

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENTS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1977

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
\$821	Subscriptions -Members	\$1129.50	\$1486 Bank Balance O/D
56	Subscriptions-Associates	41.00	108 Printing & Stationery (Alpine Observer 54.05) (Bright Office Supplies <u>30.75</u>)
41	Voice of Mountains & Advertising	-	Donations (Nuffield Foundation 10 I. Swinbourne Presentation <u>5</u>)
25	Donation	-	Secretarial Fees (T.Phillipson)
2245	L.C.C. Levy	-	Petty Cash (Postage 69.96 (Stationery 18.14 (Telephone 7.50 (Duplicating & Copying <u>24.40</u>)
273	Sundries Nuniong	-	48 Bank Charges
<u>Cr.</u>	Bank Balance 30/6/76	304.16	1475 McGowan & Associates
			40 Rental Victoria Hotel
			304 <u>Cr.</u> Bank Balance 30/6/
<u>\$3461</u>		<u>\$1474.66</u>	<u>\$3461</u>

AUDITED

A. J. Jones
SA 2 Bank,
Brighton, Vic.
2/7/77.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

A G E N D A - MEETING 6th. JULY 1977

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes - Annual Meeting
4. Financial Statement
5. Presidents Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
 - (a) President (1976/77 S.J. Treasure)
 - (b) 3 Vice Presidents to rank in order of nomination
 - (1976/77 L.R. McCreedy)
 - (J. Commins)
 - (G.C.Hodge)
 - (c) Secretary/Treasurer (1976/77 U.M. Rossiter)
 - (d) Auditor (B. Brown)
 - (e) Public Relations Officers (David Treasure)
(G. Stoney)
7. Annual Dues & Subscriptions.
8. General Business

GENERAL MEETING

1. Apologies
2. Minutes & Business arising out of
3. Financial
4. Correspondence
5. Branch Reports
6. Branch Resolutions

North East

1. That we agree to points 1,2, & 3 of the circulated amendments to the Constitution but do not agree with point 4.
2. We support the action of erecting a memorial to early cattlemen on the high plains.
3. That we oppose any name changes in any areas proposed by the Place Names Committee.
4. That Central Council investigate the high charges being made for crown leases.
5. That the Constitution be altered so that the Association can be involved in, the marketing of meat, or be represented on any statutory body or corporation, which is involved in the marketing of meat.

Gippsland

1. Branch accepts submission put out by Mr. Diprose of McGowan Associates for the L.C.C. and for this submission to be taken to State Council Meeting for their acceptance.
2. Branch supports the views of Mr. Oliver Moriaty and recommends that this matter be brought to Central Council for discussion.
3. It was recommended that the recent non-attendance of Shire Council representatives at a meeting regarding River and Streams be referred to Central Council for their attention.
4. It was also recommended that the Constitution of the Association be changed to allow emergency delegates to attend Central Council Meetings when appointed delegates are unable to attend.

Omeo

1. Omeo Branch is not in favour of revising or changing Constitution without first consulting all Branches.
Notice of Motion by S.J. Treasure to be discussed at Central Council Meeting.

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7. General Business.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Board Room of the Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board on Wednesday 6th. July 1977

PRESENT: Messrs. L. McCready, J. Commins, B. Fitzgerald, W. Hicks, F. Ryar, W. Ryder, G. Hodge, J. Lovick, G. Stoney, E. Cumming, B. Cumming, Mesdames C. Mitchell & U. Rossiter

APPOLOGIES: Messrs. S. J. Treasure, J. Mulligan, J. Purcell, Doug Treasure & A. Waller, J. Heffernan (Vict Farmers Union) & B. Moors(F.I.R.M.G)

ELECTION OF : President Mr. J. Commins nominated by G. Stoney
OFFICE BEARERS Mr. S.J. Treasure nominated by J. Commins

Members voted for the election of President and following counting of the votes Mr. Commins was declared incoming President by Mr McCready who took the chair for the election of Office Bearers

Vice President to rank in order of nominations

Mr. L. McCready nominated by C. Hodge
Mr. C. Hodge nominated by J. Commins
Mr. G. Stoney nominated by W. Hicks

Secretary/Treasurer

Mrs. C. Mitchell nominated by L. McCready

Auditor

Manager of Bank where account to be kept to be asked to act in this capacity.

Public Relations Officers

Mr. G. Stoney & Mr. David Treasure nominated by L. McCready

Consultants

Moved by G. Stoney and seconded L. McCready that Association continue their association with present Consultants McGowan & Associates.

SECRETARY: In accepting the resignation of Mrs Rossiter as Secretary Mr. McCready thanked her for the excellent work she had done and it was moved by Mr. Commins and seconded Mr. Fitzgerald that account for \$400 be paid to Mrs. Rossiter. In welcoming Mrs Mitchell as the new Secretary it was agreed that she be paid at the same rate as former Secretary on a casual hourly rate for the work involved and that she draw a cheque for Petty Cash of \$20 as needed for postage, duplicating phone stationery etc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Financial Statement as presented showed a credit balance of \$792.47 as at 30/6/77. After a general discussion it was moved by Mr. Stoney & seconded by Mr. Hodge that the Financial Statement be adopted.

Following discussion on the Overdraft Fee of \$20 it was moved by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded Mr. Hicks that the overdraft be cancelled and guarantors be released from this commitment. It was also agreed that the account be transferred to A.N.Z. Bank at Bairnsdale.

ANNUAL DUES

& SUBSCRIPTIONS: It was moved by Mr. Stoney & seconded Mr. Hodge that the Annual Subscription remain the same for 77/78 i.e. \$12 for the first 100 head and \$6 for each additional 100 head or part thereof.

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. S.J. Treasure as founder of the Association and President since its inception and asking him to accept an Honorary Life Membership and a permanent seat on the Executive.

It was also agreed that letters of thanks be sent to Messrs E. Weston

MEETING CLOSED

1977-07-06

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

ORRES

In opening the Meeting Vice President Mr. L. McCready, who took the chair suggested that the General Meeting of the Association be held in the morning, to be followed by the Annual Meeting later in the day. All members agreed with this suggestion.

PRESENT: Messrs L. McCready, J. Commins, B. Fitzgerald, W. Hicks, F. Ryan, W. Ryder, G. Hodge, J. Lovick, G. Stoney, E. Cumming, B. Cumming & Mesdames C. Mitchell & U. Rossiter.

APOLOGIES: S.J. Treasure, J. Mulligan, J. Purcell, Doug Treasure & A. Waller.

Moved G. Stoney, seconded G. Hodge, that standing orders be suspended so that publicity which had arisen regarding the meeting be discussed. It was decided to contact the reporter, Mr. Ian McKay, from the Herald and invite him to discuss the article which he had written and which was to appear in the Herald. Mr. Stoney spoke to Mr. McKay by telephone who agreed to read his article to Messrs McCready and Commins over the phone. On further discussion with Mr. McKay and Mr. Gleeson (sub-editor) it was agreed that the article would be toned down for the later editions of the paper although the original article would appear in the first edition. It was agreed to contact Mr McKay in future when and if there was any news of the Association which could be classed as newsworthy.

MINUTES: It was moved by G. Hodge and seconded F. Ryan that Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and business arising dealt with as read:-

Vermin & Noxious Weeds. Mr. McCready reported on discussion he had had with officers of this Department on the scheme for cut-prices for Blackberry Spray which would be operative in the near future. It had also been suggested by the Department, that an alternate delegate to Mr. Treasure be appointed, so that when it was not possible for Mr. Treasure to attend Central Advisory Council Meetings the Association could be represented. It was moved by Mr. Hicks and seconded Mr. Hodge that this policy be adopted and left to Mr. Treasure to get another member to attend if unable to do so himself.

Nomination Forms. Secretary reported that original nomination forms had not been traced although the original copy of survey of cattlemen's herds made by Mr. Diprose had been returned by Mr. Malcolm Lee of the Lands Department of Bairnsdale. It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Hodge, that letter be written to former Secretary Mr. Jim Moir of Sale regarding the missing nomination forms and Mr. Cumming agreed to call on Mr. Moir to see if he could throw any light on these missing forms.

Memorials to Pioneers. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Hodge, seconded Mr. Lovick that the policy of erecting suitable memorials to the Pioneers, who had opened up the High Plains be adopted by the Association.

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List of Run Holders. Following further discussion, it was again moved by Mr. Lovick and seconded by Mr. Stoney that letters be written to Branch Secretaries asking them to compile a list of run-holders who are not members of the Association so that this list, also a list of present members of the Branch so that these lists can be sent to each Branch. It was felt that this may be a way of promoting the Association for members whilst attending sales etc.

FINANCIAL: As at Annual Meeting. Credit Balance of \$ 792.47 as at 30/6/77.

CORRESPONDENCE: It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Ryder that the correspondence be dealt with as read.

Letter from Mr. Dick Walpole re use of huts etc by cross country skiers and suggesting that skiers and cattlemen could work in together on this issue. This matter was discussed and letter is to be sent to Mr. Walpole acknowledging his letter with a suggestion that when we are making submissions after the Alpine Report comes out it will be further discussed.

Letter received from Mr. S.G. McL Dimmick Chairman of the Land Conservation Council dated 23rd. June 1977 was discussed fully and the following points made. This letter was in reply to letter written to Mr. Dimmick by Vice President Mr. Lyle McCready following receipt of final recommendation on study area N.E. 3,4,5, received from L.C.C.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont)1. Management Committee

It was moved by Mr. Hodge and seconded Mr. Commins that we suggest to the L.C.C, that a member of this Association be the cattleman's representative on the Management Committee when submissions on the Alpine area are being made.

2. Agistment Term

It was moved by Mr. Commins and seconded Mr. Fitzgerald that a copy of Mr. McCready's letter, also reply from the L.C.C. be forwarded to all Branch Presidents also Mr. R. Diprose for their information particularly on this point.

3. Isolated Blocks

Following discussion it was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Hodge that Mr. J. Mulligan be sent a copy of correspondence re this point: and the letter be written to Mr. C. Middleton, Minister of Lands, asking if there was any legislation pending on future of isolated freehold country within the area covered by the L.C.C. Study areas, or it was a likelihood of this arising in the future could we be notified.

4. Education Areas and Scenic Reserve

General discussion took place on these points taken from both Mr. McCready's and Mr. Dimmick's letters.

Letter from Mr. Heffernan President of Victorian Farmers Union advising of his intention to attend Association's Annual Meeting.

Letter from Mr. F. R. Moulds Chairman of Forests Commission that two of his officers would be attending the Association's Annual Meeting to discuss with members any matters or problems that they may be able to help with.

Letter from Mr. W. Borthwick Minister of Lands acknowledging receipt of letter and article prepared by Mr. Commins concerning horses on Crown land with particular reference to the control of brumbies, and advising that Association will be kept informed when any decisions in relation to this matter is made.

Letter from Mr. Commins regarding suggestions re a system of agistment which had been discussed at last meeting. The point made by Mr. Commins was covered in letter received from L.C.C. under Agistment heading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Hodge brought forward for discussion the matter of tenure of huts, holding paddocks etc so that mustering etc could be carried out as necessary without hinderance from people using these areas, and it was moved by Mr. Hicks and seconded Mr. Fitzgerald that it be left to the discretion of our Consultants that appropriate measures be taken to cover this situation.

Mr. McCready in reporting on marketing within the beef industry felt that some newspaper reports were very conflicting and following a short discussion he had had with the Minister of Agriculture it was suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Brian Buxton, Secretary to the Minister informing him that we had appointed a sub committee to inform our members on State Government and other action to improve beef industry and Mr L. McCready had been nominated to liase with the Department and would they pass onto Mr. McCready any information pertaining to this matter.

Changes to Constitution All Branches had been circularised regarding proposed amendments to the Constitution as suggested by Messrs Treasure and McCready and also proposed amendments to the organisation of the Central Council. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Lovick and seconded Mr. Fitzgerald that there be three delegates from each Branch, one of whom must be Branch President. In event of a delegate not being able to attend an emergency delegate may be appointed by the Branch.

On the other point made by Mr. McCready regarding revising of Constitution by Executive. Executive to be made up of President, Vice President and all Branch Presidents, it was moved by Mr. Hodge and seconded Mr. Ryan that the Constitution may be revised or updated by the Executive provided the vote is 100% in favour. President and Vice President to have a vote each. Each Branch President is to then take the change in constitution back to his Branch for approval. A written answer is required within one month to the Central Secretary from each Branch.

On the four points raised by Mr. Treasure the following points were adopted.

1. That the Central Secretary shall be furnished with all direct members names and addresses with each Branch in its seperateness and from time to time be notified of new direct and associate members. It was moved by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded Mr. Ryan that this be adopted.
2. That all annual subscription notices be sent out to Central Secretary and to those members who fail to pay promptly, then Central Secretary to co-opt the assistance of Branch Secretaries to collect outstanding fees. This was rejected by members and it was moved by Mr. Cumming and seconded Mr. Fitzgerald that Central Secretary send out subscription notices and Branch secretaries be responsible for the collection of same and then forward cheques to Central Secretary.
3. Central Secretary to inform all Branch Secretaries of intended Central Council meetings at least three weeks in advance, if time permits, and all Branch business returned to Central Secretary not later than seven days prior to Central Council Meetings. It was moved by Mr. Ryder and seconded Mr. Commins that this be adopted.
4. In the event of any Branch functions in the form of Mountain District Cattlemen's "Get Together" all notices and directions than concern all members and distinguished invited guests to be dealt with by Central Secretary and dispatched at least one month before the event. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Cumming and seconded Mr. Hodge that the host Branch be responsible for the running of the function and also for the invitations etc, V.I.P. invitations to be sent out in November and other guests invited early in the New Year.

National & Regional Parks - South Eastern Australia

A very lengthy discussion then took place on the views and work being done by Mr. Oliver Moriarty on behalf of the above Group and the fact that the name of the M.D.C. A. was being used as giving support to his proposals. This had been discussed at Branch Meetings, and members present thought, although Mr. Moriarty could present a very logical case, at this stage they very concerned that it may prediujice the Association's case with the L.C.C., and that members need to exercise extreme care for as they are free to support as individuals the M.D. C. A. cannot and should not align itself in any way with any conservation organisation, this is clearly set out in the Associations Constitution. It was moved by Mr. Stoney and seconded by Mr Ryder that letter to this effect be written to Mr. R. E. Moors, Secretary of the Interim Executive.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Throughout the course of the Meeting the following Guests attended the Meeting.

Mr. Bob Diprose, consultant, of McGowan Associates. Mr. Diprose spoke generally on the forthcoming Alpine Report and asked any members, who on their leases had any area which had easy access, but which was not useful for grazing to let him have this information urgently as it was needed by the 12th. July. After discussion with Mr. Diprose Secretary was instructed to write to L.C.C. (attention Mr. Dimmick) and ask that a copy of the Alpine Report be sent to the Association President, Vice President, Secretary and each of the Branch Presidents. Mr. Diprose, in answer to a query said he thought that private submissions to the L.C.C. could be useful but suggested that these be kept as concise as possible. Mr. McCready thanked Mr. Diprose for his attendance at the Meeting.

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Two officers from the Forests Commission were welcomed to the Meeting by Mr. McCready, they were Mr. D. Paine, Forest Resources Officer and Mr. L. Simpfendorfer, Utilization Officer. Mr. McCready explained that these officers would not address the meeting but would listen and make a note of any matters which the Commission may be able to assist members of the Association. Amongst these matters were lack of communication between the Commission and the Landowners, especially on the matter of burning off of areas - some specific cases were mentioned by members and these will be looked into by Messrs Paine & Simpfendorfer and answers given at a later date. The cost of the very high agistment rates charged by the Commission to run holders in the Mansfield area, especially as compared with the Lands Department rates in other areas was also brought forward for attention.

The final guest to the Meeting was Mr. Jack Gilmore of the Soil Conservation Authority, who gave those present a very interesting address on the S.C.A. A copy of Mr. Gilmore's address is to be sent to each Branch. Following discussion with Mr. Gilmore it was suggested by Mr. Hicks that our Association has members who are available and have the knowledge to participate on Committees where grazing is concerned and every effort should be made for the Association to have active representation wherever possible.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. McCready to Mr. Gilmore for his attendance at the Meeting.

In view of the time it was decided that it would be necessary to postpone Branch Reports and also Branch Resolutions which were on the Agenda until the next meeting which it is proposed to call in September.

Mr. McCready closed the Meeting to enable the Annual Meeting and the election of office-bearers to be held.