

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association held at Porepunkah Hotel, May 31st, 1984.

D. Kneebone pointed out we have members in attendance who are not able to vote but can be here as observers.

G. Stoney introduced Phillip McGuire, a Journalist and David Lindsay. Phillip is in the middle of putting a book together and wants to talk to some of the people here today. He is interested in doing a series of articles which may be included in The Age Supplement very soon. Any assistance we can give him will be appreciated. Phillip and David would be attending the meeting at Bright of the Shires. David is a photographer who is riding from Melbourne to Brisbane and staying in the area a while.

The Chairman Mr. Jim Commins declared the meeting open at 11.10a.m.

PRESENT:

G. and K. Connley, W. & H. Ryder, M. Blair, J. Hall, K. Heywood, F. Ryan, F. Weston, A. (Jim) Treasure, W. Hicks, C. Hodge, W. Cumming, L. McCready, G. Stoney, D. Kneebone, J. Commins, C. Aston, P. McGuire and D. Lindsay.

APOLOGIES:

J. Lovick, T. Murphy, J. Gough, D. J. & D. Rogers, Dough and David Treasure.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. L. McCready moved the Minutes be accepted. Seconded C. Hodge.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

H. Ryder reported that advertising on milk cartons was too expensive.

Kosciosko Trip was reported. J. Commins advised that Mosley would not have any of our people attend the trip.

L. McCready feels we should follow up L. Lieberman on Insurance talk so our members would be better informed on the stock on roads issue.

Bendigo Fair went off well and we received two prizes for "Best Individual Entry" and Best Horse Parade Entry". The Treasure family put a lot into it and Doug Treasure handed out stickers and pamphlets. D. Kneebone thanked all the persons involved and a special thanks to W. & H. Ryder and F. Ryan. Alan Drash, the Billman family and Mrs. Maulding were very supportive and hospitable. D. Kneebone and J. Commins were involved with Tore Holth at the Historical Society which also went over well.

A few members attended the Wangaratta Meeting but D. Kneebone felt about one third of the group were interested and that it was not a good meeting.

D. Kneebone moved the Minutes be confirmed. Seconded C. Hodge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C. Hodge pointed out we have lost one of our greatest supporters in Jack Guy, and would like to move that a mark of respect and a letter go to Mrs. Guy and family. Seconded J. Commins.

G. Little's letter was replied to by J. Commins. C. Hodge feels that the letter should be made public and sent to a few papers. P. McGuire would like a copy. G. Stoney felt we should get his permission to change the heading "To the Editor". J. Commins will follow it up.

L. McCready moved we write and invite M. Thomson to the Get-together and possibly one of the musters. P. McGuire will follow this up. Seconded C. Hodge.

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Martin Curtis from ABC Radio asked to be kept informed. Suggested we invite him to our Annual Meeting in September.

Official letter of acceptance of our affiliation with the VFGA received.

Letter to D. Evans from E. Walker on the reference to the Soil Conservation Authority concerning the proposal to withdraw grazing from Howitt Plain. The meeting agreed we should push the Moratorium issue and go public.

National Farm Services would like to make an arrangement with our Association re Insurance. G. Stoney feels we are too small and most members have their own insurance and it would be too messy.

Association for Protection of Rural Australia want to have a Symposium in Gippsland later this year. Hoping for involvement from us.

Shire of Bright put in a good submission on our behalf.

Paper by T. Holth very good and supportive.

K. Connley moved correspondence be received. Seconded W. Cumming.

Close for lunch 12.30p.m.
Opened at 1.45p.m.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT:

G. Stoney reported on the paper he is presenting at Bright on June 1st. The Council are supposed to be carrying more responsibility in the community. The paper is worded to take in the community aspect. G. Stoney read the speech for the meeting to discuss and approve. The speech was amended and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

RECEIPTS	\$	EXPENDITURE	\$
Member's Sub	920.50	Bank Fees	25.11
Assoc. "	1,610.00	Freight/Postage	946.23
Advertising	910.00	Copying/Duplicatg.	1,043.59
Voice of Mtns.	554.25	Stationary	178.50
Stickers	158.80	Secretary Allow.	750.00
T-shirts	4,608.39	Prof. Advice	225.30
Bank	5,070.11	Catering/Room Hire	260.60
Misc.	595.25	Stickers	480.00
Badges	228.00	T-shirts	4,300.88
Donation	231.43	Badges	845.80
		Voice of Mtns.	5,038.40
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	14,886.73		16,279.41
Bal. at 30/6	2,499.89		
less expenses	17,386.62		
	16,279.41	Access Account	488.23
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MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Stock on Hand	Wincheaters	130	
	t-shirts	130	
	stickers	1,400	New
	"	1,700	Old
	Journals	100	(Not including copies held by Branches)

Money in Bank \$1,018.77

only 11 outlets paid so far.

C. Hodge moved reports be received. Seconded H. Ryder.

A money raising venture could be for each member to donate a calf for sale.

L. McCready reported that he had appointments with Liberal and Country Parties. We had discussions with Kennett, Lieberman and others. Kennett said there would be nothing from Parliament before Spring Session and he will give a full month before it comes up to enable us to do something. Lyle feels we need to keep hammering Mosley and educate him. Important Mosley sees we are not just a lot of "bushies". Lyle will organize a special meeting for the near future.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

We have about 7,000 names on our Petitions. If we can present the forms to Parliament House we must make a good job of it. P. McGuire suggested a ride from Gippsland area and the N.E. side to meet in Melbourne. Collect signatures on the way. Have some of the horses and riders from The Man From Snowy River and also members. Get media involvement on the issue. Present Petitions at Parliament and have media there for the presentation. Have a roster basis, perhaps and for the final lap all get together and ride into Melbourne. Push the 150 year heritage issue. For those persons who are taking horses, there are facilities at the Royal Agriculture Society at the Show Grounds.

An alternative idea would be to buy space in the Melbourne paper and put an ad in. We need to get the media involved. Ad to have a coupon to be cut out and sent to the relevant Minister. Another alternative would be to write a song and have a film clip of scenes on the high country. There is a couple of songs on the go. John Armstrong of Bushland Studios has offered his facilities. Could be worthwhile getting 60 Minutes on side. 150 Years Celebration (Chairman, Randal McDonald) is paying tribute to Victoria and on the other hand, ripping down part of its heritage.

G. Stoney suggested a sub-committee, namely J. Commins, D. Kneebone, G. Connley and C. Hodge and he feels they should get together very soon. G. Stoney moved the committee be authorised to act in any way it sees fit. Seconded L. McCready. CARRIED

Grazing fees should be a figure set across the board. We should find out all the runs that are vacant now and prove the point that we do not have an economic advantage. K. Heywood feels if the Shires are really willing to help, then they should do something about the rates.

W. Cumming reported on the Land Protection Council which will amalgamate 18 bodies. Each region will be represented by 6-8 elected landholders. Bill was in favour of this new set up. There will be 3 pilot areas - Bairnsdale, Geelong and Horsham. Alpine District Advisory Council may get wiped. Possibility of a sub-committee within the structure. Bill Hicks feels we want as much representation as we can get and that it is a big job for 1 man.

L. McCready moved the draft letter and information pamphlet be left to Public Relations Committee. Seconded F. Ryan.

G. Stoney moved a draft letter go to Stockman's Hall of Fame enlisting there public support. Seconded L. McCready.

J. Treasure moved that two copies of the 83/84 Journal be sent free with introductory letter to the Public Secondary Schools in Melbourne. Letter to Principal to present reference book to the Staff Meeting and one copy for a Library Reference. Seconded K. Connley.

Necessary to have rules for Cattlemen's Cup drafted to present at next meeting. G. Connley, C. Hodge and D. Kneebone on Race Committee.

G. Stoney moved the Association support the Treasure family in their efforts to move the boundary line of National Parks to natural boundaries. Seconded L. McCready.

Meeting closed 5.20p.m.

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