

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Executive Committee Meeting - Maffra Council Chamber - 19.3.79

PRESENT: Bren Fitzgerald, Ian Minchin, Jack Purcell, Jack Treasure Bill Cumming, Jim Commins, Christa Mitchell, Eric Cumming, Norm Chester, Sue Gunter.

APOLOGIES: North East Branch, Jack Lovick, Graeme Stoney, John Mulligan.

Moved Clive Hodge seconded Bren Fitzgerald that the minutes of the meeting held at Native Dog be received.

CARRIED....

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: \$1361.92 This amount includes thirty four donations from thirty one members amounting to \$1006,69 averaging more than thirty dollars per member. We urge every member to donate.

REPORTS: Jim Commins reported on the inspection of the Bogong High Plains organised by the Association of Regional Parks and Country side Commission - several M.P. were present. Bren Fitzgerald reported on the inspection of the Bogong High Plains organised by the Soil Conservation Authority. He feels that Jack Gilmore is now more approachable on the recommended parks area. Jim Commins reported on other inspections organised by the Bright Shire which were attended by the Premier, Minister for Conservation and Lands, and Mrs. Carr. He also reported on the meeting he and Jack Treasure had with forty students of Agriculture and Forestry on the Dargo High Plains. Clive Hodge reported on the chat he and Jim Treasure had with Labour Shadow Minister for Health Mr. Bob Roper and Labour candidates Bob McIntyre and Tom Mathews. Jack Purcell reported on the meeting he and Tom Purcell had with McDonald, Tom Trewin and they are trying to arrange a meeting and inspection with Frank Wilkes. It was generally approved that all members should lobby any candidate anywhere. Jack Treasure reported that the Vermin & Noxious Weeds Board are distributing sprays now to depots, but he will look into shortages at Buchan and Swifts Creek. There is a new environmental editor with the Age, Richard Zachariah will contact him inviting him to take an inspection tour.

CORRESPONDENCE: W.A. Baxter M.L.C.
L.S. Lieberman P.M. Press Release

BRANCH REPORTS: Minutes were read from the North East and Gippsland Branches.

MINUTES: Moved Jack Treasure seconded Jack Purcell that we order another 200 car stickers and sell them at not below cost and add to them that they are produced by M.D.C.A.V.

CARRIED....

Secretary to forward 20 to North East and East Gippsland Branches.

It was resolved that this be our year of publicity - the year of the cow. Much discussion arose on whether we should forward a letter of Oliver Moriarty's Media Release - to Councils and Candidates with our President's letter Jack Treasure's letter and the re-appraisal of grazing collection.

Moved Jack Purcell seconded Clive Hodge that we forward to candidates Jim Commins letter, Jack Treasure's letter, re-appraisal of grazing, and one Voice of the Mountains as soon as possible.

CARRIED....

Moved Clive Hodge seconded Ian Minchin that the content of the envelope to Shire Councils be one re-appraisal of grazing, one letter of Jim Commins, one letter of Jack Treasure per councillor and one Voice of the Mountains.

CARRIED....

It was suggested that each edition of Voice of the Mountains be circulated to Shire Councils. Leasees in East Gippsland have been notified that their leases have been handed over to the National Parks Service.

Moved Sue Gunter seconded Clive Hodge that we forward a letter to the Director of National Parks Service asking for details of policy on grazing on areas in East Gippsland and North East Study areas. Station that the lease wish to continue grazing.

CARRIED....

Moved Jack Purcell seconded Ian Minchin that we engage Lyle McCready to lobby who he feels how and when at fifty dollars per day.

CARRIED....

Moved Gippsland Branch seconded Jack Treasure that associate membership fee include Voice of the Mountains, entry into the Get-Together (if they produce their associate members ticket) and a Newsheet.

By the votes of the branches this motion was CARRIED....

It was suggested that the host branch of the Get-Together hold the function with the idea of making a profit.

Secretary write to the Vermin & Noxious Weeds Destruction Board asking that more attention be paid to isolated patches of noxious weeds on wide areas across the mountain bushlands on Crown Lands, moved by Jack Treasure seconded by Ian Minchin.

CARRIED....

It was suggested that we enquire into the copyrighting of the name "Voice of the Mountains".

Secretary to send copies of Associate members to branch presidents and secretaries. Meeting closed approximately 6.00 p.m.

John Minchin 16/5/79.