

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

Meeting held at "Shannonvale", Annual Get-together on February 14th, 1981.

PRESENT: J. Commins, L. McCready, H. Ryder, B. Fitzgerald, W. Hicks, G. Stoney, D. & C. Aston, T. Fitzgerald, R. Blair, H. Hall, W. Ryder, I. Roper, C. Hodge, J. Lovick, D. Kneebone, N. Chester, Rusty Connley.

APOLOGIES: J. Mulligan, R. Treasure.

CHAIRPERSON: J. Commins.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Moved B. Fitzgerald that minutes be accepted. Seconded J. Hall..

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

J. Commins reported on letter to Shires and M.P.'s. Strong support from most concerned. Strong support from Tambo Shire. Letter from Minister to Baxter saying no chance Committee being changed.

TREASURER'S

REPORT: For the period 23.9.80 to 31.1.81 \$ \$

RECEIPTS

Balance at 1.7.80	1,413.28
Members Subscriptions	1,506.00
Associate Members Subscriptions	405.00
Donations	26.00
Advertising	445.00
Sales of Voice of the Mountains	626.50
Sales of Stickers.	63.50

\$4,485.28

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees	14.28
Freight/Postage	204.94
Copying & Duplicating	42.60
Catering & Room Hire	102.00
Professional Advice	61.00
Central Secretary's Allowance	141.00
Stationary	75.94
Miscellaneous	50.00

691.76

LESS unrepresented cheques 27.00

664.76

Balance at 31.1.81.

664.76  
3,820.52

\$4,485.28

General feeling is Voice of the Mountains must be sold to make it pay. G. Stoney moved a letter to

GENERAL  
BUSINESS

to key people be sent with a copy of Voice of the Mountains (list provided). Seconded C. Hodge  
CARRIED

J. Lovick moved that Voice of the Mountains be sent to ALL members of State Cabinet. Seconded G. Stoney  
CARRIED

G. Stoney moved that Treasurer's Report be accepted  
Seconded B. Fitzgerald  
CARRIED.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS:

L. McCready reported on meeting held at Mansfield. Politicians and Forest Commission officials were involved in inspection and it was seen to be a success. He felt a similar task could be undertaken in other areas. Some of the people in attendance who belong to Departments who were involved with making the decision had never been there before.

G. Stoney moved a motion to thank Omeo Branch and B. Fitzgerald on the work for the get-together.  
Seconded L. McCready  
CARRIED

J. Commins reported on discussion with VFGA and our membership. We cannot join as an Association. There are sub-committees we can be a part of (eg. Land Use Committee).

L. McCready reported that it was pointed out a letter should be sent to the Clubs (eg. 4 wheel drive, hikers etc.) pointing out cattlemen have a right to use huts and they expected a bit of courtesy regarding them. C. Hodge and G. Stoney to go on the committee along with Forest Commission. There is some uncertainty of the right of the cattlemen; too many grey areas. L. McCready moved a Committee be formed to write a letter to explain and circulate among these clubs.  
Seconded R. Blair  
CARRIED

G. Stoney moved that paid-up Assoc. Members receive Voice of the Mountains as part of their subscription and paid up Members get Voice of the Mountains free and to be distributed by one person in each branch responsible to Central Secretary.

Seconded L. McCready  
CARRIED

Meeting closed due to work to be done for get-together.

*Minutes Confirmed. 20/5/81  
J. Commins*