

Meeting of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Incorporated held at Myrtleford on December 12, 1984.

Meeting commenced at 11.15a.m.

PRESENT:

W. Hicks, J. Commins, D. Kneebone, L. McCready, I. Minchin, F. Ryan, M. Blair, B. Treasure, G. Connley, B. Fitzgerald, W. Ryder, J. Treasure, I. Roper, K. Terry, C. Aston, K. Heywood.

APOLOGIES:

G. Stoney, H. Ryder, W. Cumming, K. Kelly, C. Hodge, D. Treasure, D. Rogers.

Chairman J. Commins declared the meeting open and apologised for the short notice for getting the meeting organized. A definite need for a lobbyist over the next few weeks before the decision is made next year. This could be a costly exercise and we have to work out the cheapest way to do it. It may require each member being levied in some way to raise funds.

Minutes were read of the previous meeting. G. Connley moved they be confirmed. Sec. B. Treasure. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Assorted letters from people interested in becoming Associate Members.
 Nov 2 Sporting Shooters Assoc. of Australia outlining support.
 Nov 13 L. Lieberman congratulating us on our October meeting.
 Dec 10 S. Silvers outlining aims of Associate Member section Youth Sport and Recreation confirming a speaker for Jan. 18 at their camp.
 J. Commins read out a draft letter which he will send to The Age in reply to an article published recently.

D. Kneebone moved correspondence be received. Seconded I. Minchin CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

INCOME	\$	EXPENDITURE	\$
Member's Sub	1,105.00	Bank Fees	10.73
Assoc. "	1,339.00	Copying/Duplicating	1,499.81
Journal Sales	740.20	Freight/Postage	319.50
Sticker "	2,168.40	Stationary	222.67
Badge "	223.00	Prof. Advice	260.00
Proceeds from Functions	4,571.10	Catering	1,556.12
Bank	113.99	Allowances	1,026.00
Misc.	2.00	Misc.	747.00
Donation	393.00	Advertising & P.R.	3,171.36
	<u>10,655.69</u>		<u>8,813.19</u>
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Plus balance at 30/6 1,842.50 \$2,828.15 TOTAL
 985.65

Investment Account \$2,534.48 Access Account \$507.88

J. Treasure moved report be received. Seconded I. Minchin CARRIED

J. Treasure wanted to know if the Melbourne Associate Committee was autonomous or under the Main Association. J. Commins told him they are still part of the main body as outlined in S. Silvers letter.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Scale of Fees: F. Ryan and others fees have risen about 600%, and they were billed for last year, plus interest and the new rate for this year. Our Association and the VFGA have been trying to negotiate a reasonable scale of fees prior to the release of these latest charges and are awaiting further communication from the Minister's office. L. McCready moved we arrange a deputation to Messrs. Walker and McKenzie and point out that the increase in fees far exceeds accepted Government percentage to cover increased costs. Unless we get reasonable consideration we will publicise the obvious fact that Government are pricing cattlemen out of the high country. Until this matter is resolved, all accounts must be suspended immediately. Sec. G. Connley CARRIED

Members should give a lot of thought to this matter, because if it comes to a confrontation, we have to know how we are going to treat it. Keep documentation of fees past and present.

Break for lunch 12.45p.m.
 Recommended 2.00p.m.

J. Commins reported on a phone call from G. Stoney during lunch. Graeme is in Melbourne taking advise from senior business executives and it is recommended we take positive action. D. Kneebone moved S. Silvers be appointed Assistant Secretary in charge of Associates. Seconded F. Ryan CARRIED.

Lobbying: The definition of a Lobbyist was explained to the meeting as follows. A lobbyist seems to have knowledge of the Bill before it reaches the House. They brief those who compliment your cause. They keep a finger on the pulse. If we get a reputable person we should get some mileage.

D. Kneebone felt as a fund raising venture, we could ask members 'if needed a calf in every 100 produced or any part of'. L. McCready moved we support the need for having a suitable consultant or P.R. person to do lobbying in Melbourne and when we get details of the cost have another meeting to decide how we will raise extra funds if required. It is recommended by the Executive that if this person is appointed it be arranged by Mid January, 1985. Seconded G. Connley CARRIED. It is desirable that this matter be discussed at Branch level without delay.

Get-together: D. Kneebone suggested an added attraction could be a Pack Horse Race. Two Stock Agents have put up money and K. Bush will donate a bridle as a prize. It will be upto the discretion of the Cup Committee to organize the pack contents.

Venues requiring MCAVI attendance: Myrtleford Bush Market, Jan 4 part of 150 year celebration. Narre Warren, Glengarry Shows and Moomba have extended invitations to enter processions. Suggested we have a questionnaire as a handout (like Registration Form at Melb. Meeting) to get feedback and possible new supporters.

Journal: Ads still needed. Send to S. Silvers, 28 Cityview Road, Nth. Balwyn.

Plaque: H. Ryder told to get permission to have two plaques erected. The Fitzgerald family would like Bren's to be put on a flat rock, but they have been told to put it near the hut. H. Ryder is following it up and has the support of the Association in whatever is decided.

Meeting closed 4.00p.m.



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Present:
Barry Fit
Getty Fit
Joanne Ro
Graham Co

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Treasure,

Mr. Jim C

Tim Barke
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Bank Fees
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