

Minutes of the M.D.C.A.V. Executive Committee held at Omeo Shire Office on Tuesday, November 30th, 1982.

PRESENT: B. Fitzgerald, J. Commins, C. Aston, D. Rogers, R. Treasure, L. McCready, K. Connley, G. Connley, W. Hicks, C. Hodge, W. Cumming.

APOLOGIES: H. Ryder, G. Stoney, D. Kneebone.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. C. Hodge moved Minutes be received. Seconded L. McCready. B. Fitzgerald moved Minutes be confirmed. Seconded D. Rogers. CARRIED

CHAIRMAN: J. Commins reported on the meeting held with Jeff Burrows and Suzie Howey with regard to the promotion for the Get-together in February, '83. Miss Howey has planned to put a lot into this and have a press release and T.V. coverage.

DISCUSSION ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Paul Osmond (Assoc. Member) wrote a report on the Annual Meeting. Paper presented to meeting. A general feeling the report was good.

L. McCready pointed out that member's subscriptions were fewer in relation to Associate Members.

Soil Conservation Authority Committee:- W. Hicks Reported he rang headquarters at Bennalla and there is a meeting on 17.12.82.

J. Commins reported on letter to S.C.A. regarding request for more representation for Alpine District Advisory Committee. Letter dated 14.10.82 was read to meeting. To date no reply has been forthcoming. L. McCready will try and make an appointment to meet with Authority.

W. Hicks feels that a person in the area who may be having problems should be allowed to sit in on the A.D.A.C. when their problem is being discussed. General feeling that this is something very important to insure everyone gets a fair hearing.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	\$	\$
INCOME		
Miscellaneous		.90
Subscriptions		817.50
Associate Subscriptions		914.00
Advertising		190.00
Sales of Voice of the Mountains		1,917.40
Donations		10.00
Sticker Sales		63.00
Bank		38.34
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Bank Fees	2.00	
Freight/Postage	55.10	
Copying/Duplicating	23.00	
Catering & Room Hire	140.00	
Professional Advice	128.00	
Secretary's Allowance	175.00	
Carried Forward.	523.10	3,951.14

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CONT'D:

Brought Forward	\$ 523.10	\$ 3,951.14
<u>Expenditure Cont'd.</u>		
Stationary	15.02	
Miscellaneous	620.00	
Investment	6,800.00	
	<u>7,958.12</u>	
Plus Balance at 30.6.82		7,837.73
		<u>11,798.87</u>
Less Expenditure		7,958.12
<u>Balance</u>		<u>\$3,830.75</u>

C. Hodge moved a further investment of \$2,500 go into the Investment Account. Seconded L. McCready.

CORRESPONDENCE:

8.10.82 S.C.A. advising on Alpine District Advisory Committee.
Mrs. L. Austing re Associate Membership.
22.10.82 G. Fitzgerald enclosing Subscription
" " S. Cotter Associate Membership
Australian Stockmen's Hall of Fame invitation to Dinner.
M. Crawford Associate Membership
Outback Motorbike Safaris.
12.11.82 L. Austin Assoc. Membership and back copies of V/Mtns.
19.11.82 B. MacGregor re back copies of V/Mtns.

J. Commins read out answer of letter to Prospectors & Miners Association and subsequent correspondence from them to us dated 4.10.82.

L. McCready felt we should get in touch with a Solicitor and find out our legal position with regard to

C. Hodge felt we must be careful of who we accept as an Associate and there should be a better screening. C. Hodge moved. Seconded B. Fitzgerald
CARRIED.

LIAISON OFFICER'S
REPORT:

L. McCready reported that a beaurocrat from Sydney visited Kosciusko National Park and went back to Sydney and told the Premier the cattle were creating a nuisance. The Premier contacted the Victorian Premier to find out what it is all about. The buffer area suggested was 15km. L. McCready spoke with one of the Minister's Assistants and impressed upon him the implications of putting 2,500 breeders out of circulation. A general feeling that the buffer zone should go back into their own State and not into Victoria. It is their problem.

G.Connley and J. Rogers were to meet with the Superintendent of the Kosciusko Park. The Superintendent was not there but they had talks with the Head Ranger who said he was not aware of any problems there with cattle. D. Rogers feels the suggestion of leasing back any freehold would be like holding a red rag to a bull. He does not

they would lean to the idea. There really is no problem. A few wandered over the river at Tom Groggin area but that can be fixed with a bit of fencing. Suggest we pressure for the fencing and abandon the leasing suggestions for now. G. Connley feels it is most necessary to have a meeting with the Park people. W. Hicks moved G. Connley and J. Rogers to seek out the Manager of Tom Groggin Station and Kosciusko Park Authorities and discuss problems. Seconded K. Connley. CARRIED.

L. McCready feels we should make an arrangement with the Minister and Mr. Walker to have a look at Nunniong in January, 1983.

BREAK FOR LUNCH. 12.40p.m.

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ADDITIONAL PRESENT: K. Faithfull, K. Terry, K. Kelly, P. Faithfull and D. Faithfull.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Newsletter:- G. Stoney's letter to be included. Advise members of Get-together details and on Voice of the Mountains. Moved B. Fitzgerald Seconded D. Rogers. CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Ken Terry of Soil Conservation Authority of Bennalla addressed the meeting and said the review of the Alpine area is truly political and flavoured in every department to meet with their own ends.

There are FOUR points which M.D.C.A.V. should press;

- a) Social and Economic (not being dealt with hard enough),
- b) Culture and Heritage,
- c) Need for land management,
- d) A point of refuting erosion hazard.

Charges and fees for area - They are forming a Committee on how much should be charged.

An approach to the Ministers is urgently needed.

The elements cause erosion within the Alpine area as much if not more than anything that is being claimed.

ALPINE DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Meeting on 17.12.82. More solid representation. Four sub-sections:- Mansfidd, Bennison-Dargo, Bogong and Nunniong. Forester on each committee and atleast three graziers.

A.D.A.C. COMMITTEE

Mike Gardner (Regional Director of Wangaratta)
John Wright
Jack Gilmore
Graziers
Wally Wagner (Recreational).

Meeting concerned by the Labour Pary's policy
"NO GRAZING IN NATIONAL PARKS".

ALPINE DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONT'D:

Concern about attitudes and all graziers should let them know in Melbourne how they feel.

Why aren't Stock and Station Agents yelling about it?? What about the turnover and cash flow of the mountain grade cattle??

J. Commins pointed out that people are under the impression it is cheap grazing. On recent figures it is not cheap and a lot of feelings are of jealousy.

C. Hodge mentioned at Maffra Council Meeting you are not allowed to vote or make a decision on anything where there is a pecuniary interest. Too many people making decisions on things they know nothing about.

We should seek to view the submissions of agencies (S.C.A.) and others to know what they are thinking.

12 copies of submission to to to L.C.C. as there are 12 members. In fact hand them around to all members and then ask to discuss it with them there and then.

L. McCready moved a letter of thanks go to Ken Terry for his willingness to help Association. Seconded K. Connley. CARRIED.

J. Commins stressed that everyone should make a submission to the L.C.C.

LEARNING EXCHANGE:

D. Rogers moved we pay a yearly subscription and occasionally send articles in for printing and comment. Seconded W. Hicks. CARRIED.

GET-TOGETHER '83:

Date fixed for 5th and 6th February.

Slim Dusty should be invited and commended on his latest record. Invitation also to Peter Nixon.

C. Hodge will be bringing 20 people over by horse from Valencia Creek.

Items of interest:- Cattlemen's Cup
Celebrity's attending
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Write to G. Stoney for details of itinerary.

Find out how many people have been displaced and how many runs have been fragmented into different departments and how many cattle are affected.

Approach to President of Stock and Station Agents and Bankers Organization for a submission in support of graziers.

J. Commins reported on meeting with Des Crowe of V.F.G.A. and Tim Barker who welcome us as an affiliated body which is vitally important.

G. Hodge moved we offer \$1,000 to V.F.G.A. as an affiliation fee. Seconded L. McCready. The Association to be eligible for a representative at their executive meetings and have voting power.

G. Conley moved a letter go to the Minister for Agriculture expressing our opposition to bringing Foot and Mouth Live Virus into Australia.
 Seconded B. Fitzgerald CARRIED.

D. Faithfull moved a letter go to the C.R.B. Divisional Engineer in Bairnsdale asking him to clarify the situation on moving stock in the Omeo Shire. 21.11.82 he was moving cattle on 25 mile on Omeo Hwy - North of Omeo and cattle were detoured by a C.R.B. worker who was watering the road. The cattle were disadvantaged, deprived of water and put under undue stress. Seconded B. Fitzgerald. CARRIED.

Expression of thanks to Pat Sykes and Betty Fitzgerald for providing morning and afternoon tea.

K. Connley suggested we send all information to Suzie Howey and keep her informed.

Meeting closed 4.30p.m.

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Minutes confirmed 17/3/83

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