

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS
ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED HELD AT THE VICTORIAN FARMERS
FEDERATION 24 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE ON FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER,
1987.

The Chairman, Mr. David Treasure opened the meeting at 2.35 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. W. Hicks, Mr. H. Ryder, Mr. K. Heywood, Mr. L. McCready, Mr. D. Kneebone, Mr. M. Blair, Mr. G. Connley, Miss R. Treasure, Mr. Doug Treasure, Mr. D. Rogers, Mr. K. Connley, Mr. T. Barker, Mr. K. Kelly, Mr. B. Cumming, Mr. T. Connley, Mr. J. Commins, Mr. G. Stoney, Mr. C. Hodge, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. K. Whittam, Mrs. A. Whittam and Mrs. S. Silvers. Several visitors were also in attendance.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were read. Moved C. Hodge, seconded J. Commins that the Minutes as circulated be confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: N.E. Branch to M.C.A.V. re Alpine Planning Proposals.
Submission from S. Clay.
Submission from Range Rover Club of Vic.
Submission from City of Wodonga
JNP Films Pty.Ltd. to David Evans (Copy)
Submission from Shire of Myrtleford.
Shire of Mansfield re Alpine Proposals.
Shire of Oxley re Alpine Proposals.
Submission Victorian Sawmillers Association.
Tasmanian M.C.A. re Bicentennial arrangements.
David Evans M.L.C. re Land Protection Legislation.
N.E. Branch re Importation of Exotic Viruses.
Snowy Mountains Horse Riders re Muster.
Moved Bill Cumming seconded Jim Commins that the correspondence be received.

ACCOUNTS: Moved Clive Hodge, seconded Ross Brown that the following accounts be ratified:
North Balwyn Newsagency - \$184.00
Stationery Supermarket - \$48.16
K. Silvers - \$80
Australia Post \$392.40
K. Silvers - \$130
Gippsland Party Hire - \$274.10
Australia Post - \$47.10
Cash - postage & photocopying - \$53.98
Australia Post - \$13.86
North Balwyn Newsagency - \$16.40
McEwans - \$21.99
North Balwyn Newsagency - \$21.30
North Balwyn Newsagency - \$22.60
North Balwyn Newsagency - \$69.30
Leonda - \$500
Bizprint - \$606
R.S.A.V. - \$925.00
M.G.A. Insurance - \$838.65
Cash, postage, photocopying, stationery - \$140.47
The Policy Consultants - \$2,500

Stationery Supermarket \$88.76
Australia Post - \$43.40
J.D. Firth - \$500
Cash - Brass plaque & staples - \$24.95
G. Stoney - \$3,000
J.A. Commins - \$3,000
S. Silvers - \$3,000
R. Brown - \$750
D. Treasure - \$90.40
G. Stoney - \$400

GENERAL
BUSINESS:

Mr. D. Kneebone brought up for discussion the confusion regarding the Central Council and the Executive Committee. He thought that the M.C.A.V. Constitution should be updated. Moved Don Kneebone seconded Clive Hodge that the Constitution be completely up dated and investigated. H. Ryder moved an amendment seconded G. Stoney that this should be done within the next six months Moved G. Stoney seconded T. Murphy that the draft constitution drawn by Sue Ryder and a copy of the present rules be sent to each Branch President as soon as possible.

Moved D. Kneebone seconded Harry Ryder that the Association strongly object to any live virus importation into Australia.
Mr. J. Commins outlined to the meeting the views of the Cattle Council of Australia which is also strongly against the importation of live viruses. The C.C.A. have called for them to be banned.

Mr. J. Commins outlined the work done and aims of the Greater Gippsland Development League. They have asked whether the Association is interested in taking out membership with the League. Annual subscription is \$25.00. Moved Bill Hicks, seconded Don Kneebone that the Association take out such membership at the stated subscription.

The meeting discussed the letter circulated to all Committee members from Mr. W. Crump the auditor to the Association and its recommendations. On an amendment that \$200 be the figure to be left in Branch accounts, seconded K. Heywood, the motion moved by J. Commins and seconded by R. Treasure that all Branch funds except for the sum of \$200 be called in to the Central Account was carried.

The letter of concerns from the N.E. Branch re Alpine Planning Proposals Submission was fully discussed. Discussion covered tourism, 4WD driving, and deer hunting. The Alpine Area Planning Submission was also fully discussed. Moved Bill Hicks, seconded Graeme Stoney that the Submission on behalf of the Association to the Alpine Area Planning Team request a moratorium on the phase-out of grazing areas in National Parks in 1991 or otherwise re-list them.

After further discussion regarding the Alpine Advisory Committee and the M.C.A.V. attitude of priority in respect to cattle grazing G. Stoney moved, seconded R. Brown that the M.C.A.V. applies itself primarily to cattle grazing issues however must address itself to all other issues relating to the Alpine area, in order to be able to brief the Alpine Advisory Committee representatives.

Mr. Hicks expressed concern to the meeting regarding the attitude of the Alpine Shires who should be putting Submissions to the Planning team. Moved Graeme Stoney, seconded Don Kneebone that a letter be written to the Alpine Shires asking what action they have taken and asking for a copy of any Submission they have put to the Alpine Planning team.

Mr. C. Hodge advised the meeting that the Submission on behalf of A.A.T.O. would be sent to each branch of the M.C.A.V.

Graeme Stoney moved that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to Sue Clay for her support for the Association. Seconded Doug Treasure.

The meeting discussed the proposal to examine the situation in the Kosciusko National Park in regard to deterioration which has occurred since grazing was phased out. Mr. Tim Barker stated the VNPA had released a document on the effects of grazing on conservation values. This document must be refuted. Tim Barker and Jim Commins should undertake this study and be able to produce some results within 2 months. Moved Harry Ryder, seconded Don Kneebone that the Association go ahead with this study.

The subject of the Voice of the Mountains for 1988 was discussed, and the meeting agreed that David Treasure and Clive Hodge should contact Linda Barraclough regarding this task.

Graeme Stoney urged all individual members to put in their own Submissions to the Alpine Area Planning team.

On a motion moved by Clive Hodge and seconded by Don Kneebone Mr. Jim Commins was made a life member of the M.C.A.V. Clive Hodge then presented Mr. Commins with a briefcase on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Hodge informed the meeting that the 1988 Get Together would be held on the 30th and 31st of January, 1988 at Castleburn Station.

The Chairman congratulated David Stoney on being selected as a member of the bicentennial cattle drive.

Moved G. Stoney, seconded K. Kelly that the next meeting of the Committee be held within 3 months at Bairnsdale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record:

.....*Paul Heasur*.....Chairman.

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