

## MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

General Meeting held Tobacco Board Room, Dalgety House, 461 Bourke Street, Melbourne on Friday, 18th September, 1981.

Chairperson Mr. J. Commins declared the meeting open at 1.35p.m.

PRESENT Mr. & Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Jordan (Associate Members), W. Cumming, C. Aston, J. Commins, J. Gunter, Rusty Connley, R. Treasure, H. Ryder, D. Kneebone, W. Hicks, L. McCready, G. Stoney, C. Hodge.

APOLOGIES Mr. Crooke.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Tucker, Associate Member, formerly of U.S.A. now of Upper Ryan's Creek.

Richard's family lived in Colorado and the family had a run. In the 60's the Government got on the conservation "kick" and they experienced similar problems to that we are now encountering. There has been studies done to show Alpine grasses have a higher protein content than other grasses. The aim is more toward production of these Alpine lands in U.S.A. than conservation now. The aim is to make the lands productive but still conserve them. There was considerable support in Richard's comments and much appreciation for his impromptu talk. G. Stoney approached Richard about putting a few words together for inclusion in our next Voice of the Mountains.

MINUTES of previous meeting were read.

BUSINESS  
ARISING:

G. Stoney and L. McCready outlined more fully the meaning of the report by L. McCready for those who were not at last meeting. L. McCready reported on discussion with Rural Finance. There is an arrangement with Rural Finance whereby Lyle writes a letter of introduction for anyone to see Ian Morton and this should allow them an interview

G. Stoney suggested getting in writing from the L.C.C. as to why our members have been misled into the reasons why the land is not being let out. G. Stoney to complete a letter to be given to Central Secretary for typing. J. Commins to put letter to his Solicitor and if approved to be sent.

D. Kneebone moved minutes be accepted. Seconded C. Hodge  
CARRIED

TREASURER'S  
REPORT:

Voice of the Mountains sales to be followed up and monies brought in.

D. Kneebone reported on prospect of getting books into the Education Department and pointed out the impossibility of getting them into the schools without any finances available. H. Ryder moved Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded W. Cumming  
CARRIED

W. Cumming moved the Secretary/Treasurer's allowance be \$500 p.a. and for her to keep account of hours to ensure not out-of-pocket plus any extra for telephone calls.

Seconded G. Stoney  
CARRIED

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the period 1.7.81 to 31.8.81.                   \$                   \$

RECEIPTS

Balance at 1.7.81.		2,943.57
Subscriptions		
Associate Members		230.00
Donations		
Voice of the Mountains Sales		1,487.30
Sales of Stickers		64.70
Get-together		
Miscellaneous		
Bank		12.58
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		4,730.15

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees	.90	
Freight/Postage	39.33	
Copying and duplicating		
Catering and room hire		
Professional Advice		
Graziers Assoc.		
Voice of the Mountains		
Stickers		
Secretary's allowance		
Stationary		
Miscellaneous.		
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		\$ 4,689.92
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Balance per Bank Statement at 1/9/81		\$ 4,689.92

L. McCready to receive copies of all notices etc., as part of his position of Liaison Officer.

GET-TOGETHER: C. Hodge moved a pamphlet be prepared by branch and distributed at the gate outlining the weekend activities with special emphasis on Inspection and relevant details on Guest Speakers.

Seconded G. Connley  
CARRIED

D. Kneebone moved a badge be designed and purchased with a resale value upto \$3 for all members to have to wear. The decision to be made at next delegates meeting on design.

L. McCready to draft a letter to go to Stokes and Sons and K. G. Luke.

Seconded C. Hodge  
CARRIED

February 6, 1982 tentative date for gathering.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 29.5.81 Report from L. McCready on session with L. Lieberman.
- 16.6.81 Thank you from W. Houghton on receipt of V/M's.
- 17.6.81 K. Bush thank you letter.
- 16.7.81 National Parks Service enclosing 1981 Amendments relating to grazing in the Bogong National Park.
- 27.7.81 Letter from D. McLeod re membership.  
Letter from S. Hills re new member and enquiry re using T.shirts, badges etc as a publicity media.
- 14.8.81 Letter from T. McDonald re offer of recording equipment free of charge for use at Annual Meeting.
- 15.8.81 Letter from B. Hardy-Smith enclosing poem for V/M's.  
Letter from A. Brewer enclosing 3 poems for V/M's.  
Letter to B. Fitzgerald forwarded to Secretary re possibility of using Cattlemen's Association as a title for T.shirts used as a medium for a clothing story., from K. Spicer.
- 18.6.81 Department of Crown Lands and Survey in reply to our letter to them of 5.6.81 re letting of Crown Land.

C.C. to L. McCready along with copy of our letter to Dept. Crown Lands. G. Connley moved correspondence be accepted.

Seconded H. Ryder  
CARRIED

Letter from K. Spicer. reply to say we are not prepared to start any publicity campaigns at this stage.

D. Kneebone sent a letter to Peter Nixon pressuring for representation in USA to be made over meat scandal.

VOICE OF THE MOUNTAINS:

D. Kneebone moved Voice of the Mountains be kept going.

Seconded C. Hodge  
CARRIED

G. Stoney felt there was enough material for another issue but he would have to have the co-operation of the members. Would have to have the advertisers in by mid October to ensure printing by Christmas. Thought to be given to cost of postage. Rerun of President's statement to be included from Editions 5 and 6. Prices for 81/82 advertisers:- \$70 full page, \$40 half page, \$30 quarter. R. Treasure, D. Kneebone, W. Cumming, C. Hodge and B. Fitzgerald to look after canvassing for advertisers.

DON.

Meet

DONATION: G. Stoney moved Nuffield Scholarship Fund receive a donation same as last year. Seconded W. Cumming  
CARRIED

L. McCready to arrange for inspection party of M.P.'s.

Free list for get-together to be kept to an absolute minimum.

C. Hodge moved Mrs. Bill Barry receive a letter of condolence from Association. Seconded W. Cumming  
CARRIED

L. McCready felt it was refreshing to see Associate Members at meeting and felt they should be encouraged to future meetings.

Meeting closed at 4.55p.m.

*Minutes Confirmed - 30/4/82  
J. H. Hommes*