

Mountain District Cattlemen's Association

Central Council Meeting - Harrierville - 25th October 1977

Present:- Jim Commins, Lial McCready, Clive Hodge, S. Jack Treasure, Wally Ryder, Bill Hicks, Bren Fitzgerald, I. Roper, Mr. Mrs. Frank Blair, Max Blair, Freda Ryder, Ross Blair, Don Kneebone, Eric Weston, Ian Minchin, Graeme Connely, John Mulligan, Bill Howard, John Hall, Darcy Fitzgerald, Bernie Lawler.

Apologies:- Christa Mitchell, Mansfield Branch.

The Chairman Mr. Commins welcomed everyone.

Mr. Lial McCready brought to notice that Mr. Diprose has been transferred

CORRESPONDENCE:- Letter from the Forest Commission replying to queries at our last Annual Meeting.

Letters to Honorable W.A. Borthwick from M.D.C.A.V. about dingoes and wild dog problems and trapping methods.

Reply from Mr. Borthwick thanking us for the letter and stating "I recently requested the vermin and Noxious Weeds Destruction Board and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Ministry for Conservation, to review the various aspects of the control of wild dogs - dingoes in Eastern Victoria, and also to consider the representations and submissions made by the organisations requesting the conservation of the native dog. I will be considering this report in the next two months and can assure that your views as expressed, together with those of the rural community will be fully considered in any changes that may occur in the future.

Letters from State Law Revision Committee to Mr. L. McCready re animals on highways also to Clive Hodge. Letters dated 13.9.77.

Account from McGowan and Associates Pty.Ltd., for study of published report, Meetings and discussions and advice re submissions with individual cattlemen at branch meetings. Preparation and presentation of submission, discussion with L.C.C. Travelling, telephone and office expenses \$973.00

Mansfield Branch . . . submission on wandering stock.

Moved Bren Fitzgerald Seconded John Mulligan that correspondence be accepted CARRIED

Moved Lial McCready Seconded John Mulligan that the account of \$973 be paid to McGowan and Associates and a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Bob Diprose. CARRIED

Moved Lial McCready Seconded Jack Treasure that maps of proposed reference areas be studied by members concerned, and returned to Central Council Secretary, with alternative area suggested and comments. CARRIED

Moved L. McCready Seconded Ian Minchin that a submission be presented to the State Law Revision Committee in favour of retaining the present law and a sub-committee of executive (Presidents-Vice and S.J. Treasure) prepare same and copy to be sent to members of local Parliament and Minister of Lands and Legal opinion check submission. CARRIED

Moved Eric Weston Seconded Wal Ryder that compensation for eye cancer be continued. Amendment Moved Lial McCready Seconded Graeme Connely we address a letter to the Minister of Agriculture that the eye cancer subsidy is to be withdrawn. Will he confirm this as the incidence of cancer. The amendment became the motion and was CARRIED

Bogong - Mt. Nelse.

Proposed reserved area - Run holders effected J. & I. Roper, J. Madison, H.H. & G.B. Fitzgerald, Kelly Bros., Est. Faithfull, Bill Hicks and Bren Fitzgerald outlined the effect on lease holders. S.J. Treasure

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Public Land Utilization Council.

Moved Lial McCready Seconded S.J. Treasure that we acknowledge the invitation to join P.L.U.C. but our policy prevents our association being a member.

CARRIED

Association for Regional Parks and Countryside Commissions of Australia discussion about its lack of finance was emphasized by Jim Commins and J. Treasure. Letters from Oliver Moriaty stressing the expense of seminars to be held throughout the Country.

Moved John Mulligan Seconded S.J. Treasure that a donation of \$100 be made in appreciation of the work he is doing.

CARRIED

Meeting Closed 5.25 p.m.