

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD 10-11 OCTOBER 2002
IN THE OFFICES OF FEDERATED FARMERS,
AGRICULTURE HOUSE, JOHNSTON STREET, WELLINGTON
COMMENCING AT 9.35AM ON THE 10TH.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

President Don Bell opened the meeting at 9.35am on the 10th. There were no apologies.

In attendance:

Don Bell	President	Gerard Martin	Executive
Jane Lorimer	Vice President	Bob Blair	Executive
Lin McKenzie	Executive	Tim Leslie	Executive Secretary
Philip Cropp	Executive		

The main issue for the next day and a half will be the report from the Restructure Task Group and the subsequent actions the Executive decides on from the report.

Bruce Bycroft from the Restructure Task Group will join the meeting at 10.00am to present the report.

1.1 Additional Agenda Items:

Technology agreement with Waikato University
Varroa Programme Group meeting on 7th October
Exotic surveillance contract report from Terry Gavin

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 24 SEPTEMBER 2002:

"The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held 24 September 2002 be accepted as an accurate record."

GM/PC CARRIED

- 2.1.** Matters Arising will be dealt with during the course of the meeting.
Surveillance meeting held on 8th.
Tax reversals for honoraria paid in error
Honey Trust applications.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

From	Re
ERMA	Notification of a workshop -
NBA Restructure Task Group	Recommendations
Varroa Programme	Discussion paper for meeting 7/10/02
Beekeepers Serbia	Enquiry re AFB booklet copyright

Outwards

To	Re
Honey Trust	Applications and recommendations
R & D Cttee	Asking for opinion re Trust application
Branches	PMS Operations issues
Hort Research	AFB Sampling

Varroa Programme Manager	Movement Control
Varroa Programme Manager	Phase Three issues
Allen McCaw	Acceptance of resignations
Various Beekeepers	Levy issues
AgriQuality	PMS Contract Aug 02-Dec 02.
All known beekeepers	Update on Biosecurity Levy
F O'Brien	Honorarium issues

“The Inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence be approved.”

JL/GM CARRIED

4 NBA RESTRUCTURE:

At 10.00am the meeting welcomed Restructure Task Group Member Bruce Bycroft who reported on behalf of the Task Group.

The consultation round of branch meetings told the RTG that they saw the following key roles/activities for an industry body:

Leadership	Accountability
Advocacy	Education
Communication	Monitor upcoming legislation
Value for money	Magazine
Strong branch involvement	Accommodation of hobbyists
Commercial focus	Specialist Groups (eg Pollinators and Queen Breeders)
Pro-active	
Affordability	

Following the meeting and feedback process from 15 of the NBA's 16 branches the task group decided on two options for a way forward and recommends the NBA pursue proposal 1.

Proposal 1:

“The NBA restructuring Task Group recommends that the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand Inc (NBA) becomes a full Industry Group of Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc).”

Proposal 2:

“The NBA restructure into a stand-alone industry body.”

The Executive thanked Bryce for the Committees work and broke for lunch at mid day, returning at 1.00pm.

Further discussion over the RTG recommendations continued into the afternoon.

“The report of the NBA restructuring task group be received.”

GM/JL CARRIED

“That a letter thanking the Restructure Task Group for its efforts in a short time be sent to the Committee”.

JL/LMcK CARRIED

“That a fax received from Trevor Cullen stating his problems with the process for the restructure and the result be received”.

JL/LMcK CARRIED

Don pointed out that the task group was to report to the Executive and that this is what they had done.

Special Meeting

Discussion about the need for a special meeting decided that it is not practical to hold a meeting before the end of January 2003, as this is what members are saying. Therefore the plan will be now to communicate with all NBA members by post, magazine and the website.

Meeting reconvened at 9.10am on 11 October 2002. There were no apologies.

5. PMS

Recently 3 AFB outbreaks have been reported and dealt with in the South Island:

- Burnt 150 hives at Lincoln
- In excess of 250 hives at Oxford
- Checking several dozen hives in an Orchard in the Nelson area.

“Executive endorse the actions of the PMS operations Committee to date with these outbreaks”.

PC/GM carried

6. FINANCE

“The accounts for the period ending 30 September 2002 be accepted.”

PC/JL CARRIED

TL reported that the Federated Farmers Finance manager had recently retired and a new appointment had been made. This means that the NBA's notice of account signatories held with the NBA's bankers will need to be updated.

“The NBA notes the change in Finance Manager of Federated Farmers and nominates as account signatories any two of the NBA President, the NBA Treasurer, Federated Farmers Executive Director Administration and Membership Services, the Federated Farmers Finance Manager or the Federated Farmers Administration Services Manager.”

JL/LMcK CARRIED

The Treasurer and Executive Secretary are look at what the financial needs of the NBA are between November 2002 and March 2003 and report to the next meeting.

7. KIM van VUUREN REPORT

Action on distribution of the report “Varroa Control Costs and the Impact on South Island Beekeepers” was discussed. It was decided:

“2 bound copies be sent to the NBA Technical Library

A copy is posted on the NBA website.

Copy to MAF Biosecurity and Policy

Copy to Minister of Agriculture

Copy to NBA Branches

Advertise on Tim's email list and to the Branches that the report is available from NBA at cost for copying and postage.”

8 GENERAL

8.1 The testing of honey for pollen

A letter from Rod McKenzie regarding perceived problems with consistency in pollen level testing was received.

After a brief discussion it was resolved to write to Mr McKenzie and point out this is outside the NBA's brief. The issue belongs to NZFSA or the Commerce Commission.

8.2 US Bee Importation

Tim reported that MAF had been in touch (verbally) about the consultation process in the USA for the changes to their rules for the import of bees and associated products. They want to know if the NBA is sending a representative to these meetings.

"Write to MAF regarding USDA meetings in the USA and point out that the NBA is not in a position to send a representative to these meetings."

LMcK/GM CARRIED

8.3 Honey Trust Applications

Xen-APIARY/Haddrell and McEwan Application

"The Executive endorses recommendations of R&D Cttee and forward to the Trust as not approved".

LMcK/GM CARRIED

Telford

Philip reported that the application from Telford for \$2250.00 is to pay for an expert writer for the development of the Apiculture Unit Standards.

"Recommend that the application for unit standards assistance be referred to the trust for approval."

PC/LMcK CARRIED

8.4 Exotic Surveillance

A report from Terry Gavin on progress on the 2002/03 programme was presented.

"Accept report of the first Exotic Surveillance Programme meeting and encourage Terry Gavin and Peter Berry to fully participate on behalf of the NBA."

GM/PC CARRIED

8.5 R & D Marketing

The honey qualities project funding and development was discussed. It was agreed that the Contract with Waikato University be signed.

"Technology for business growth Contract be signed and then funding can be freed"

JL/PC CARRIED

Ownership and development of NBA Intellectual Property was discussed.

“Marketing Committee investigate the research and development the NBA has undertaken and make recommendations to the NBA and/or its successors for the future ownership, development and possible commercialisation of these projects.”

PC/JL CARRIED

8.6 Varroa Programme Group

Don reported on the meeting held on 7 October 2002. It seems the development programme has now become a beekeeper focused problem. The only issue is now a PMS to keep the South Island free. It means if beekeepers want the SI free, they will have to pay.

9 CLOSURE

Don thanked all for their input and closed the meeting at 2.05pm