

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

A G E N D A - - MEETING 2nd. JULY 1976

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes - Annual Meeting
4. Financial Statement
5. Presidents Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. (a) President (1975/6 S.J. Treasure)
- (b) 3 Vice Presidents to rank in order of nomination
1975/6 (L.R. McCreedy)
(J. Commins)
(G.C. Hodge)
- (c) Secretary/Treasurer 1975/6 (T.E. Phillipson)
- (d) Auditor (E.C. Peirce)
- (e) Public Relations Officers (David Treasure)
(G. Stoney)
8. Annual Dues & Subscriptions
9. General Business

GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes
4. Business arising
5. Financial
6. Correspondence
7. Branch Reports & Resolutions
- Onco - Resolutions as follows
- (a) The destruction of huts, yards etc on leasehold land.
That these fixtures should not be destroyed or interfered with
by members of Government Departments, and others when on occupied
Crown Land.
- (b) Re Conservation Group
This Branch feels that the present organisation is broad enough, and
does not feel it has the strength to expand to broader issues.
- (c) Request be made to summarise the cost of administering the Bogong High
Plain in relation to a similar area elsewhere.
- North East
- (a) That the Government supply sprays for noxious weeds to farmers at the
Government's buying price thus eliminating the mark up of the retailer.
- (b) That the problem of collusion in the auctioning of stock at saleyards
be discussed, and brought to the attention of the appropriate
authorities.
- (c) That the meeting discuss limiting the number of breeding stock through
quotas, or some form of limitation so that cattle numbers and cattle
quality can be regulated.
8. Executive Meeting resolutions.
- (a) Central Secretary to handle all subscriptions instead of Branch Secreta
- (b) Any motion approved by Central Council be written into Constitution
immediately.
- (c) Central Council to control affairs of Association
- (d) Matter of Vice-Presidents be brought forward for discussion.
- (e) Finance for Central Secretary.
- (f) To propose that Newsletter be continued for the coming year and that
the "Voice of the Mountains" be reintroduced the following year.
- (g) Branches to send up to date list of all members, and their addresses,
to Central Secretary.
- (h) Sub Committee be formed to update the Constitution.
- (i) Discussion on Annual Get Together. North East Branch to organise and
publicise.
9. General Business

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1976

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Subscriptions - Members	\$821.30		Bank Balance 1/7/75 O/D \$1485.94
Subscriptions-Associates	56.00	\$96	Printing & Stationery (Enterprise Press) 108.30
Voice of the Mountains & Advertising	41.00	30	Rental - Victoria Hotel 40.00
Donation - D.L.Treasure	25.00	5018	McGowan & Associates 1475.10
L.C.C.Levy	2245.00	31	Bank Charges 47.90
Salaries-Nuniong	273.10	487	Secretarial Fees
Interest		387	Voice of the Mountains
Bank Balance B/f		22	Entertaining
Deposit Credit Union			
O/D Bank Balance 30/6/75			Cr. Bank Balance 30/6/76 304.16
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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Board Room of the Trustees Executors & Agency Co. Ltd on Friday 2nd. July 1976 .

PRESENT: Messrs S.J.Treasure (Chairman), L. McCready, W. Hicks, E. Weston, J. Commins, B. Fitzgerald, T. Ventry, C. Hodge, J.Mulligan, David Treasure, G. Stoney, J. Treasure, Douglas Treasure & Mrs U. Rossiter.

APOLOGIES: Messrs J. Lovick, J. Purcell, J. Connley, W. Ryder, D.Kneebone.

WELCOME: Mr. S J. Treasure welcomed all present and introduced the Hon. Ian Smith, Minister for Agriculture, who addressed members on the future of the beef industry and spoke of plans he had to bring before the Federal Agriculture Council Meeting to be held in August. Mr. Smith answered questions by members and at the conclusion of these questions a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Smith by Mr. McCready

MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Hodge and seconded Mr. Stoney that Minutes of previous Annual Meeting be confirmed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT The Financial Statement as presented should a credit balance of \$304.16 as at 30th. June 1976. It was moved Mr. Mulligan and seconded Mr. Hodge that the financial statement be received and adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT A verbal report was presented by Mr. Treasure who spoke of the Association's achievements over the past twelve months, including the completion of the proposed recommendations to the L.C.C., and that fact that the Alpine Report would be ready within the next few months. Mr. Treasure said that he had addressed members of the English Public Schools Association the previous day, and had been invited to be guest speaker at the Geelong Grammar School in the future and had felt that these occasions were a very good opportunity to put the view of the Cattlemen before. Mr. Treasure also said that he thought the time had come for a change of President.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Mr. McCready took the chair for the election of office-bearers
President - Mr. Treasure nominated by Mr. Stoney.

Vice Presidents to rank in order of nomination
Mr. McCready nominated by Mr. Commins
Mr. Commins nominated by Mr. Weston
Mr. Hodge nominated by Mr. McCready

Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. U. Rossiter nominated by Mr. McCready
Auditor Manager of the A.N.Z. Bank at Bright to be asked to act in this capacity.

Public Relations Officers Mr. Stoney and Mr David Treasure nominated by Mr. Hodge.
Consultants It was moved by Mr. McCready that the appointment of McGowan & Associates be reaffirmed for the coming year.

SECRETARY: It was suggested by Mr. McCready that members assist the Secretary with the drafting of letters until she is more familiar with the work of the Associations. With regard to finance for the Secretary it was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Commins that she be paid on a casual hourly rate for the work involved with Secretarial duties and that she draw a cheque for Petty Cash up to \$20 as needed to cover expenses such as postage, stationery and duplicating etc.

ANNUAL DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded by David Treasure that Annual Subscription be increased by 50%, being \$12 for the first 100 head and \$6 for each additional 100 head or part thereof. Mr. McCready moved an amendment that the increase be 25%, \$10 for the first 100 and \$4 for each additional 100 or part thereof. Both the motion and amendment were withdrawn and a very full discussion took place. Mr. Stoney said that his reason for suggesting the 50% rise

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was to enable the Association to become more financial so that a further levy may be unnecessary in the future. He was aware that many members would be against the increase. After further discussion it was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded David Treasure that the rise be 50% , ie \$12 and \$6. An amendment was moved by Mr. McCready and seconded Mr. Hodge that the rise be 25%, ie \$10 and \$4. The amendment was defeated when members voted , then a majority vote passed the original motion which was carried.

VISITOR ; Mr. Treasure then welcomed Mr. Warren Grant, meat exporter to the Meeting and Mr. Grant spoke to members on various aspects of the meat exporting industry and invited questions from members, at the conclusion of which Mr. Treasure passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Grant.

OFFICE BEARERS: After a short discussion it was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Hodge that all office bearers be ex officio members on Central Council.

Meeting Closed

Minutes of General Meeting held at the Board Room of the Trustees Executors and Agency Co. Ltd. on Friday 2nd. July 1976

PRESENT: As at Annual Meeting

APOLOGIES: As at Annual Meeting

MINUTES: It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded by Mr. Hodge that minutes of previous meetings at Omeo and Harrierville as circulated be confirmed.

BUSINESS

ARISING: Secretary to write to Australian Heritage Commission requesting return of documents sent to them

Blackberries. It was moved by Mr. McCready and seconded Mr. Hodge that letter be written to the Minister for Lands asking for consideration of sprays being made available direct to users from the Dept of Crown Lands and Survey on similar lines to those operating in Queensland.

Brumbies Mr. Commins tabled his report on the brumby problem, and it was moved by Mr. McCready and seconded Mr. Hodge, that a copy of this be sent to the Minister for Lands and a request that we be advised of any future brumby policy.

Nuffield Foundation. It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Fitzgerald that cheque for \$10 be sent to the Nuffield Foundation as a donation, as decided at the March meeting.

Victoria's Resources. Mr. Stoney tabled copies of Victoria's Resources for June 1976 in which the article he had written "Cattlemen are Conservationists" was published.

CORRESPONDENCE: It was moved by Mr. Hodge and seconded Mr Weston that the correspondence be received and dealt with as read.

Letter from Secretary L.C.C., acknowledging receipt of submission of proposed recommendations for the East Gippsland Study Area.

Letter from Department of Environment Housing and Community Development - Canberra, stating that they were unable to recommend a grant to the Association under the Federal Governments National Estate programme.

Letter from Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation advising that Committee had been reappointed to continue the enquiry into off-road vehicles and advising that further contact would be made if Committee decides to call on Association member to give evidence.

Invitation from Shire of Myrtleford, sent to Mr. McCready, to attend on the Association's behalf, the Dinner and Presentation being made to Hon. I. Swinburne on his retirement. It was moved by Mr Commins that invitation be declined and donation of \$5 be sent. This was seconded by David Treasure.

GENERAL

BUSINESS:

It was moved by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, that letter be written to Minister for Lands asking if a member of the Association could be appointed to the Central Advisory Council of the Vermin and Noxious Weeds, as it was felt that this Association is well aware of this problem.

Mr. McCready gave details of a Symposium being held at Myrtleford on the 25th. August, which would be opened by Mr. Borthwick, Minister for Lands, at which all aspects of blackberry control would be discussed.

Discussion also took place on the Get-Together to be held at Bennie's, which is being organised by the North East Branch. It was moved by Mr. Commins and seconded Mr. McCready that the date for the get together be the weekend of the 19th. February 1977 and the assembly time 3p.m. on the Saturday afternoon.

GENERAL
BUSINESS
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It was moved by Mr. Commins and seconded Mr. Hodge that consideration be given by Forests Commission and Dept of Crown Lands that before they make available new areas for grazing licence or lease, that they be asked to ensure that adjoining run holders are advised of their intentions, mainly with a view to prevent stock mixing and negotiation of fencing problems.

It was moved by Mr. McCready and seconded Mr. Stoney that a suggestion be made to the Minister of Lands, that when application is made for a crown lease in mountain country, that department officers approach Mr. S.J. Treasure for a confidential report on the suitability of the applicant, as we wish to avoid any lessee invoking the criticism of conversation groups etc.

It was moved by Mr. Commins and seconded Mr. Stoney that letter be written to Leader of the National Party Mr. Peter Ross Edwards, regarding the article which appeared in June issue of Victoria's Resources which he had written and register our protest, particularly over the last paragraph of the article.

It was moved by David Treasure and seconded Douglas Treasure, that a minute of appreciation be placed on the books of the work of former secretary Mr. Tom Phillipson for his services to the Association. Letter recording this to be sent to Mr. Phillipson.

Mr. Mulligan reported that the Forests Commission had done some burning off in his area and that his Branch were asking for other small areas to be burnt.

Mr. Hodge reported that he had recently spoken at a Seminar at Heyfield and following this had been invited to speak at a meeting of the Victorian National Parks Association in August.

Mr. Stoney suggested that a letter of sympathy be sent to the family of the late Pat Kelly who had been a member of the Mansfield Branch.

It was suggested by Mr. Hodge, that it may be possible to suggest to the Minister for Agriculture, that in his planning for the industry, it may be possible to encourage dairy farmers to dispose of their beef dairy cross steers as bobby calves or at the oldest vealers, to help avoid a glut on the market. This view was also taken by Mr. McCready, who was sanctioned by the President, to write a letter to the Minister on this subject.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Stoney and Seconded Mr. Commins that branch secretaries be responsible for collecting subscriptions.

It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Douglas Treasure that at next years Annual Meeting, to enable agenda to be completed, that a working lunch be taken.

In view of the time, and also the fact that the meeting was to be addressed by Mr. Ian Morton, Chairman, Rural Finance & Settlement, and also Mr. Peter Bunning, General Manager of the Trustees Executors, President adjourned the balance of general business on the Agenda to the next meeting which will be held at Harrierville on Monday 4th October at 11a.m.

VISITORS

Mr. Treasure introduced Mr. Morton who spoke on finance available through his Department, and invited members to contact him if he could be of assistance to them, Mr. Morton also answered questions. Mr Morton also suggested that Mr. John Henwood, of the A.B.C. Country Hour could be of assistance to the Association through his television programme, and would contact Mr. Henwood at any time for us. A vote of thanks was made by Mr. S. J. Treasure to Mr. Morton for his very informative remarks and for his attending the meeting at such short notice.

Mr. Bunning was then introduced by Mr. Treasure, who said he had been very happy to make the facilities of the Trustees Executors available to the Association, and spoke of the work done by his Company and the general financial aspects as he saw them for the future. Mr. Commins thanked Mr Bunning for his attendance and assistance.

In conclusion it was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Douglas Treasure that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Trustees Executors for the use of their Board Room and the hospitality given to the Association.