

Mountain District Cattlemen's Association of Victoria

Central Council Meeting 19th July, 1978.

Omeo Shire Council Rooms.

Present: Jim Commins, Clive Hodge, Wal. Ryder, Bill Hicks, Bill Cumming, Jack Treasure, Bren Fitzgerald, Christa Mitchell, Lyle McCready, David Treasure, Richard Zachariah, Tony Pickett.

The President welcomed everyone and made a special welcome to Richard Zachariah.

Apologies: John Mulligan, the East Gippsland Branch, Graeme Stoney, the Mansfield Branch.

Moved Bren Fitzgerald seconded Clive Hodge that the minutes be received.
CARRIED.

Moved Bren Fitzgerald seconded Clive Hodge that the minutes be confirmed.
Carried.

Discussion on correspondence received:

Public Land Utilization Council's Submission to the Land Conservation Council

Two letters from the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Destruction Board re

1. The introduction of noxious weeds into Victoria by cattle.
2. The problem of plague mice.

Moved Bill Hicks seconded Bill Cumming that correspondence be received.
CARRIED.

Branch Reports:

Gippsland Branch: we approach all conservation groups with the idea to meet and discuss items of common interest.

North East Branch: we be opposed to the name National Park.
we investigate what compensation is available for graziers who lose runs/ leases.

Omeo Branch: agree to approach conservation groups.

Moved Bren Fitzgerald seconded David Treasure that branch reports be received.
CARRIED.

Lyle McCready reported on the meeting with Mr. Dimmick in June, Mr. Dimmick said that boundaries will be ironed out later to suit cattle grazing and that he would personally ensure that graziers' buildings will not be in with by tourists.

Suggestion: that two men take our supplementary submission to the LCC.
Discussion followed on points, additions and amendments for our supplementary submission.

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Lyle McCready that finances be forwarded to the Graziers Association to meet the cost of the photos in their submission to the L.C.C.

It was decided to hold a press conference in Melbourne inviting members of the Melbourne daily papers on Thursday 10th August, 1978. Our Representatives being: Jim Commins, Lyle McCready, Jack Treasure, Graeme Stoney, Jim Treasure, Bill Hicks/ Bren Fitzgerald.

Moved Lyle McCready seconded Bill Hicks that a sub-committee of three be formed to discuss and investigate the possibility of holding a symposium under Jack Treasure as chairman. CARRIED.

Committee: Jack Treasure, David Treasure, Bill Cumming in co-operation with Richard Zachariah.

Moved David Treasure seconded Bill Cumming that we ask members to donate money to help with the costs of lobbying. (If we raise a total of \$5,000 we have been promised substantial donations). CARRIED.

Moved Lyle McCready seconded Clive Hodge that we acquaint the Chairman of the Prices Justification Tribunal on the prices of store calves. CARRIED.

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Lyle McCready that we acknowledge the letters from the Vermin & Noxious Weeds Board. CARRIED.

Minutes Confirmed. 20/9/78 J.C. Commins