

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-second Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, 25th January 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H.F. Pearson in the Chair, and Messrs J.W. Barrett, H. Pump and J.M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance

APOLOGY: Apology for Absence was received from Mr. F.S. Dunn being out of the District.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed
Correspondence was read and received.

INSURANCE: The Secretary reported that the present Insurance Policy covered the Buildings & Plant against Fire Risk only, Fusion in the Electric Motors and Generator, also damage caused by Explosion was not covered.

Resolved that the fresh Policies now being prepared be extended to include cover against Fusion in the Electric Motors and Generator, also damage by Explosion.

BALANCE SHEET: The Balance Sheet and Working Account for the year ended 31st December 1937, together with the Auditors Certificate was presented to the meeting.

Resolved that same be accepted and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1937 be finally allowed.

REPAIRS: The Secretary reported that portions of the floor in the Grading rooms required renewal and that portions of the Roof needed attention, this work had been put in hand and was nearing completion.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

ESTIMATES: The Estimates for the year 1938 was duly submitted to the meeting and considered. It was suggested by Members that on account of the disastrously low returns received by Shareholders last season for their Cool stored fruit and the poor prospect for the coming season on account of the continued dry weather, the amount set aside and provided in the Estimates for the reduction of the Bank Overdraft should be lower for this year, with a corresponding reduction in the Space-rent levy.

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SPACE-RENT
1938:

Resolved that a Rent Rate of One shilling and fourpence per case-space be struck for the year ending December 31st, 1938. Payable sixpence per case-space on or before 1st February 1938, sixpence per case-space on or before 1st June 1938, and the balance viz:- fourpence per case-space on or before 1st August 1938. Subject to a reduction of one-halfpenny per case-space of the last instalment on space transferred to Chambers converted to the Direct Expansion system in accordance with the undertakings given to Shareholders in circular letters dated 23/ 10/ 34 and the 19/ 11/ 34

ANNUAL
MEETING:

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in the Ringwood Town Hall on Tuesday, 1st March 1938 at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS
FOR
COMMITTEE:

All the retiring members of the Committee viz:- Messrs J. W. Barrett, F. S. Dunn, H. F. Pearson, H. Pump and J. M. White nominated to serve on the Committee for the ensuing term.

Resolved that the Nominations be and is hereby accepted

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that eight payments General Account totaling £ 60. 16. 2 be ratified.

Resolved that six accounts General Account totaling £ 77. 19. 6 be passed for payment.

Resolved that two accounts Trust Account totaling £ 28. 3. 7 be passed for payment.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£ 4000.	0.	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	16.	15. 10
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr, Bal.	£	16.	12. 5

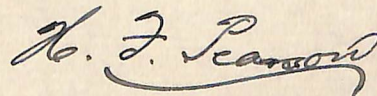
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1938



Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-third Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, 1st March 1938, at 7. p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. F. Pearson in the Chair, and Messrs. J. W. Barrett H. Pump, F. S. Dunn and J. M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed
Correspondence was read and confirmed

SUCTION GAS PLANT: The Secretary reported that the valve between the Gas Generator and the Scrubber was leaking badly and required renewing. An endeavour was being made to secure a suitable second-hand valve.

Resolved that should the second-hand valve be found to be suitable that the Engineer be empowered to secure same and instal it.

SPACE-RENT ARREARS: The Secretary reported that the sum of One hundred and sixty-four pounds seventeen shillings (£164. 17. 0) arrears of space-rent had been collected since the previous meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that twelve payments General Account totaling £ 176. 12. 3 be ratified.

Resolved that seven accounts General Account totaling £ 376. 7. 9 be passed for payment

Resolved that two Accounts Trust Account totaling £ 203. 14. 0 be ratified.

FINANCE: Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 4000. 0. 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 13. 5. 9
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 148. 3. 0

Confirmed this 3rd day of May 1938

H. Pump.
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-fourth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, 3rd May 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, H. Pump, J.M. White the Secretary was also in attendance.

APOLOGY: Apology for absence was received from Mr. J.W. Barrett.

CHAIRMAN: Resolved that Mr H. Pump be elected Chairman for the ensuing term.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
Correspondence was read and received.

MISSING FRUIT: The Secretary reported that two complaints had been received of fruit being missed from the Store. In one instance apparently a misunderstanding had occurred through a Shareholder placing fruit in space not allotted to him, removing it at a later period without notification. In the other instance it had not been possible to obtain a satisfactory explanation, although exhaustive enquiries had been made

DAMAGED FRUIT: The Secretary reported that Mr. H.M. Farmilo had complained that his stack of Jonathans in No 2. chamber had been knocked over causing much fruit to be bruised, when investigating this complaint it was noted that he had an excessive quantity of fruit stacked in three rows in accordance with his space allotment.

Resolved that Mr H.M. Farmilo be requested to remove the excess quantity within seven days.

SPACE-RENT ARREARS: Serious consideration was given to the arrears of space-rent caused largely through the poor fruit crop the result of very dry conditions this season.

Resolved that an endeavour be made to collect the arrears pointing out to defaulting Shareholders that the reduction of twopence per case-space had been made with the view that Shareholders would meet their space-rent commitments when due.

COOL STORES CONFERENCE: Advice was received from the Fruitgrowers Cool Stores Association of Victoria that the Conference of that body would be held at Echuca on May 17th next.

Resolved that the Chairman and Secretary represent this Society at the Conference.

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ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:Resolved that twenty-five payments General Account
totaling £ 440. 15. 6 be ratifiedResolved that two accounts General Account totaling
£ 6. 6. 8 be passed for paymentResolved that three payments Trust Account totaling
£ 182. 13. 2 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£ 4000.	0.	0
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr. Bal.	£	6.	6. 3
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	111.	15. 11
less unpresented cheque	£	101.	2. 9

Confirmed this 28th day of June 1938*H. Pump.*

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-fifth Committee Meeting of the Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road Ringwood, on Tuesday, 28th June 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump in the Chair, and Messrs. H. F. Pearson, F. Dunn and J. M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance.

APOLOGY: Apology for absence was received from Mr. J. W. Barrett

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
Correspondence was read and received.

ARREARS SPACE-RENT: The Secretary reported that since last meeting arrears of the first instalment totaling £ 133. 15. 6 had been collected, and that several shareholders had promised to meet their arrears as the fruit was removed from the Store

Instructions were received from Mr. Gordon Rennick LLB. on behalf of W. Elder that in the event of Mr W. Maggs being in arrears of space-rent payments the fruit in Mr. W. Elder's space was not to be removed.

COOL STORES CONFERENCE: The report of the Fruitgrowers' Cool Stores Conference held at Echuca on 17th May was received.

Resolved that the information requested in the Circular of the Orchardists & Fruit Cool Stores Association be forwarded.

TRUCKS: The Secretary reported that the Rubber tyres on the small wheels of several of the trucks at the Store was very badly worn.

Resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary and Engineer for attention and necessary replacement.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT : Resolved that eleven payments General Account totaling £ 267: 11: 10 be ratified
Resolved that three accounts General Account totaling £ 40: 8 9 be passed for payment
Resolved that three accounts Trust Account totaling £ 48: 4: 10 be passed for payment

FINANCE : Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 4000: 0: 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 4: 10: 11
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 418: 8: 3

Confirmed this 11th day of July 1938

H. Pump
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-sixth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Monday, 11th July 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump in the Chair, and Messrs J. W. Barrett, H. F. Pearson, F. S. Dunn and J. M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
Correspondence was read and received.

COOL STORES ASSOCIATION: Resolved that the information requested by the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association be supplied by the Secretary.

RAILWAY LEASE: The Secretary reported that the Lease for the Land from the Railway Department had expired on the 1st instant. He had been under a misapprehension believing that the Lease was for a period of twenty-five (25) years. The Lease when signed having been placed in the Bank it had not been inspected for some considerable time. A few days previously he had been verbally informed by a representative of the Railway Department that the Lease had expired.

An inspection of the Lease confirmed the period viz:- twenty-two years and six months from the 1st January 1916 Also a condition that should the Buildings & Machinery be not removed within fourteen (14) days of the expiry date they would become the absolute property of the Railway Department. After getting into touch with Mr. J. W. Barrett the Secretary interviewed the Society's Solicitors Messrs Hodgson & Finlayson on the matter who advised.

1. The Society having paid the Annual Rent to the 31st December next, practically extended the Lease to that date.
2. The Society to apply as soon as possible for an extension of the Lease on the same terms & rental.
3. Request that clause 8 be deleted.
4. Request that in clauses 9 & 10, the words "six calendar months" be altered to read "twelve calendar months"
5. Request that in clause 10, the words, "fourteen days" be altered to read "twenty-eight days"
6. Immediately press the Railway Department for an assurance that a new Lease would be granted to the Society

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After due consideration and discussion it was Resolved that the Secretary forward the following request to the Railways Department

"I have been instructed by my Committee to request
"an extension of the Lease of the Railway Land to
"my Society dated 15th June 1916, for a further
"period of twenty-one (21) years, under the same
"terms, conditions and rental.

"My Committee regrets the delay in lodging this
"application, the expiry date having escaped their
"notice."

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that two payments General Account totaling
£ 118: 11: 3 be ratified

Resolved that three accounts General Account totaling
£ 16: 13: 3 be passed for payment

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 4000: 0: 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account

Confirmed this 6th day of Sept: 1938

H. Pumps.

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-seventh Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, 6th September 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump in the Chair, and Messrs. J.W. Barrett, F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson and J.M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

SPACE RENT
ARREARS:

The Secretary reported that a fair amount of arrears of the first and second instalments of space-rent had been collected since the last meeting. This matter was being closely watched and every endeavour made to collect the arrears.

RAILWAY
LEASE:

The Secretary reported that no reply had been received to the request for an extension of the Land Lease from the Railway Department although he had called personally at the Estates Office asking that the matter be expedited.

Resolved that a letter couched in the following terms be forwarded to the Railways:-

"I am instructed by my Committee to request that you would favour them with a reply to their application of the 11th July last for a renewal of the lease of Railway land at Ringwood now occupied by this Society."

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that twelve Payments General Account totaling £ 682: 8: 5 be ratified.

Resolved that two Payments Trust Account totaling £ 30. 3. 5 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account	Dr. Bal.	£ 4000.	0.	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 16.	5.	0
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 290.	7.	0

Confirmed this 4th day of October 1938

H. Pump.
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-eighth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, 4th October 1938, at 7. p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. H. Pump in the Chair, and Messrs. J.W. Barrett, F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson and J.M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Correspondence was read and received.

RAILWAY
LEASE:

An offer was received from the Railway Department of a new lease of the Cool Stores site for twenty-one (21) years at Two hundred and fifty pounds (£250) per annum under the usual building conditions as from the 1st July 1938.

This offer was given very serious consideration and it was felt that the figure was too high, taking into consideration the ability of the fruit industry to pay, it was also felt that an endeavour should be made to secure a reduction in the amount.

Resolved that the Secretary get into touch with the Hon: G.L. Chandler M.L.C.; and request his support in arranging a deputation to the Commissioners of Railways with the view of submitting the Society's case for more liberal treatment, also that Mrs Weber, M.L.A. be asked to support the deputation.

WAGES BOARD DETERMINATION: The Secretary reported that a fresh determination of the Factory Engine Driver's Board had been gazetted which provided for an increase of one shilling (1/-) per week in the second Engineers wages.

Confirmed this 17th day of October 1938

H. Pump
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and forty-ninth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Monday, 17th October 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. H. ⁵Pump in the Chair, and Messrs. J.W. ^BBarrett, F.S. Duñn, H.F. Pearson and J.M. White, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
Correspondence was read and received.

RAILWAY
LEASE:

The Secretary reported that the Hon: G.L. Chandler, M.L.C. had advised having interviewed the Railways Estates Officer on behalf of this Society in respect of a fresh lease of the Cool Stores site and from impressions obtained at the interview he was of the opinion that the Department would consider:-

1. A term of not less than twenty-one years.
2. Rent at £ 100: per annum for the first eight or ten years.
3. Rental to be £ 250: per annum for the balance of the term.
4. The Railways were not favourable to giving this Society the option of termination of the lease before the expiry of the twenty-one years term.

Consideration was given to this matter taking a long range view of the position from all angles:

Resolved that the Railway Department be requested to grant a fresh lease of the Cool Stores site to the Society.

1. For a term of twenty-one years
2. At a rental of £ 100: per annum ~~for~~ the first ten years
3. At a rental of £ 250: per annum for the balance of the term.
4. Rent to be payable quarterly in advance.
5. Term to start on 1st January 1939 in lieu of the 1st July 1938 as suggested by the Railways
6. A clause in the agreement giving either party to the agreement the option of termination at any time on giving twelve months notice in writing.

17/ 10/ 1938

TRANSFER
OF
SHARES:

Resolved that the following transfer of shares be and is hereby approved

J. Mathues	to	F.L. Byrne	394 shares
John Thatcher	"	H.E. Byrne	400 "
Harry Thomas	"	H.M. Byrne	256 "

SIGN SCRIP:

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates Nos. 511 to 513 inclusive, the documents were duly signed and the seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H. Pump and J.W. Barrett together with the Secretary.

SPACE-RENT
ARREARS:

Consideration was given to the large amount of arrears of the current years space-rent

Resolved that every endeavour be made to reduce this amount as much as possible before the close of the financial year.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that thirteen payments General Account totaling £ 157: 13: 0 be ratified

Resolved that three accounts General Account totaling £ 35: 16: 1 be passed for payment.

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 31: 4: 7 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£ 4000: 0: 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£ 11: 15: 2
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£ 548: 1: 3
plus unentered credit	£ 30: 16: 0

Confirmed this 6th day of December 1938

H. Pump.

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fiftieth Committee
Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society
Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road,
Ringwood, on Tuesday 6th December 1938, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. H. Bump in the Chair, and Messrs. J. W. Barrett,
F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson and J.M. White, the Secretary
was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

RAILWAY
LEASE:

The Secretary reported that in accordance with instructions from the previous meeting he had forwarded the Committee's request to the Railway Department for a fresh lease of the Cool Stores site under the conditions agreed on at that meeting. The Railway Department replied substantially agreeing to the Committee's request the difference being that the Commissioners would not agree to a twelve months notice on either side to terminate the agreement, but they were prepared to agree to a period of six months. On receipt of this information the Secretary interviewed the Estates Officer on the matter, that Officer pointed out that the standard practice with all Railway Leases was six months and the Commissioners were not prepared to make any alteration. The Secretary got into touch with the members of the Committee, who severally agreed to accept the alteration to six months. The Railway Department had been requested to draw up the Lease in accordance with these terms.

Resolved that action be and is hereby endorsed.

Resolved that the Secretary convey the thanks of this Committee to the Hon. G.L. Chandler M.L.C., for his able assistance in finalising the Lease with the Railways.

ENGINEER'S
LEAVE:

The Secretary reported that since last meeting an opportunity had presented itself for the Engineer to take his Annual leave before closing down for the annual overhaul of the plant. He had now returned to duty and had commenced the overhaul of the plant.

The Secretary also reported that arrangements had been made for supplies of Calcium Chloride for the coming season and the principal belts sent to Melbourne for re-conditioning. The other work was being pushed forward

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

6/ 12/ 1938

COOL STORES
ASSOCIATION:

A request was received from the Cool Stores Association for funds to meet the expenses that would be incurred in the experiments being carried out for the control of Black Spot. Also the expenses in connection with the defence of the Claim made by the Australian Workers Union in the Arbitration Court against Fruitgrowers for increases which the industry was unable to pay.

Resolved that in response to the appeal of the Cool Stores Association that the following donations to the special funds be forwarded at the commencement of the next financial year and included in the 1939 estimates.

1. For Black Spot research £ 2. 2. 0
2. For the Defence Fund in Arbitration Case
Australian Workers Union V Fruitgrowers
£ 4. 4. 0

SPACE-RENT
ARREARS:

The Secretary reported that every effort was still being made to collect the Space-rent arrears and that £ 317: had been collected since last meeting.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that fourteen payments General Account totaling £ 179: 15: 11 be ratified

Resolved that three payments Trust Account totaling £ 29: 2: 0 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£ 4000:	0:	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	9:	10: 7
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£	640:	8: 5
Plus unentered credit	£	57:	7: 8

Confirmed this 10th day of January 1939

H. Pump.
Chairman.