

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE MOUNTAIN
CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED HELD AT
CASTLEBURN ON FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY, 1988.

The President, Mr. David Treasure as Chairman opened the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. David Treasure; Graham Connley; Kevin Kelly; Jim Commins; Bill Hicks; Graeme Stoney; Jack Lovick; Clive Hodge; Keith Whittam; Ken Heywood; John Hall; and Mesdames Silvers and Whittam.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Vince Phelan.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. D. Kneebone; R. Brown; J. Cook; H. Ryder; T. Murphy; John Lovick; Charles Lovick; J. Gough; and Lyle McCready.

MINUTES: Moved Clive Hodge seconded Bill Hicks that the Minutes of the previous meeting held at Bairnsdale on 11th December 1987, as circulated, be confirmed

CORRESPONDENCE:

T.M.C.A. 1st newsletter - January, 1988;
Greater Gippsland Development League re Annual Tour;
List Receipts & Expenditure Mansfield Branch re Sheeppark Flat Get Together 1987;
Bendigo Easter Fair - details re Parade;
Policy Consultants January report.
Moved Jim Commins seconded Kevin Kelly that the correspondence be received.

BUSINESS
ARISING:

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the T.M.C.A. newsletter to each Branch.

Mr. Jim Commins gave a detailed report on the meeting between representatives of the M.C.A.V. (Commins, Stoney, Treasure & Barker) and the CF&L on the subject of Crown Land rentals, and expressed his disappointment at the unsatisfactory outcome. Mr. Stoney reported that the CF&L were taking matters on Crown Land rentals into it's own hands because the Auditor General requires more money from Crown Lands. Mr. Stoney expressed the view that the M.C.A.V. would have to go to the Minister on this subject. Mr. Bill Hicks confirmed Mr. Stoney's view, as discussions Mr. Hicks had with Ian Lobin had revealed that the Department was looking to return a figure of \$6 million for Crown Lands. On a request from Mr. Lovick as to why the CF&L were using a DSE rate for bush runs, Mr. Stoney explained that the Department was trying to equalise all public land in Victoria except for the Alpine area and this was the most commonly accepted figure. Moved G. Stoney that the President discuss the situation with Mrs. Mitchell with a view to a meeting between the M.C.A.V., the V.F.F. and the Minister CF& L. Seconded Kevin Kelly. Carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that the balance in the central account as at 28/1/88 was \$965.66; balance

Marketing account as at 28/1/88 was \$376. \$12,000 invested with the State Bank Bairnsdale. The Treasurer presented accounts for payment \$6028.40 from Central Account, and \$6,983.80 from Marketing account. The Treasurer advised the meeting that there were some 23 members subscriptions outstanding, upwards of \$1,200. Moved G. Stoney, seconded J. Commins that the Treasurer's report be received and confirmed and that the accounts presented for payment be authorised. Carried.

GENERAL
BUSINESS:

The Treasurer was instructed to forward a letter to members with overdue subscriptions. Keith Whittam expressed disappointment that the M.C.A.V. had not commented publicly in regard to the recent bushfires in the Kosciusko National Park.

FLORA & FAUNA
GUARANTEE:

The Chairman discussed the coming seminars to be held on the subject of the Flora & Fauna Guarantee legislation and the need for members of M.C.A.V. to attend and to make the following points:

1. That people who lease Crown land should have the same rights to information and consultation as owners of private land.
2. That Interim Conservation Orders should not be able to prevent the continuation of traditional uses of the land.
3. That the Bill must not allow the malicious use of the Interim Conservation Orders or any other mechanism system by over-zealous individuals or organisations to unnecessarily disrupt productive endeavour.

Mr. Treasure advised that the seminar to be held in the North East would be on 17th February 1988 and for Gippsland at Sale, on the 25th February 1988. He urged as many members as possible to attend.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Branch Secretaries advising them of the seminar dates.

REVIEW OF
RULES FOR
CATTLEMANS
CUP:

The Secretary read the Minutes contained in the Minute Book regarding the rules for the Cattlemans Cup. Mr. G. Connley expressed the view that the rules needed clarifying. A discussion followed with members expressing their concerns in several areas. Mr. Hodge put forward the view that saddles should be not less than 10 kg., and should have to be a stock saddle. Mr. David Treasure asked members to give their ideas to the Secretary in order that she be able to make up a list of concerns for a future meeting. G. Stoney moved that by the time nominations close tomorrow the Race Committee is to set the safety maximum and the host Branch is to make up the balance to that maximum Mr. Hodge moved an amendment that each branch be entitled to three members and that if any branch is unable to field three members then the host branch should fill the quota - the motion was then put "That by the time the nominations close tomorrow the Race Committee is to set the safety maximum, each branch be then entitled to

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three entrants, if any branch is unable to provide that number, then the host branch be entitled to fill the quota. Carried.

Some suggestions put forward to the meeting for consideration in the future were: Minimum weight rider and saddle to be 12 stone; saddle must be a stock saddle; race be over a longer distance; whip and coat should be carried; more obstacles needed; turning around one peg in the Dash is too dangerous; expressions of concern relating to bad publicity of race imitators.

MEETING WITH MRS. TEHAN:

Mr. Stoney reported briefly on a meeting with the Shadow Minister Mrs. Marie Tehan and attended by Messrs. Stoney, Commins, Treasure, Barker and Mrs. Silvers. He reported that Mrs. Tehan was surprised that the M.C.A.V. was interested in multi-use of the alpine area and not just grazing. He stated that it appeared that the Liberal Party was concerned about the conservation vote after the last Federal election. He expressed the view that Mrs. Tehan had been impressed with the conservation lobby, and pointed out that it was up to the M.C.A.V. to put the alternative point of view.

MR. P. McGUIRE:

Mr. Lovick reported that Mr. P. McGuire had been appointed to a senior position in the National Party and moved that a letter of congratulations be sent to him. Seconded Clive Hodge.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed as a correct record.....

David Brown
Chairman.