

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Minutes Annual Meeting Mountain District Cattlemen's Association held in Tobacco Board Room, Dalgety House, Melbourne on September 20, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

It was agreed at outset that General Meeting be held in the morning and Annual Meeting follow immediately.

Minutes General Meeting.

Present: Jim Commins, Lyle McCready, Cliv Hodge, Jack Treasure, Graeme Stoney, Frank Ryan, Bill Hicks, Ian Roper, Wally Ryder, David Treasure, Bren Fitzgerald, Jack Lovick, Richard Zachariah, Bill Cumming

Richard Zachariah acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Christa Mitchell.

Apologies: John Mulligan, Graeme Connolly

Annual Get-together. Decided to hold at Native Dog Plain, at head of Buchan River in February 1979. Date to be fixed.

Meeting opened with some disputation of minutes of last central council meeting held at Omeo on July 19.

Mr. McCready said the minute relating to the up-coming symposium stated clearly that the committee elected was to investigate the "possibility" of symposium whilst the committee had gone ahead and virtually arranged it.

Minutes were received. Moved Bren Fitzgerald, seconded Clive Hodge

Minutes were confirmed subject to correction. Moved Clive Hodge, seconded Lyle McCready. Carried.

Financial statement as at September 5 was \$973.22 in credit. Moved Lyle McCready, seconded Bren Fitzgerald. Carried.

Mr. Geoff Douglas, present at the meeting as Chairman of Vermin and Noxious Weeds Board, suggested the Association make a drive for new members on the Associate member basis. He said there was great scope for increased revenue and membership strength.

Jack Treasure then reported on symposium committee's meetings and detailed the running sheet for the symposium to be held at Clunies-Ross Hall on the 27th October 1978. Mr. Geoff Douglas had accepted invitation to chair meeting. The hall hire cost was \$157 and projection hire \$10. It was decided to charge \$5 at door to cover costs of hall and light supper. After discussion it was agreed to advertise the symposium in the Age and go ahead with the arrangements as detailed by Mr. Treasure.

The Director of Conservation (Victorian Government) Dr. Downes and Director of National Parks, Mr. J.D. Brookes arrived at the meeting and were welcomed by the President. Both men were invited to speak.

Dr. Downes declined followed by a resume of National Parks activities by Mr. Brookes, and the myths that surround them. Mr. Brooks said the myth that the National Parks were not concerned with fire was "indeed a myth". He said Forest Commission was responsible body for

fire in Park's but that NP rangers were equipped with light equipment to be used in first attack basis. They were usually on scene and could be very effective.

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Moved Bill Cumming that the minutes be taken as read.

Carried.

The President, Mr. Jim Commins, then gave his report of past year's activities. This will be printed in full in the 1979 Voice of the Mountains.

It was moved, Mr. Hodge, and seconded, Mr. David Treasure, that Mr. Commins be congratulated on his report and a job well done as President.

Election of Office bearers.

Mr. McCready took chair.

President: Moved Mr. McCready and seconded by Mr. Hodge that Mr. Commins be re-elected President for 1978-79.

Elected.

Secretary: Mrs. Christa Mitchell was re-elected and Mr. McCready moved that she be thanked for her good work and be appointed at same remuneration as last year. Mr. Stoney suggested the secretary keep a record of hours worked and be paid at the same rate as former secretary, Mrs. Rossiter.

Vice Presidents: In order of nomination and ranking, Mr. McCready, Mr. Stoney and Mr. Hodge.

Auditor: ANZ Bank, Bairnsdale.

Public Relations Officer: Moved Mr. Stoney, seconded by Mr. McCready that Richard Zachariah be appointed PR Officer for coming year.

Meeting closed 5.15.

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He said the rangers carried out regular weed eradication programmes and reduced wild life if in pest proportions in conjunction with Fisheries and Wildlife Department. National Parks were not restrictive - 1600 cattle were agisted at Yanakie, Wilson's Promontory each year, he said.

Meeting then continued with further discussion on symposium . Motion that symposium be held was moved Bill Hicks, seconded Ian Roper. Carried.

Mr. McCready reported on a meeting he had with LCC Chairman Dimmick earlier that morning. He said final LCC recommendations would probably go to Government early next year, 1979. Mr. McCready then speculated on a meeting to be held with all mountain MP's to bring then up to date with MDCAV policies.

Mr. Hicks also reported on a meeting with LCC Chairman where he presented final MDCAV submissions drafted at OMeo meeting. He was accompanied by Mr. Tony Pickett, consultant with McGowan's. Meeting last five hours and centred mainly on Mt. Nelse.

Mr. McCready told of a meeting with PJT representatives where he pointed out the peculiar problems of store cattle breeders as opposed to fatteners. The PJT is currently investigating the current selling arrangements i.e. facilities, transport and practice within the beef industry. Mr. Commins thanked Mr. McCready for his initiative and suggested a letter be sent to the PJT outlining the special problems of the cattle breeder. Mr. McCready said he had supplied the PJT with details of financial liability. For example, it cost \$105.85 to produce a calf compared with 1978 saleyard price of weaners at mountain sales of \$57 (average price).

Discussion continued on the above reports and Mr. Stoney said LCC Chairman held the MDCAV in high esteem because of the effective lobbying work of Mr. McCready.

Branch reports followed and centred around the need to have a more effective roll of members and begin a drive for new associate members. It was moved Mr. Stoney and seconded Mr. Hodge that a registry of members and associate members of the MDCAV be up-dated, all subscriptions and arrears be called in and a copy of the registry be sent to the President. Carried.

It was then moved by Mr. McCready and seconded Mr. Jack Treasure that associate membership fee be increased from \$3 to \$5 and the Association pledge to members that they would be kept better informed in the future. Branches to be asked to obtain an equal or greater number of associate members than actual full members. Carried.

Mr. Stoney moved, seconded Mr. Frank Ryan that branches be further asked to canvass for donations to promote the causes of the Association. Carried.

Mr. Jack Treasure then moved that a letter be drafted and sent to Mr. A.J. Treasure and Mr. Doug Treasure asking them to agree to a reduction from \$5,000 to \$2,500 in their suggested target figure before they would guarantee donations of \$300 each. Messrs. Treasure had indicated their willingness to donate \$300 each if a figure of \$5000 was raised by the MDCAV.

Discussion followed on the need for funds to finance lobbying and public relations operation. Mr. Lovick suggested a revival of the Voice of the Mountains publication. He guaranteed the sale of 500 copies.

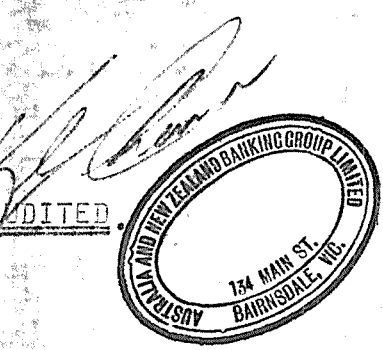
It was moved by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded Mr. Hicks that Jack Treasure and Richard Zachariah go ahead and prepare an edition of the Voice of the Mountains and forward to Mr. Stoney for printing. The issue which would be on sale at the annual Get-together would be priced at \$1 and advertising rates would be \$50 full page, half page \$30 and \$20 for one third of a page. Carried.

Meeting closed at 4.25 Next meeting Clunies Ross Hall, 2.30 p.m. October 27th to plan night's symposium.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30.9.78

1977	RECEIPTS	1978	1977	PAYMENTS	1978
1129.50	Subscriptions-Members	1486.00	120.00	Petty Cash	31.30
41.00	Subscription-Associates	24.00	34.80	Printing & Stationery	78.40
	Donations	144.21	15.00	Donations	100.00
	Re-imburement Office Expenses	21.42	432.50	Secretarial Fees	140.00
	Misc.	50.00	29.89	Bank Charges	32.00
304.16	CR. Bank Balance 30.6.77	792.47	-	McGowan & Sons	978.00
			-	Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board	75.00
			792.47	CR. Balance 30.6.78	321.10
<u>1474.66</u>		<u>2536.10</u>	<u>1474.66</u>		<u>2536.10</u>



FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT

5TH SEPT. '78 \$973.22 CR.