

1 June 1997 - Nick Wallingford President's Notes to say "I will not be accepting nomination for the position of President at the Annual General Meeting in July. I will be tendering my resignation as an Executive member at the conclusion of the Annual Conference." (June issue, NZ Beekeeper)

10 June 1997 - Executive Secretary to Morrison Kent, Association Solicitors, asking about possible defamation and for input on interpretation of rule related to calling of Executive meetings. (pages 2-6 of fax from Solicitor ref NAT 877/51)

12 June 1997 - Morrison Kent to NBA, with advice regarding the May meeting and advising Harry Brown they cannot provide him legal advice about what he perceived as defamatory comments by the NBA President. (pages 7-9 of fax from Solicitor ref NAT 877/51)

21 June 1997 - Executive Secretary to Morrison Kent, asking for an opinion on whether the NBA Executive is required to fill the vacancy caused by Nick Wallingford's resignation. (never provided to the Executive)

23 June 1997 - Executive Secretary to Executive members, initiated by a request from Russell Berry, to gauge support for application to Clover Root Weevil Advisory group with the view of becoming involved. Nick Wallingford rang Executive Secretary to say he must not take instructions from individual Executive members. Nick Wallingford confirmed the telephone call by fax, saying "I insist that you refer any request/demand from an Executive member for you to 'survey' the Executive to me as President before carrying out the activity... I am not at all happy with the recent instances of the Executive Secretary taking instruction from individual Executive members without informing the President of his intention to do so." Executive Secretary later that evening faxed to Executive to say "The President has reminded me of my contractual responsibilities to work through him and not the Executive. He is correct, and I apologise for disturbing your evening." (item 26.5)

30 June 1997 - Morrison Kent to NBA to supply an opinion indicating an obligation to fill the vacancy on the Executive. (item 27.8)

30 June 1997 - Nick Wallingford writes President's Notes for July issue of NZ Beekeeper, referring to it as being "my last". (July issue, NZ Beekeeper)

1 July 1997 - Executive Secretary to Morrison Kent referring to four questions he had been asked. "Is this resignation as from the end of Conference now binding on the President? ... If it is not binding on the President, what does the Executive (?) Executive secretary (?) have to do to get a binding resignation, for both positions, from the President?" (page 9 of fax from Solicitor ref NAT 877/51)

4 July 1997 - Executive Secretary to Morrison Kent, saying "I am under intense pressure from the Executive not to let this opportunity (to ensure he can no renege (sic) on his word), after a unanimous vote of no confidence in him by the same people, in March." (page 10 of fax from Solicitor ref NAT 877/51)

4 July 1997 - Morrison Kent to NBA describing June President's Notes as an "intention to resign" and not a formal resignation. (pages 11-12 of fax from Solicitor ref NAT 877/51)

5 July 1997 - Nick Wallingford re: Executive Secretary's approach to solicitors. "I am very angry, however, that you would do this without even letting me know you were doing it... It is simply not on that you do such things as writing to the Association's solicitors without keeping me thoroughly involved and informed in my capacity as President of the Association. You *must*, you simply *must*, keep the NBA President fully informed of any such activities that you undertake on behalf of the NBA. This is not an optional extra in your position as Executive Secretary - it is something you must always do. You have been less than thorough in performing the duties of your position." (item 28.4)

21 July 1997 - Executive Meeting in Nelson. No reference was made to the correspondence to and from Morrison Kent (apart from item 27.8)

22 July 1997 - Specially called Executive Meeting in Nelson. Executive Secretary unwilling to explain what was meant by "intense pressure from the Executive" or say who had "asked the four following questions". Russell Berry acknowledged he had seen the letter showing as page 9 of NBA 877/51, but was not able to say if he had seen others without going through his files. Russell Berry and the Executive Secretary said the reason for seeking legal advice was to avoid having a pen engraved if it wasn't going to be presented. Executive Secretary said the reason he hadn't informed the Executive at the previous day's meeting was that he had not brought a copy of the correspondence with him.