

Minutes of the Mountain District Cattlemen's Association held at Omeo Shire Office on Monday, June 27th, 1983.

Meeting commenced at 11.00a.m.

Mr. Jim Commins chaired the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. B. Fitzgerald, K. Kelly, B. Pendergast, C. McCallum
C. McNamara, G. Connley, B. Commins, J. Connley,
C. Hodge, C. Aston, J. Treasure, W. Cumming, Betty
Fitzgerald, Pat Sykes, G. Stoney, T. Murphy, W. Hicks,
H. Ryder, J. Hall, K. Heywood, J. Commins.

APOLOGIES: D. Kneebone, L. McCready, J. Lovick, I. Roper,
P. Faithfull.

Mr. Commins opened the meeting and offered condolences to the Fitzgerald family in the recent passing on of Bren Fitzgerald. Jim, Jack Lovick and Graeme Stoney were guests of Evan Walker at lunch when he was then the Minister for Conservation. A Parliamentary party will have a look at the mountain area in December, 1983. The inspection will probably take in Mansfield, Bogong and perhaps Nunniong.

Jim feels apprehensive towards Mr. McKenzie and his attitude to alpine grazing.

Jim addressed a meeting of the Morwell A.L.P. Branch and it was very satisfactory and well attended. A mixed bag of feelings towards grazing from those in attendance. Jim feels we must try and gain more support.

MINUTES: The minutes were read. K. Kelly moved they be received. Seconded H. Ryder. CARRIED.

BUSINESS

ARISING: Clive Hodge pointed out that the issue on Huts have always been included in our submission.

H. Stephenson is prepared to help and will take any material by end of August, 1983 for our Edition 8 Voice of the Mountains.

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PONDENCE: Mr. Lees, Boomerang Safaris dated 21.3.83.
C. Hodge said he is in favour of Mr. Lees and his venture in ~~trail rides~~ ^{4 wheel drive} and feels the Association can give every support.

Thank you letter from Mrs. Gilmore re. her husband's death.

Thank you card from the Fitzgerald family.

FINANCIAL
REPORT:

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RECEIPTS.

Balance at 30.6.82.	7,837.73
Member's Subs.	1,738.50
Assoc. "	1,374.00
Donation	20.00
Advertising	190.00
Voice of Mountains	2,145.70
Stickers	346.00
Get-together	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	5.10
Bank	2,571.49
T-shirts	69.00
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	17,793.52

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Fees	6.44	
Freight/Postage	208.12	
Copying	403.79	
Catering	140.00	
Prof. Advice.	332.00	
Advertising	2,162.25	
Voice of Mountains	55.00	
Stickers	922.00	
Secretary's Allow.	425.00	
Stationary	15.02	
Miscellaneous	1,681.60	
Investment	9,300.00	
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less unrepresented cheques	274.48	
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G. Connley moved report be received. Seconded
C. McCallum CARRIED

REPORT:

G. Stoney had discussions with G. Burrowes and J. Lovick and they feel the best way to lobby the L.C.C. is send out a letter to all the members and friends and anyone else we can think of and ask them to write a letter in support. Graeme read out a draft of an information letter which would go out to each person. Graeme moved the draft letter be adopted and sent out as soon as possible to all supporters. Costs incurred for outside help to be met by Central Committee Funds.

Bruce Commins heard an interview on the Ian Hinchley programme on the radio with Mr. McKenzie who is

reported to have said "that cattlemen expected they would be phased out of the mountains and that it was just a matter of when we left". A letter was sent to Mr. McKenzie asking for explanation, but to date there has been no reply.

A letter was received by Mansfield Branch from R. Gray, 70 Stanhope Street, Malvern who thanked two members (T. Murphy and S. Ware) for assisting the people in trouble in the Howqua River. Donation of \$15 was received by Mansfield Branch. Letter of thanks has been sent.

HUTS: In response to a letter from the Division of Forest Management, a submission prepared by G. Stoney. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Betty Fitzgerald that G. Stoney prepare submission and attend meeting on July 18 re Huts. Seconded C. McNamara.
CARRIED.

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TOGETHER: C. McNamara nominated Gippsland Branch to host the 1984 Get-together. W. Cumming suggested Holmes Plain or Moroka and/or Wellington River for venue.

PETITION: G. Connley asked that the Secretary notify everyone that all petitions be in at the Annual Meeting. Petitions to go to the Government at the same time as the Final L.C.C. Report is released. This is important.

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MOUNTAINS: Material is needed. The slant should be on the Gippsland Branch area because of the venue for the Get-together '84. H. Stephenson needs material by end of August. J. Commins feels it is vital Voice of the Mountains be produced in the Spring.

Suggestion that the colour photograph on front of Stock and Land be used on the cover. Secretary to enquire from Stock and Land on availability.

Send material to Secretary or to Jim. Need to charge more for Ads. according to H. Stephenson. moved C. Hodge Full Page \$100, Half Page \$60 and Quarter Page \$30. Seconded P. Murphy.

L.C.C. Change wording on Page 69 Q to read "continue to allow" from "is unable to prevent"., Jim to organize Submission by July, 26.

LEASES. L. McCready needs information on Leases being fragmented by various Government Depts., including National Park Boundaries.

Minutes Confirmed . 23/9/83

J. Commins (Chairman)

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