

Executive Committee Meeting - Snowbird Hotel Hotham - 15.11.78

PRESENT: Jim Commins, Lial McCready, Jack Treasure, Bren Fitzgerald, David Treasure, Rita Treasure, Ian Minchin, Don Treasure, David Gunter, Ian Roper, Don Kneebone, Jim Treasure, Frank Ryan, Judy Gunter, Harry Ryder, Ross Blair, Christa Mitchell.

APOLOGIES: Clive Hodge, Mansfield Branch, John Mulligan, Bill Hicks,

Moved Bren Fitzgerald seconded Jack Treasure that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

REPORTS: Jack Treasure reported on the symposium held at the Clunies Ross Hall by the M.D.C.A.V.

General discussion about the symposium - it was announced on the North East Radio Station. It was felt that the publicity was not enough after the symposium the Sun and the Stock and Land both had small articles. Preceding the event the Weekender had an article in it twice and there was an add in the Age.

Lial McCready reported on his meeting with Mr. Dimmick and said that the L.C.C. have made their report on the submissions, but it is being held up for political reasons. He suggests that we have a meeting with the parliamentarians (local members) and that we should get to know Dr. Molls successor (Forest Commission) Prices Justification Tribunal did not know store Cattle Industry existed and they are looking into it.

Jack Treasure suggested that we circulate letters to local council and parliamentarians on our policies.

David Gunter outlined wilderness area which takes part of his, Hodges and Gilders runs and suggests another area.

Discussion followed which concluded that we are dissatisfied with the L.C.C. RECOMMENDATIONS MAPS ON AREAS AT Numminong, Mansfield, Bogong and Avon, we feel M.D.C.A.V. have been disregarded and ignored.

Jim Treasure "Wilderness areas should be unacceptable to us - all bush is cattle country after fires."

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Lial McCready that David Gunter and Jim Treasure and write a letter to the L.C.C. opposing the Wilderness area in the Avon and the wilderness concept, and then forward these to Jim Commins.

And the Graeme Stoney Jack Purcell and Frank Ryan also write letters opposing the boundaries on the L.C.C. recommendations map forwarding these to Jim Commins who will then write a supporting letter to the Chairman of the L.C.C.

CARRIED....

FINANCIAL REPORT: Balance (deducting outstanding cheques) \$1166.80

ACCOUNTS: Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Foundation - projection facilities \$10.00
Use of special Committee Room \$33.00
Use of whole Audon 27.10.78 \$157.00
Richard Zacharish - public relations consultant \$260.00

Moved Bren Fitzgerald seconded David Treasure that the report be accepted and the accounts be passed for payment.

CARRIED....

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Bren Fitzgerald that Branch Secretaries re-imburement be discussed at the Annual Meeting

CARRIED....

Moved Jim Treasure seconded Ian Roper that the catering account from the Clunies Ross Hall not yet received be passed for payment.

CARRIED....

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Don Treasure that a list of Associate members be forwarded to Branch Secretary and that Jim Commins annual report and information on the Voice of the Mountains be forwarded to the Associate members.

CARRIED....

Moved David Treasure seconded Lial McCready that we have 2000 Copies of Voice of the Mountains printed for a start and ask printers to hold the block for reprinting.

CARRIED....

Discussion followed on the Seminar to be held by the Adult Education Council Saturday 24th November 1978, commencing at 9.00 a.m. at Mt. Beauty.

Moved David Treasure seconded Ian Minchin that we write to the Minister for Lands stating that this Association is gravely concerned at the increase of Pattersons Curse in the North East of Victoria and would appreciate any information he could give on when efficient biological method of control will be available.

CARRIED....

Forward copy of this letter to Jeff Douglas Chairman of Vermon & Noxious Weeds Board.

Moved Lial McCready seconded Ross Blair that the secretary meet or write to Bruce Evans and suggest that he arrange a meeting between M.D.C.A.V. and the following M.P.S. with the view to briefing them on our problems and giving them what advice and information we can to enable them to sensibly discuss the L.C.C. RECOMMENDATIONS wherever they concern cattle grazing. Also to endeavour to ensure that the L.C.C. final recommendations are fully discussed in both houses of State Parliament and that the Executive Committee of M.D.C.A.V. be present at this meeting.

CARRIED....

Discussion on an article for the Weekly Times.

Discussion on warning the public to keep out of the bush this summer.

Moved David Treasure seconded Jack Treasure that members be circulated with a letter explaining that it is crucial that we have donations for publicity and also for the publication of Voice of the Mountains and that the Alpine Area has become a political issue. We have been promised a considerable donation and we hope to raise approximately \$4,000

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