

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

General meeting held Snowline Hotel, Harrietteville on December 5, 1979.

Meeting commenced 11.30a.m.

Chairman Mr. J. Commins.

PRESENT: L. McCready, B. Fitzgerald, C. Hodge, W. Hicks, I. Roper
H. Ryder, W. Cummings, J. Treasure, C. Aston, J. Commins

APOLOGIES: G. Stoney, J. Lovick, J. Purcell, T. Holth, D. Gunter,
F. Ryan.

MINUTES: J. Treasure moved the minutes of the previous meeting
be received. Seconded B. Fitzgerald. CARRIED

BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES:

Negotiations being made to compensate cattlemen.
L. McCready saw Rural Finance and they would be prepared
to help. W. Hicks is adamant we "don't give an inch".
J. Commins reported that John Mulligan had spoken to
Mr. Saunders (National Parks) re fazing out period and
Saunders has mentioned 9 years which J. Mulligan does
not consider is enough. J. Treasure to approach VEGA
and try and get representation.

CORRESPOND-
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October 5, W. V. Houghton, Minister for Conservation in
reply to J. Commins letter of 21.9.79.
" 15, Simplex Transfers re quote for stickers.
" 26, Jim Taylor, M.L.C. re support for M.D.C.A.V.
Nov. 12, Mr. V. Barnes, re dissatisfaction with
Association.
" 14, Nuffield Farming Scholars Assoc. re
acknowledgement of donation.
" 19, Shire of Bairnsdale, re support for M.D.C.A.V.
" 19, Mr. H. Albert. re replacement copy of Voice
of the Mountains.
" 11, B. Bourke, re Assoc. Membership.
" 23, W. R. Baxter, M.L.C., re support for M.D.C.A.V.
" 26, Shire of Wangaratta, refer letter 19.4.79.

B. Fitzgerald moved the correspondence be received.
Seconded H. Ryder CARRIED

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TREASURERS REPORT as at December 3, 1979.

	\$	\$
Balance as at July 1, 1979.		1,666.02
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	225.00	
Associate Members Subs.	155.00	
Donations	105.00	
Symposium	620.00	
Miscellaneous	51.00	
Advertising	630.00	
Voice of the Mountains	903.00	
Stickers	80.50	
	<u>2,769.50</u>	<u>2,769.50</u>
		4,435.52
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Bank Fees	3.00	
Freight/Postage	124.35	
Copying/Duplicating	177.07	
Stationery	296.19	
Catering	54.00	
Professional Lobbying	300.00	
Grazier Association	259.00	
Voice of the Mountains Production	2,362.81	
Secretary's Wage @ \$3.00 p.h.	120.75	
Typing	85.90	
Miscellaneous	40.00	
	<u>3,823.07</u>	<u>3,823.07</u>
Balance as at December 3, 1979.		<u>\$ 611.45</u>

J. Treasure will check up on \$522.81 for Voice of the Mountains paid to Enterprise Press and advise Central Secretary of outcome.

W. Hicks moved the Treasurer's Report be received.

Seconded I. Roper

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REPORT:

J. Treasure had been in touch with Tore Holth and he had hoped to get to our meeting. Tore expects to have his book out in April, 1980. He wants the cattlemen to ride horses down Swanston Street in Melbourne as a promotion gimmick. Tore is prepared to help with the next Voice of the Mountains. J. Commins felt any help we can co-opt from a person like Tore will be appreciated.

REPORT

CONT'D: L. McCready feels any assistance we can give to Jack Treasure should be allowed and congratulations to Jack for his work. Seconded I. Roper. CARRIED

GENERAL

BUSINESS: J. Treasure put forward the idea of Tore Holth's on the cattlemen riding up Swanston Street, Melbourne and the general feeling from the meeting was "not on". It was also felt that if Tore could come up with a modified idea to promote his book then we may consider it.

J. Commins related the events since the Annual Meeting re W. V. Haughton and his subsequent meetings and correspondence. J. Commins presented his letter to W. V. Houghton outlining his summary of the L.C.C. Report. J. Commins read out the reply from W.V. Haughton. J. Commins put forward his letter for circulation as a handout. General feeling was that it was good and J. Treasure moved the circular be copied and sent to whoever they think fit. Seconded L. McCready CARRIED

L. McCready would like L. Lieberman to receive 3 copies
 " " " " Chairman of Labor Committee to
 receive 6 copies. Bishop Delbridge (Sale) 1 copy.

J. Treasure put forward a circular for discussion and would like a copy to go to branches for their comments.

L. McCready had talks with L. Lieberman and have put to the Minister for Conservation a 10 year survey period comprising of a committee made up of cattlemen, conservationists and experts. L. McCready feels we have to work close with the Victorian Farmers and Graziers Association. J. Commins replied to this comment and said he was in agreeance yet we should not loose sight of our own identity.

W. Cummings confirmed that any public controversy regarding the M.D.C.A.V. and media releases by members seen as such should be sent to Central Executive for approval. It was agreed that this is the course accepted by the M.D.C.A.V.

J. Treasure moved that a letter go to Minister for Forest Commission outlining more co-operation by Forest Commission and rural landowners/and or private landowners in protective burning. Seconded W. Hicks CARRIED

GENERAL
BUSINESS
CONT'D:

L. McCready moved that a letter go to Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Conservation expressing our concern at the cuts in Government expenditure on control of noxious weeds and the continual doubts expressed as to the continued availability of 245T as a spray and we would appreciate their revising their decision to make these cuts.

Seconded C. Hodge CARRIED

J. Treasure submitted a letter from W. V. Haughton, Minister for Conservation (16.11.79) re the forming of a Committee within the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Destruction Board. L. McCready nominated - Accepted
H. Ryder nominated - Accepted.

L. McCready moved a motion of appreciation for J. Treasure's services as a member of the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Board. Seconded J. Commins. CARRIED

H. Ryder suggested we approach the producers of "Australia All Over" (ABC) and invite them to the Get-together for coverage. Also send a copy of Voice of the Mountains and the circular.

J. Commins moved that stickers be sent to Associate Members along with their copies of Voice of the Mountains. Seconded J. Treasure. CARRIED

Meeting closed at 4.30p.m.



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