

MINUTES of the Mountain District Cattlemen's Association meeting held at Omeo Shire Office, May 20, 1981.

Chairperson: Mr. J. Commins

Meeting opened at 10.45a.m.

APOLOGIES: J. Lovick, G. Stoney, C. Hodge, J. Mulligan.

PRESENT: J. Commins, B. Fitzgerald, H. Ryder, R. Treasure, D. Rogers, W. Cumming, K. Faithful, K. Kelly, I. Roper, W. Hicks, L. McCready, C. Aston, Bren Fitzgerald, R. Connley, D. Kneebone and J. Hall.

MINUTES B. Fitzgerald moved the minutes be received.
Seconded H. Ryd er

L. McCready reported that he and G. Stoney have had talks with members of the Land Conservation Council and they feel they have mislead us by claiming that it wasn't because the cattle were doing harm, but because a significant number of people simply wanted the areas free from cattle. The Land Conservation Council are now claiming it is due to pressure of grazing etc. We have to lobby these people as best we can and we have to seriously consider what steps we can take to gain the best for for the people who have been misplaced. People in the LaTrobe Valley are receiving good compensation for their land being taken for coal mining and surely we should receive the same consideration.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Letter to Clubs - feeling that it is individuals who are problem not clubs so much.

Voice of the Mountains - complimentary copies to cabinet ministers etc., should be screened better and a V.I.P. list as to who should receive it.

R. Connley moved Minutes be confirmed.
Seconded H. Ryder
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

23.2.81 - Minister of Agriculture, Tom Austin acknowledging receipt of Voice of the Mountains.
26.2.81 - Letter from Associate Member
5.3.81 - Letter from Carlton Jones P/L. to join
8.3.81 - Letter from Mrs. Ryder re material for Voice of the Mountains.
9.3.81 -Letter from Mrs. Edmondson acknowledging receipt of condolence letter from MDCAV.
19.3.81 - Letter from Peter Ross-Edwards acknowledging receipt of Voice of the Mountians.
20.3.81 - Letter from J. Brooks, Director of Conservation acknowledging receipt of Voice of the Mountains.
20.3.81 - Letter from I. Kunaratman, Land Conservation Council acknowledging receipt of Voice of the Mountains.
23.3.81 - Letter from F. Granter, Minister of Water Supply adknowleging receipt of Voice of the Mountains.
23.3.81 - Letter from Secretary to F. Grimwade acknowledging receipt of Voice of the Mountains.

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24.3.81 - Letter from A. Mitchell, Soil Conservation Authority acknowledging receipt of Voice of the Mountains.

7.4.81 - Letter from Associate for copies of Voice of the Mountains.

Letter from K. Pollock for back copies of Voice of the Mountians.

BUSINESS ARISING

FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Mrs. Ryder re material for Voice of the Mountains. All material to be returned by G. Stoney to respective people as soon as possible.

I. Roper moved correspondence be received.

Seconded. B. Fitzgerald.

CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: For period 31.1.81 to 19.5.81.

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RECEIPTS

Balance at 1.7.80	1,413.28
Members Subscriptions	1,792.00
Associate Member Subs.	540.00
Donations	26.00
Advertising	580.00
Sales of Voice of the Mtns.	1,379.30
Sales of Stickers	91.50
Miscellaneous	50.80
	<u>5,872.88</u>

EXPENDITURE

Banks Fees	14.58	
Freight/Postage	373.22	
Copying and duplicating	74.12	
Catering and Room Hire	102.00	
Professional Advice	61.00	
Voice of the Mountains	2,500.21	
Secretary Allowance	227.75	
Stationary	105.18	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
	<u>3,558.06</u>	
Balance at 19.5.81		2,314.82
		<u>\$5,872.88</u>

B. Fitzgerald moved report be received.

Seconded L. McCready

CARRIED

REPORT:

L. McCready reported on Mansfield Agistment. Inspection of these areas with T. TreWin, F. Grimwade. Bluff area most contentious area. We rode through and pointed out it was not an area suffering any harm from cattle grazing. There was no sign of erosion except on windward edge. Forest Commission were staggered in the change of attitude by L.C.C. L. McCready sees no point in anyone from this Association speaking to Hamer or Houghton as the election promise was for 5% of land of Victoria to to to National Parks and it would be done with no thought of who it affects or what. Our views were discussed in cabinet but the majority of the party are going to support Hamer and his election promise of 5% to the public. L. McCready feels we would be doing the Association a favour by taking the

members in our area into the Bogong High Plains. Necessity to keep hammering politicians. Ian Morton (Rural Finance) is prepared to see anyone who is affected by the Government decision and he is prepared to help financially in any way. G. Connley moved report by received. Seconded W. Cumming CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Voice of the Mountains:- D. Kneebone is in touch with Education Department (Primary) Inspector of School in N.E. who will be presenting two books at a Principals Meeting in Melbourne soon. There is a chance of the books going into the education department. The book has been gazetted in local gazette and in school gazette which is distributed throughout Victoria. It is important to get information to the children of today and through them to their parents. Don Kneebone suggested sale price at - Upto 10 = \$2.00 ea., 10-100 = \$1.80ea., Over 100 = \$1.70. G. Connley moved the meeting support the move by Don to establish the market for Voice of the Mountains within the education system, especially in metropolitan areas, and the Association would like to express its appreciation to Don for his efforts in promotion of the journal within the Education Department.

Seconded J. Hall CARRIED

General feeling that a few copies to Parliamentary library would be more sensible and economical than a copy to each member.

Efforts should be made by branches to see the journal is placed in local and surrounding schools either by sale or as a gift paid for by member.

What lengths do we go to to get monies owing to us?? Suggestion of reminder sticker and finally refer to President for his intervention.

LUNCH

Meeting commenced at 1.50p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS
CONT'D:

D. Rogers has made efforts to lease a run which was discontinued in September at Tingaringi National Park and he has been told it won't be let out. Representative to see new Secretary for Lands and have policy clarified. I. Roper moved a letter go to the Secretary of Lands asking what their policy is regarding these runs. Seconded W. Cumming CARRIED

I. Roper moved for plugging at ALP members and taking them on tour. Shadow Conservation Minister and President of ALP to be part of party of say six to inspect high plain and mountain areas for a time to be arranged in January, 1982. Seconded B. Fitzgerald CARRIED

Annual Get-Together:- B. Fitzgerald felt certain points came to light as a result of the gathering at Shannonvale. Voice of the Mountains sales to be kept separate to gate sales, voluntary help and site depends on success of gathering, tour of inspection should be

more organized and advertised. Suggested barbecues be supplied for people to do own cooking and MDCAV meeting might be held on Sunday with a view to involving interested persons and get feedback.

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L. McCready moved a submission from Association that a buffer zone be established around proposed pine plantations and highlight the need for improved roads. Seconded K. Kelly. CARRIED

D. Kneebone moved the feasibility of a badge be looked into and will undertake to find out cost etc., and report back to Central Secretary.

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W. Cumming asked should a new venue be thought of for Annual Meeting. General feeling that current venue, Tobacco Board Room, Dalgety House is suitable for our needs. Friday of first week of Melbourne Show tentative date for meeting.

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J. Commins thanked B. Fitzgerald and friends for organizing morning and afternoon tea for meeting today.

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Meeting closed 3.50p.m.

*Minutes Confirmed 18/9/81
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