

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

## Executive Committee Meeting

16th May, 1979, Myrtleford Hotel

The President declared the meeting open at 11.50 a.m.

PRESENT: Lial McCready, Jim Commins, Graeme Stoney, Clive Hodge, Bill Hicks,  
Bren Fitzgerald, Jack Treasure, Wal Ryder, Bill Cummings Christa Mitchell.

That the minutes be received was moved by Bren Fitzgerald seconded by Bill Cumming.  
Jack Treasure reported that more stickers had been ordered but the quality and colour  
standard should be upgraded for the next order.

Clive Hodge reported that the information forwarded to Councils was well received.

Moved Bren Fitzgerald seconded Bill Cumming that the minutes be confirmed.

Correspondence: outward: letters to Books - Director of National Parks and  
Berthwick - Minister for Conservation re fate of members in  
recently created National Parks areas. A letter to Mr. G. Douglas  
re isolated patches of noxious weeds.

Inwards: reply from Mr. Douglas - "biological control some  
distance from practical application."

Minutes Central Advisory Council - Vermin & Noxious weeds reply  
from Ian Smith (Min. Ag) to Lial McCready's letter "The  
Government will legislate at the next sitting of Parliament to  
increase the maximum level of Compensation payable for Brucellosis."

Lial McCready reported that there is improvement in the L.C.C. policy on ownership of  
Leases.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: \$1680

ACCOUNT: Enterprise press \$522.81 Stickers and Re-appraisal of  
Grazing . Moved Clive Hodge and seconded Bren Fitzgerald that the Financial  
Statement be received and the account be passed for payment. CARRIED....

Moved Lyle McCready seconded Clive Hodge that the secretary be given power to  
settle accounts for projects approved by the executive Committee. CARRIED....

The secretary to make notes of anything which may change the constitution. Moved  
Graeme Stoney seconded Lial McCready that we initiate a policies note book.

CARRIED....

Suggestion Feeling is that we must not be linked with the Association for Regional  
and National Parks or any other Association, we must preserve our low-key independant  
image, particularly at this crucial stage.

Landy & Turner are no longer on the L.C.C.

Dr. Malcolm Calder - Botanist now on the L.C.C.

Jack Treasure to approach and ask Dr. Bill Barry to write an article in reply to  
the Department of Crown Lands and Survey's Bulletin No. 5 and Review of effects  
of grazing national ecosystems in Victoria by A.H. Arnold, and a copy of this to  
be forwarded to Jim Commins for approval.

CARRIED....

Moved Graeme Stoney seconded Jack Treasure that Clive Hodge on behalf of the M.D.C.A.V.  
APPROACH Moir (association's solicitor) saying that we anticipate that in the next  
year or two we may be involved in compensation claims for the loss of high plains  
cattle runs and without incurring heavy expense at this stage could he make inquiries  
about the name of a law firm in Melbourne that specialises in compensation claims  
against the Government.

Could he obtain an opinion from them of approximately the cost and chance of success of such action against the Government, explaining also that the licenses are only renewed yearly.

CARRIED....

Suggestion - that Voice of the Mountains contain information for members relation to association affairs from branches - other matter of more confidential concern be contained in an enclosure leaflet.

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Lial McCready that the secretary write to branches suggesting that the articles for the next Voice of the Mountain be in (to Jack Treasure) by the second week in July.

CARRIED....

9th and 10th February, 1980 the date for the Get-together on Holmes Plian.

Moved Graeme Stoney seconded Bill Cumming that Lyle McCready lobby Don Lane with the idea of an interview of a member when the final recommendations come out.

CARRIED....

Moved Lial McCready seconded Clive Hodge that we resind the motion retaining McGowan and Associates as officers to approve any public statement, and the President have power to sanction any such statements.

CARRIED....

Moved Jack Treasure seconded Clive Hodge that the secretary write to the Police Department commending them for their four wheel drive protection of the mountain area and suggest that there is a need for more four wheel drive vehicles at all police stations in the mountain area to patrol these areas. The Cattlemen were the instigators of police having four wheel drive vehicles but feel more patrolling is necessary.

CARRIED....

The Association is to make 10 copies of Voice of the Mountains available to Clive Hodge as Maffra Shire President and 12 to Lial McCready for his lobbying in Melbourne.

Jim Commins to make a statement to be phoned to the daily newspapers for release immediately the L.C.C. recommendations are publicized.

Our Annual General Meeting to be held on the first Friday of the Melbourne Royal Show at Dalgety House in the Tobacco Marketing Board Room.

Meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

*L.R. McCready 17/7/79*

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