thursday 23rd July 1992.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair.
Ms F Trewby, Messrs R Bensemann, G Martin,
N Wallingford and M Wraight

In Attendance: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer
and for part of the meeting - Mr K Herron, representative
Executive Member.

1993

CONFERENCE:

It was agreed that, if practical, the 1993 Conference commenced the week of Monday 19 July.

MARKETING:

It was agreed that Mr Wallingford replace Mr Herron on the Marketing Committee.

RULE CHANGES:

After some discussion it was agreed that the holding of a Postal Ballot/Special General Meeting be considered at the September meeting which will enable the Executive to consider the options available.

Matters to be addressed were changes to Rule 29 and the procedures to ensure the correctness of all changes passed at previous Annual General Meetings.

ADVISORY:

The importation of honey from Australia had been discussed earlier in the meeting when the Association's response would be drafted by the Executive Officer. It was agreed that he would also circulate the matter to branches for individual action and the lobbying of local backbench MP's.

RESEARCH: Mr Wallingford reported that the committee had met during the time of Conference, and a full report would be available for the September meeting. Endeavours would be made to obtain funding to assist the Wasp Parasite Programme.

Endeavours were to be made to solicit small donations to enable the Research funds to grow.

The covering letter for Trust Applications was still under review as were the development of guidelines for a Scholarship.

FINANCE: It was agreed that a letter of concern be written to the Trustees as they had not processed the February applications within the time scales set by themselves.

ADVISORY: Ms Trewby reported that the contract for the disease inspection programme was still to be completed. It was agreed that upon completion it be circulated to all Executive members for initial consideration. The amended document then to be provided to the President for discussion with MAF Quality Management, and following those discussions, the final document be referred to the Association's solicitor.

FINANCE: It was agreed that urgency be given to the finalising of the 1993 hive levy now that the Association had resolved the matter of a marketing levy.

1992

CONFERENCE:

It was the opinion of the Executive that many of the remits could await action until the September meeting, but resolved action on the following matters.

wright coordinate on the article and report on responses received.

**DATE OF
NEXT**

MEETING: It was already noted that this is to be held at Wellington on 15 & 16th September, 1992.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 7.14pm

_____Chairman

_____Date

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ (INC)

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, NZ PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, WALSH-WRIGHTSON TOWER, 94 DIXON STREET, WELLINGTON, ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 15th & 16th SEPTEMBER 1992, COMMENCING AT 10.00am ON TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 1992.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the chair

Miss F Trewby, Messrs R Bensemman, G Martin, N Wallingford and M Wraight.

In Attendance: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer
Mr G M Reid, National Manager,
Apiculture, NABU, MAF.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence on Tuesday 15 September was received from Mr G Martin.

- MINUTES:
1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th, 21st & 23rd July 1992, having been circulated were taken as read and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
 2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Conference of branch delegates were taken as read and the President was authorised to initial them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS
ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES:

It was agreed that Mr N Wallingford, and not Miss Trewby would accept the responsibility for matters relevant to the Queen Bee Producers Association.

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

1. The meeting was advised that the date for the 1993 Conference had not been finalised, but the Executive proposal of Monday 19th July 1993, had been noted.
2. Meeting considered the discussion paper on changes to the Rules prepared by Mr Wallingford, and the following recommendations were adopted by the Executive:

intention to hold a special meeting in
with conference in 1993 to change Rule
reaffirm rule changes made in previous
Such notice to remind them of the need
any other rule changes for consideration
meeting at least 45 days prior to the me

Members to be advised of this proposal
issue of Buzzwords.

Executive was of the opinion that it would
desirable to hold the special general meeting
to the annual general meeting and conference
branch delegates.

3. Meeting then reviewed the situation in respect
1992 conference remits.

Remit 5. It was noted that the Minister had
approved the increase in hive levy.

Remit 2. Code of Practice proposal was currently
under review by Miss Trewby for presentation
December meeting.

Remit 1. It was noted that in view of the very
fluid situation in respect of this proposal that
no specific action be taken by the Executive
stage, but Mr Wraight undertook to continue monitor
the situation.

Remit 3. Agreed that this be referred to the
Association for comment, and also comment from
be sought via the next issue of Buzzwords.

Remit 4. It was agreed that this be referred to
Exporters' Association for comment.

Remit 6. It was agreed that this be discussed
Boland of MAF Policy/Regulatory Authority the
day.

Remit 7. Agreed that this be discussed with
the following day.

Remit 8. Lost.

Remit 9. Lost.

Remit 10. Lost.

Remit 11. -

Remit 12. Withdrawn

Remit 13. Agreed to discuss with Mr Reid the following day and also Mr Boland.

Remit 14. Mr Wallingford undertook to discuss this matter with Dr Mark Goodwin.

Remit 15. The President and the Executive Officer reported to the Executive their endeavours to date, including a meeting held in Taumarunui and a further meeting proposed in Hamilton.

In respect to a proposal that the Association provide financial assistance towards Mr Bassett's legal costs, it was agreed to propose to the Waikato Branch that the NBA would subsidise \$ for \$ any money provided by the Waikato Branch up to a commitment by the NBA of \$500. The President to discuss this with the President of the Waikato branch.

Remit 16. Withdrawn

Remit 17. Mr Wallingford undertook to write an article for Buzzwords on the existing provisions within the legislation.

Remit 18. It was the opinion of the Executive that this was impractical as the Minister had already indicated that he was not prepared to amend the legislation because of the existence of the Commodity Levies Act.

Remit 19. It was agreed that this be discussed with Mr Boland the following day.

Remit 20. Lost.

Remit 21. Lost.

Remit 22. Noted.

Remit 23. Executive was making progress in respect of this proposal and hoped to have a contract signed with the Ministry in the not too distant future.

Remit 28. Lost

Remit 29. It was agreed to refer this proposal to Packers' Association for comment.

Remit 30. Lost

Remit 31. It was agreed that Mr Berry's proposals circulated to branches seeking comments to be received prior to the December executive meeting.

Mr Wallingford undertook to co-ordinate the response received.

Remit 32. Noted.

Remit 33. Withdrawn.

MARKETING:

1. The Executive met with Gillian Orr, Liaison Officer, Overseas Trade, Department of Statistics, for a discussion on the honey exports statistics prepared provided by the Department. One copy of the Custom Export document goes to the Department and the classification number is provided by the exporter or customs agent. Any changes required by the Association would have to be submitted to the Ministry of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT: The committee adjourned at 12.45pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.10pm.

MARKETING:

Following further general discussions with Ms Orr, the committee agreed that the President would discuss the matter of any proposed changes with the Secretary of Exporters' Association, and Mr Bensemann would also discuss the matter with Mr Peter Bray.

INDUSTRY

CONFERENCE:

The Executive Secretary reported that Coopers & Lybrand had agreed to continue as Auditors.

MARKETING:

2. It was noted that the list of donors to the Marketing Fund had been contained in the last issue of the Journal, and the Executive Secretary apologised for the omission of Marlborough Gold Honey, (James and Sue Jenkins).

The meeting was further advised that a response from NZ Sugar was still awaited in respect of their assistance in funding the Association's marketing activities.

3. It was noted that a Report on Guidelines in respect of Code of Practice was due at the December meeting.
4. The Minutes of the Marketing Committee meeting on 24th August 1992 were tabled, and Mr Wallingford further amplified points of interest.
5. The meeting noted the response from the Associate Minister of Agriculture on the certification of organic produce and it was agreed that this be discussed with Mr Boland the following day.
6. The Executive Officer reported that he had had discussions with the Ministry of External Relations and Trade concerning the proposed changes to the Australian Imported Foods Inspection programme, and the Ministry had undertaken to keep the Association advised of any further developments.
7. The meeting noted the report from Sue Jenkins on her attendance at the Nutritional Policy Conference earlier in the year.
8. The meeting noted the most recent IHEO Reports.
9. The meeting noted the USDA Honey Market Report for the month of July 1992.
10. The meeting noted the export statistics for the period to July 1992.

EDUCATION:

1. Miss Trewby reported that there had not been a recent meeting of the Telford Bee Unit Management committee.
2. There was no report from the Library Committee.
3. Meeting was advised that the Bacterial courses, currently being run for the benefit of branches, had been well received.

be made available to school children as prepared by Wallingford and this was approved for printing and distribution by Head Office as appropriate.

RESEARCH:

1. The meeting expressed concern that the report from ARAC meetings held in Blenheim and Hastings were not available.
2. Mr Wallingford reported that the Ruakura Apiculture Research Unit had not met since the last meeting of Executive.
3. The Executive Officer undertook to ascertain from Louise Malone, the present situation in respect of Spore Test Kit and he reported later in the meeting the Horticulture CRI were still having discussions with two interested parties.

ADVISORY:

1. Lengthy discussion took place in respect of the proposed contract with MAF Quality Management for the provision of an American Foulbrood Disease control programme the NBA. It was noted that this was a contract for 1992/93 year only, and that eventually an auditable accountable contract would be developed for subsequent years.

The President was authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Association. It was left to the Executive Secretary to arrange finance for the initial payment due early in January 1993.

2. Discussion on the Commodity Levies Act was held over until Mr Martin would be in attendance the following day.

Mr Wallingford undertook to provide an update for the Executive for consideration at the December meeting.

3. It was agreed that the matter of the Bio Security Bill be discussed with Mr Boland the following day.

4. The Executive Officer reported that there had been no further development with respect to the Primary Products Bill and the Agricultural Compound Bill.
5. The meeting considered a letter from the Associate Minister in respect of the Opossum Control programme and the Oxalic Acid test trials. It was agreed that members be advised via Buzzwords, of where the next series of tests were to be held and urging full cooperation from members.
6. It was noted that a response was still awaited from the Associate Minister and the Minister of Transport concerning future quarantine operations in respect of air traffic from Australia.
7. It was agreed that members be advised, in the next issue of Buzzwords, of the current situation in respect of importation of honey to New Zealand from Australia. It was further agreed that the matter be discussed with Mr Boland the following day, and that during the evening recess members would consider what options could be taken as a follow-up.
8. The meeting discussed a proposal from Mr Cammell concerning meetings of interested beekeepers. It was agreed that this matter be discussed the following day.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5pm and reconvened at 8.45am on Wednesday, 16th September 1992.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Miss Trewby reported that she had received that morning, papers from Gerard Stephens in respect of compensation for the EFB emergency in Nelson. It was agreed that these be referred to the President, the Executive Secretary and the Executive Officer for consideration and presentation of a recommendation to the December meeting.

ADVISORY:

8. It was agreed that, the Executive Officer discuss the proposal with Mr Cammell during the course of this meeting.
9. Mr Wallingford reported that the Bay of Plenty Pollination Association had held a successful Field Day the previous weekend.

Executive complimented Mr Stanley on his article in the recent Fruitgrowers magazine.

10. Pesticides Report - Nil
Queen Bee Producers Assn - Nil
11. Mr Martin reported that there had been nothing of interest to the beekeepers in the last 2 meetings of the Federated Farmers. He indicated however that he would stand down from this appointment, and it was agreed that his replacement be Mr Nick Wallingford who had undertaken to ensure that if he was unable to attend, he would arrange for another member of the executive to attend.
8. (cont'd)..
Executive Officer reported on his discussions with Mr Cammell concerning his personal proposals to ensure that wider consideration was given to matters in respect of endemic disease inspection programme and other matters raised at industry conference.

It was agreed that as an Executive initiative, a follow-up to the initial circular to beekeepers concerning the endemic disease control programme committee be set up under the Chairmanship of Mr M Berry to review the goals and objectives of a control programme.

Other members of the committee (subject to their acceptance) being Messrs Graham Cammell, Terry Russell Berry, Alan McCaw, Warren Hantz, Noel T and that if any of the above were unavailable the following persons be approached - Bruce Stevens, Clements, Paul Bartram, Keith Herron.
13. Mr Murray Reid gave a verbal report :
 - a) in respect of an action plan to be developed following a meeting with MAF Policy.
 - b) setting of standards for export certification
 - c) the work undertaken by MAF Policy division
14. The Executive Officer reported on correspondence from Neil Towers at Ruakura, seeking support for an application to FORST for the development of an export kit.

It was agreed that the Association would support such an application, and the Executive Officer was requested to pursue this matter.

15. Mr Martin in acknowledging that the contract for the endemic disease inspection programme had been completed the previous day, wished to indicate his concerns at the financial arrangements contained in the contract.

ADMINISTRATION:

2. The Executive Secretary reported that in respect of the February/late Trust applications, the trustees had declined Dr Malone's application for a Grant for the development of a diagnostic test for EFB, and had approved an initial Grant towards the cost of clinical tests for manuka honey.
3. The administrative changes proposed by Mr Russell Berry had been discussed earlier in the meeting, under Remit 31.
4. The meeting noted that the Minister had approved the increase in hive levy to \$1.61 and noted his comments in respect of the commodity levy. Executive Secretary was requested to explore alternatives to enable the Association to take advantage of the comments contained in the Minister's letter relevant to the Commodity Levies Act.
5. The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's confidential memo in respect of administration services.
6. The meeting noted the proposal from Mabey & Wallace and it was agreed that consideration of this be deferred until after the presentation by Farmers Mutual Group.
7. The meeting considered, in committee, the trust applications for August.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.25pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.05pm.

Executive was joined for lunch, by Mr Bruce Evans of Farmers Mutual, and Mr Chris Bolland of MAF Policy.

ADMINISTRATION:

8. Mr Evans addressed the Executive in respect of a Farmers Mutual Group proposal for an exotic disease group scheme, copies of the proposal were made available to all members of the Executive.

- a) Imports from Australia: Mr Bolland indicated he was sure that the protocol would be signed before the end of the calendar year. That only technical issues would be the basis of a restriction on imports.

That it was unlikely that government would be influenced by the fact that as they were increased the risk to industry, they should accept the consequences of increasing that risk. That an decision of a single product had to be sustainable over all products subject to the protocols. Options to the Association being interviews with those involved in the protocols, access to information under the Public Information Act, administrative law and a judicial review.

- b) With regard to the proposed Bio-Security Bill, aspects considered were the investigation phase encouragement of reporting, the absence of a schedule of diseases, the implications of a disease, pest management strategies.

A drafting paper had been prepared, a law draft had been contracted and it was anticipated that Bill would be introduced to the House prior to Christmas recess.

- c) With regard to organic certification it was likely that the government's only involvement would be acting as auditors to any certifying body, although MAF Quality Management may be a certifying body. Currently bee products were not in an annex and therefore not subject to the established EEC requirements.

- d) On the assumption that the Apiaries Act would be repealed following the enactment of the Bio Security Bill, then it was expected that the Apiaries Register would also cease to be a legal requirement.

17. Meeting noted that the following request to AGMARDT for financial assistance had been declined.

- Training of beekeepers in bacterial culture techniques for the detection of American Foulbrood
- The mass rearing and distribution of the wasp parasite.

ADMINISTRATION:

9. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement (cash) for the 8 months to 31st August 1992.
10. The schedule of accounts paid for July/August 1992 being cheque numbers 366799 - 366820 and 888961-888987 and totalling \$45,142.26 were approved.
11. The meeting considered a proposal from Mr Ian Berry with regard to the advertisement "dead bees don't pollinate" in the Orchardist. It was agreed that the Association would under-write the cost and refer the matter to the trustees, if the Kiwifruit Pollination Association and the Hawkes Bay Pollination Association were unwilling to provide finance.
12. It was agreed that the budget for 1993 be considered at the December meeting of the Executive. Mr Martin undertook to assist the Executive Secretary in the preparation of the draft budget.

**BRANCH
MATTERS:**

1. The Executive considered a proposition from the Waikato branch concerning the making of information from the hive declaration public to other beekeepers.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary appraise the Association's legal advisers of the current information disseminated and ascertain if there were any legal reason why the proposal from the Waikato Branch should not be activated.
2. With regard to the branch comment that a beekeeper was making a false declaration on his private levy return, it was agreed to ascertain from the branch if any evidence was available to enable the Association to take this matter further.
3. The Executive briefly reviewed the list of unpaid hive levies, and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary discuss with the Association's solicitors what alternative actions there were available to the Association in respect of unpaid hive levies.

GENERAL:

1. Miss Trewby agreed to draft a list of benefits members receive from the Association.
2. Mr Wallingford reported that the survey of other Association levies etc had still to be collated.

NEXT

MEETING: It was noted that the next meeting of the Association will be held in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th & 9th December 1992.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 4.10pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION NZ INC

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NZ INC, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, NZ PORK INDUSTRY BOARD, WALSH-WRIGHTSON TOWER, 94 DIXON STREET, WELLINGTON ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 8th & 9th DECEMBER 1992, COMMENCING AT 10am ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 1992.

PRESENT: Mr D Ward, President in the Chair
Miss F Trewby, R Bensemann, N Wallingford, and M Wraight

In attendance: Mr S C Goodman, Executive Secretary
Mr E Roberts, Executive Officer

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received from Mr G Martin and Mr G M Reid, National Manager (Agriculture) NABU, MAF, and for lateness from Mr E Roberts.

MINUTES:

1. The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th & 16th September 1992, having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.
2. The In Committee minutes of the meeting held in September having been circulated were taken as read, and the President was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS
ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES:

1. With regard to the development an EFB Test Kit (page 8) it was agreed to discuss this matter with the Executive Officer later in the day.
2. It was agreed to ascertain from the Executive Officer the final arrangements in respect of the advertisement "Dead bees don't pollinate" (page 11).

INDUSTRY
CONFERENCE:

1. Miss Trewby reported that the 1993 Conference had been scheduled for the week commencing Monday 19th July and would be held at Croydon Lodge, Gore.

Some discussion took place with respect to topics for the seminar.

2. Meeting noted the circular sent to branches on 5th October concerning rule changes.

Executive Secretary reported that the Inland Revenue Department had indicated no concerns in respect to the technical irregularity with regard to rule changes.

3. Following a proposal from Mr Wallingford, it was agreed that arrangements be made for the rules to be reprinted in time for next conference. This to be referred to Mr Wallingford and the Executive Secretary to action between this meeting and the April 1993 meeting.

MARKETING:

1. Executive Secretary reported that he had written to the Honey Packers Association concerning the Marlborough Remit No.3 and a reply was awaited.
2. Meeting considered a response from the NZ Honey Exporters Organisation, concerning Otago Remit No.4, together with a letter from the Associate Minister of Agriculture. Executive was of the opinion that this was really a matter for Exporters to finalise, assuming it has their support. It was agreed that Buzzwords could be used as a vehicle to seek comment from Exporters.
3. Executive Secretary indicated that he had written to the New Zealand Honey Packers Association concerning the Waikato Remit No.29, and a response was awaited.
4. In response to an inquiry from Mr Peter Bray concerning the draft specification for a New Zealand Standard for collecting honey samples (Autumn 1992 Beekeeper) the Executive was of the opinion that this was an acceptable way of obtaining samples.
5. Miss Trewby reported that the Committee (comprising Mr Martin and herself) had not completed the task of drawing up a set of guidelines for a Code of Practice, but she expected this to be completed by the end of January 1993.
6. Some discussion took place in respect of the Certification of organic honey, and a Conformity certification scheme, following which it was agreed that Mr Wallingford would discuss the matter with Mr Van Eaton and report back to the next meeting of the Executive.
7. Meeting was advised that the matter of amendments to the Customs' Export Classification had not been discussed

with the NZ Honey Packers Association, and it was agreed that this be raised with them and considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

8. There was no further information concerning the proposed changes to the Australian Imported Foods inspection programme.
9. A paper from MAF on Export certification for bees, honey and bee products, year ended June 1993, was held over until the Executive Officer was in attendance.
10. Considerable discussion took place in respect of Marketing, following which it was agreed that the President would step down as a member of the Marketing Committee, that Mr Allen McCaw be asked to Chair the Committee, and that Mr Graham Cammel be asked to join the Committee. The President was requested to oversee this.

That the Committee meet early in January to finalise its arrangements for 1993. That the meeting be held over 2 days and that Mr Bill Floyd be invited to attend the second day.

11. Meeting considered the letter from the NBA Research Group concerning honey research, and it was agreed
 - a) that Mr Wallingford be the liaison member of the executive
 - b) that provision of access to industry information be provided
 - c) that the letter be sent indicating the project has full NBA endorsement
 - d) that up to \$1000 be provided to assist in any material costs and that an estimate of expenditure be received from the group.
12. President report that Ms Sue Jenkins would be attending a Therapeutic Seminar in Christchurch on the 8th December at a very limited cost to the Association.
13. The meeting noted the most recent IHEO Report.
14. The meeting noted the export statistics for the period to October 1992.

15. The meeting was advised that no conference calls had been held by the Packers Association since the last meeting of the Executive.
16. The meeting noted the USDA Honey market report for the month of October 1992.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.05pm.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting considered a proposal from Telford Rural Polytechnic seeking assistance from the Trust, being a request for finance to develop amended standards for the national qualification framework in New Zealand, and accreditation with NZQA.

The Executive agreed to recommend this concept to the Trustees for support, but leaving to the Trustees discretion as to the value provided.

2. In considering the report from Miss Trewby concerning education, the matter of bursary for Telford Rural Polytechnic was deferred until the next meeting of the Executive.

The Executive Secretary was requested to research the situation in time for that meeting.

3. The Executive noted the details of student numbers at the Telford Rural Polytechnic and also the Course being provided at the Mangaroa Prison.
4. Miss Trewby reported that there was no report from the Library Committee.
5. It was agreed that there be a Buzzword article, detailing videos available for hire from the library.

PUBLICATIONS

AND

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. It was noted, that in respect of a review of industry publications and editorial arrangements, Miss Trewby would be meeting with the Beekeeper Editor prior to the next meeting of the Executive.
2. The Executive Secretary was requested to respond to the Auckland letter concerning Buzzwords content.
3. Mr Wallingford reported that the profile document review was still under action.

RESEARCH:

1. Meeting noted copies of the Minutes of the ARAC meetings held in July 1991 and July 1992.

It was suggested to the President that consideration be given to the timing of presentation of reports at Industry Conference as a matter of respect to the presenters.

2. It was agreed to defer comment on the Graduate Research project received from Mr Reg Clarke until the Executive Officer was present.
3. Mr Wallingford reported that the Ruakura Apicultural Research Unit would not be meeting again until March next year.

**ADMINISTRATION
AND FINANCE:**

1. The meeting considered the response of the Trustees to the August round of applications.

It was agreed to discuss with Mr Ian Berry the financial requirements of the subcommittee set up to rethink the goals and objectives of a Disease Control programme, and if it was thought desirable, to reapply to the Trustees for additional finance.

2. In respect of the Exotic Disease group scheme presented by Farmers Mutual at the last meeting, it was agreed that the company be advised that the Executive could not see its way clear, at this stage, to proceed with the proposal.
3. Meeting noted a paper from the Executive Secretary concerning compensation for the EFB Emergency in Nelson, and this was held over until the following day.
4. Mr Wallingford gave a review of the responses received (6) to the administrative changes proposed by Mr Berry (Remit 31). He undertook to provide a copy of this information for circulation to branches.
5. The meeting considered an application form for hive levy deferral, distribution to be made only on request. It was agreed that reference again be made to this facility in the February issue of Buzzwords.
6. Consideration of a paper on Benefits of Membership of the NBA was deferred until the following day.

7. Considerable discussion took place in respect of the 1993 budget, which included details of assumptions made in formulating the paper.

These proposals were adopted but the matter of funding the Executive Officer was deferred until later in the meeting.

8. Mr Wallingford reported that he had still to act on summarising the survey information on other associations' levies.
9. The meeting considered a legal opinion from Morrison Morpeth in respect of the publication of information made on a hive declaration form, and it was agreed that this opinion be made available to branches.
10. The Executive considered a legal opinion from Morrison Morpeth in respect of false declaration and evidential requirements, and it was agreed that :
 - a) a warning be sent to all hive levy payers with the hive declaration form, advising that it was possible that:
 - i) a statutory declaration may be required
 - ii) further evidential information may be sought.

Mr Wallingford undertook to design the necessary form for completion where further evidential information is sought.

11. Meeting considered a letter from Waikato Branch, concerning branch capitation/funding, and it was agreed that information and advice be sought from branches, and Mr Bensemann undertook to solicit and collate this information.
12. The Executive Secretary reported on advice from the Hawkes Bay Association that the Conference surplus amounted to \$351.70. Accounts yet to be received.
13. It was agreed that the contract with MAF for provision of Executive Officer assistance at \$15,000 per annum be renegotiated at that level for a further 12 months.

That in regard to additional funds provided in the budget these be used to either:

- a) purchase additional time from the Ministry for the Executive Officer and/or

- b) provide additional management support where thought necessary by the President and the Executive Officer.
14. Paper from Mr Frank Lindsay concerning rule change and remits to conference was held over until the following day.

ADVISORY:

- 1. Meeting considered the National Manager (Apicultural) report for this meeting covering:
 - a) suspect EFB
 - b) illegal importation
 - c) multi skilling
 - d) export manuals

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5.40pm and reconvened at 8.45am. on Wednesday 9th December 1992.

ADVISORY:

- 2. The meeting considered the American Foulbrood inspection report, detailing -

Table 1 - MAF Staff and Beekeepers under MAF Contract
 Table 2 - NBA Inspectors
 Table 3 - AFB Disease found
 Table 4 - AFB Compliance
 Table 5 - Inspection categories (MAF inspections only)
 Table 6 - Location known - AFB trouble spots of outbreak areas
 Table 7 - MAF extension and meeting attendance

It was noted that this covered the period 1 July to 20 November (approximately) 1992. It was agreed copies of this report may be made available to the Disease Control Committee, chaired by Mr Ian Berry.

In discussing the content of the report (provided under the requirements of Clause 24 of the Contract with MAF Quality Management), it was agreed that reference be made in the next issue of Buzzwords to the effect that the Executive was seeking the names and addresses of organisations interested in contracting for the provision of an American Foulbrood Disease Control programme. It being understood that a clear description of the Association's requirements would be made available.

It was agreed that in respect of the information provided that MAF Quality Management be asked to provide, if possible, details of whether the "offending" beekeepers were commercial or hobbyists and/or NBA members.

3. The meeting was advised of the interim telephone report from Mr Ian Berry for the Disease Control Committee. The meeting considered later in the meeting the minutes of this telephone conference call held on Monday, 7th December.

Miss Trewby undertook to make available to the committee copies of the branch responses to the memorandum of 25th September 1992, concerning the American Foulbrood Disease Control programme.

4. Miss Trewby, on behalf of several South Island branches, expressed concern at the action of some warranted inspectors, and the Executive Officer indicated that generally appointments were made on the recommendation of the branch coordinator, but that the Ministry gave consideration to:
 - a. the technical competence of the nominee,
 - b. their acceptance by their peers within the industry
 - c. whether there was any chance that the person may abuse the issuing of the warrant
5. Some brief discussion took place in respect of the auditing of deliverance by MAF Quality Management under the contract for provision of an American Foulbrood Disease Control programme, and it was agreed that members would consider this in the interim and a full discussion take place at the March 1993 meeting.
6. Mr Wallingford reported that members of the Federated Farmers Land User Forum would be meeting the Minister of Agriculture today to discuss the Commodity Levies Act. On the assumption that amendments to the legislation would be introduced either late this year or early in 1993, it was agreed that :
 - a. Executive Secretary write to the Ministry requesting to be kept apprised of any developments or changes proposed to the Commodity Levies Act
 - b. Mr Wallingford undertook to update the original application in the light of known changes.

With regard to the draft letter prepared by the Executive Secretary to the Associate Minister, it was noted that this had not received executive approval, and therefore not been sent.

Following the morning tea recess, Mr Wallingford reported on discussions with Mr Hayward, that the Minister was supportive of the proposed changes, although there appeared to be some reluctance on the part of officials to concede that substantive changes were required to meet the needs of the various industries subject to the Act.

7. The meeting noted that the Biosecurity Bill had been drafted, but as yet not introduced into the House. It was expected that the first reading would be undertaken before Christmas with submissions required by the Select Committee in late January/early February. It was agreed that as soon as copies of the Bill were available, they be made available by the Executive Officer, to Messrs Wraight and Wallingford, who would meet and discuss submissions at Palmerston North. It was further agreed that copies of the Bill be made available to Miss Trewby and Mr Bensemman for additional input.
8. Executive Officer reported that there had been no further developments in respect of the Primary Products Bill, nor the Agricultural Compounds Bill.
9. Meeting noted that trials were being conducted in regard to the 1080 jam bait for possum control, and Executive Officer undertook to ascertain from Mr Peter Neilsen, the present situation.

It was further agreed that Mr Bensemman also ascertain (on an informal basis) any information available from Mr Jim Bell.

Executive Secretary reported that no response had been received from the Waikato Branch concerning their willingness to assist in a subsidy in meeting legal costs of Mr John Bassett. The President undertook to discuss this matter with the Waikato Branch secretary.

10. The meeting noted the responses from the Associate Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Transport, regarding the freeing up of trans Tasman air passenger movement and agricultural security.

11. The meeting reviewed the situation in respect of the Australian honey importations and, in particular, the proposal to meet with MAF and debate the issues in a detached and scientific manner. It was agreed that in the new year, the President would discuss with Mr Reid the holding of a meeting at the time of the March Executive meeting, and that, to enable adequate planning and preparation by the NBA, a formal Agenda be established for the meeting.
12. Mr Wallingford indicated that he had still to discuss the matter of Remit 14 with Dr Mark Goodwin.

GENERAL:

1. The meeting was advised that Dr Barry Donovan had been made redundant as a result of the restructuring of research organisations and it was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr Donovan for his contributions to the industry.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and reconvened at 1pm.

ADVISORY:

13. The meeting agreed to receive the proposal from the Ministry of Agriculture on the release of the exotic insect scythris grandipennis for bio-control of gorse.
14. Meeting noted receipt from the Ministry of Agriculture of a discussion paper on reform of agricultural compounds, and it was agreed that Executive Secretary write, requesting to be kept advised of further developments.
15. It was agreed that Executive members would give consideration to what information they required from MAF Quality Management in the final report as required under the contract. (A.F.B. Control Programme)
16. Mr Wallingford reported that the Kiwifruit Pollination Association had now some 38-39 members, and had achieved a 5% increase in market share for the last year. Formal audits had been carried out between Coromandel and Gisborne and no apparent undercutting had been reported. Management systems audit had been carried out on members.
17. Pesticides Board - Nil report.

18. Mr Wallingford reported that there were now some 22 members of the Queen Bee Producers Association. The Association had been involved in some Ministerial correspondence, and he had requested that the N.B.A. be kept apprised of the situation.

Arrangements for exports this year would be similar to those for last year. The cost of Certification remains unchanged.

ADMINISTRATION
AND FINANCE:

15. The meeting received a Paper from Mr Frank Lindsay, suggesting a changed procedure in respect of the acceptance and consideration of remits. It was agreed that this be referred to branches for consideration.
16. Meeting considered the schedule of unpaid hive levies as at 7th December, 1992, being 34 members representing some 10,000 hives.
17. Meeting considered further information from the Waikato Branch concerning false declarations. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary make further enquiries in respect of pursuing this matter.

Executive Secretary was requested to pursue the matter of Morrison Morpeth's letter of 14th October, concerning the definition of "honey for sale".

18. The Executive Secretary to clarify with Morrison Morpeth the situation in respect of the number of hives owned by Basin Lakes Apiaries.
19. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement (Cash) for the 11 months to 30 November 1992.
20. The schedule of accounts paid for September, October, November 1992 being cheque numbers 888988 - 889048 and totalling \$40861.44 were approved.
21. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's confidential memorandum in respect of the subject of compensation (as a result of the outbreak in Nelson) to GM & SM Stephens.

The Executive agreed to recommend to the Trustees that an ex gratia payment be made to Mr & Mrs Stephens in recognition of their contribution to the beekeeping

industry, and it was left to Miss Trewby and the Executive Officer to prepare and present an appropriate case to the Trustees.

22. It was agreed that honorary members be reappointed for a further 12 months, i.e. for the calendar year 1993.

MARKETING:

17. Executive Officer undertook to discuss with Mr Ian Berry the matter of the payment for the advertisement "Dead Bees Don't Pollinate".

**ADMINISTRATION
AND FINANCE :**

23. Miss Trewby reported that she was still working on the paper outlining the benefits of membership of the NBA.

GENERAL:

2. Miss Trewby undertook to collate and distribute the information that came in respect of American Foulbrood Disease Control programme survey, and make these available to the Disease Control committee.

**MATTERS
PENDING:**

1. It was agreed to retain on the Agenda the matter of research by Conservation Department on beehives on conservation land.
2. In respect of publication of the Food & Safety Standards and Requirements it was noted that legislation was still some way off.

MEETINGS:

1. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be on Tuesday and Wednesday the 9th & 10th March 1993, noting, as earlier agreed, that Executive Members would arrive in Wellington on the evening of Monday 8th March, departing as late as practical on the evening of Wednesday 10th March.

It was agreed that future meetings of the Executive be held on the -

27th & 28th April 1993

7th & 8th September 1993

7th & 8th December 1993

with meetings at the time of Conference on -

Monday 19th July 1993.

The April meeting to be a one day planning meeting and a one day executive meeting, with the planning meeting devoted to :

- a. a review of the 1992 plan
- b. consideration of the future options for the National Beekeepers Association

GENERAL:

- 3. The meeting noted the report received from Ms Sue Jenkins on the Therapeutic Seminar held in Christchurch on the 8th December.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date