

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fifty-first Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 10th January 1939, 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

LIEN OVER  
CROPS:

The Secretary reported having been in touch with the Society's Solicitors, Messrs Hodgson & Finlayson as to the possibility of the Society taking a Lien over growing crops as security for arrears of Space-rent.

Messrs Hodgson & Finlayson advised that a Lien over Crops can only be given where any person bona fide makes any advance of money or gives any negotiable security or supplies any chattels to any proprietor of a crop on condition of receiving the produce of the then next ensuing harvest of such proprietor as absolutely purchased by or in payment of or to secure the payment of any such money or negotiable security or for any such chattels, as the case may be.

Resolved that the Secretary's action be and is hereby confirmed.

ANNUAL  
MEETING:

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in the Ringwood Town Hall on Tuesday 7th March 1939 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 seven payments General Account totaling £ 697. 12. 5 be ratified

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 17. 6. 8 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£ 3500. 0. 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Bal.	£ NIL
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£ 227. 18. 4
less unrepresented cheque	18. 4

Confirmed this *seventh*

day of *February* 1939

*H. Pump*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fifty-second Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 7th February 1939, at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. <sup>n</sup>ump 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.

SUPPLIES: The Secretary reported that contracts for the current years supplies of Lubricating Oils had been completed with the Vacuum Oil Coy, and for Ammonia with the Consumers Ammonia Coy at similar rates to the previous contracts .

Resolved that the Secretary's action be and is hereby confirmed.

MACHINERY  
BREAKDOWN  
INSURANCE: Estimates of the cost of Insurance against Breakdown of Machinery was received from the Royal Insurance Coy. which was duly considered.

Resolved that the proposition be not entertained.

AIRCRAFT  
INSURANCE: Insurance of the Store buildings against the falling of Aircraft or Articles dropping therefrom causing damage was considered.

Resolved that no action be taken.

BALANCE  
SHEET: The Balance Sheet and Working Account for the year ended 31st December 1938, together with the Auditors Certificate was presented to the meeting.

Resolved that same be accepted and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1938 be finally allowed.

The Secretary reported that the Overhaul of Machinery and general repairs to the Store buildings had been completed, also that the Machinery was running satisfactory and fruit had been coming into the Store since the 26th January last.

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ESTIMATES: The Estimates for the year 1939 was duly submitted to the meeting and considered. The continued dry weather conditions with consequent disastrous effect on the fruit crop called for very serious consideration of the general position and Shareholders ability to pay. The Secretary reported that with the view of obtaining some temporary monetary relief he had interviewed the Society's Bankers and requested that the usual annual Loan Redemption payments be defferred this year to some future date, to which the Bank had agreed, this consideration together with the Bank credit balance carried forward from last year and the small amount on this year's estimates for contingencies would allow of a reduction of approximately fourpence (4d) per case-space.

SPACE-RENT  
1939: Resolved that a Rent-Rate of One shilling (1/-) per case-space be struck for the year ending 31st December 1939. Payable sixpence per case-space on or before 1st February 1939, and the balance viz:- sixpence per case-space on or before 1st June 1939

ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT: Resolved that fifteen payments General Account totaling £ 183. 17. 6 be ratified.

Resolved that three accounts General Account totaling £ 20. 4. 10 be passed for payment.

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 9. 14. 5 be ratified.

FINANCE: Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr, Bal. £ 3500. 0. 0  
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 3. 2. 11  
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 83. 2. 6

Confirmed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1939

*J. H. Pump.*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-third Committee Meeting of THE Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 7th March 1939 at 7 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence was received from Messrs J.M. White and J.W. Barrett.

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

The Railway Department advised that this Committee's request for a reduction in the ground rent for the present year was being considered and further advice on the Commissioner's decision would be furnished later.

BREAK IN MAIN SHAFT: The Secretary reported that the main shaft at the Store had broken in the friction clutch pulley. After consultation with several members of the Committee arrangements had been made to put in a new length of Shafting. This work had been completed and the plant was again in running order.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that eight payments General Account totaling £ 315: 9: 2 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling £ 17: 10: 0 be passed for payment

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 199: 10: 11 be ratified.

FINANCE: Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 3500: 0: 0  
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 2: 9: 5  
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 50: 0: 6

Confirmed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1939

*H. Pump.*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-fourth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 18th April 1939 at 4.45 p.m.

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

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.

RAILWAY RENT: The Railways Commissioners advised that they were unable to concede this Society's request for a reduction in the present year's ground rental in view of the disastrous dry season, It felt that as the rental had been at a nominal figure for some years the time had now arrived when it was equitable for the Department to impose rents on a Commercial basis.

The Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association advised that the Annual Conference would be held at Dromana about 25th May next.

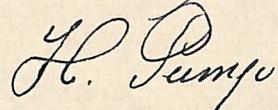
D. CORBETT SPACE-RENT ARREARS: The Secretary reported that since the last meeting he had refused permission for the removal of fruit in D. Corbett's space until satisfactory arrangements had been made in regard to the settlement of arrears of space-rent. Also that Esmond Russell Pty Ltd had claimed ownership of the fruit and demanded delivery as that firm had contracted to purchase it last December. To make sure of the Society's position under its lien, after getting into touch with Members of the Committee he had consulted the Society's Solicitors Messrs Hodgson & Finlayson who advised that the Society could only distrain under the lien for arrears of space-rent incurred since the 1st February 1936 being the date of the registration of the Rule giving the Society a lien on the fruit and power to sell on default. Acting on this advice the Secretary had arranged to give delivery of portion of the fruit to Esmond Russell Pty Ltd on the presentation of a written order from D. Corbett. Also the proceeds of the sale to be paid into the Society

Resolved that the Secretary's action be and is hereby confirmed.

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ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT:Resolved that eighteen payments General Account totaling  
£ 281: 0: 1 be ratifiedResolved that seven accounts General Account totaling  
£ 124: 6: 7 be passed for paymentResolved that two payments Trust Account totaling  
£ 113: 12: 9 be ratified.

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account	Dr Bal.	£ 3500:	0:	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account	Cr Bal.	£ 23:	14:	5
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account	Cr Bal.	£ 204:	3:	11

Confirmed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1939


Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-fifth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 6th June 1939. 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

Mr. J.L.R. Baker Solicitor of HAMILTON requested particulars in respect of the shareholding of Mr H. Hewish who had disposed of his property and shares to Mr A.H. Noske. The Secretary reported having supplied the desired information.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

The Chairman reported on the proceedings of the Conference of the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association held at Dromana on May 25th last.

Resolved that particulars be obtained for the further consideration of the following:-

1. Estimated cost of painting the Roof of the Store
2. Installation of a plant to recondition Lubricating Oil
3. Conversion of the nine Air circulation chambers to the Direct Expansion system.

ACCOUNTS )  
FOR )  
PAYMENT )

Resolved that ten payments General Account totaling £ 213. 6. 5 be ratified

Resolved that four accounts General Account totaling £ 122. 10. 6 be passed for payment

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 75. 3. 9 be ratified.

## FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£	3500.	0.	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	22.	5.	11
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£	331.	15.	7
plus unentered credit	£	74.	9.	6

Confirmed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1939

*H. Pump*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-sixth Committee Meeting of the Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 4th July 1939 at 4-45 p.m.

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

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

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

The Secretary reported having brought under the notice of the Ringwood Borough Council the excessive quantity of water coming from the Railway yard through the Cool Store yard, thence across the footpath causing damage to road surfaces.

A reply was received from the Council advising that the matter was being taken up with the Railway Department

SPACE-RENT  
ARREARS:

A discussion ensued on the question of arrears of space<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> rent. Although the greatest proportion was only one month overdue it was felt that an early effort should be made to collect in view of the likelihood of the present being a short storage season.

Resolved that the Secretary write to A. Blood requesting that his space-rent account be settled not later than the end of the present month.

TRANSFER  
OF SHARES:

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

H. Hewish to A.H. Noske 360 shares

SIGN SCRIP:

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificate No. 515 the document was duly signed and the seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H. Pump and F.S. Dunn, together with the Secretary.

ENGINEER'S  
LEAVE:

The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made for the second Engineer to take his Annual leave from 8th July next

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LEASE OF  
COOL STORES  
SITE:

The engrossment in duplicate of the lease for the Cool Stores site from the Victorian Railways Commissioners was received from the Crown Solicitor with the request that the documents be executed.

Resolved that the Lease be and is hereby approved and that same be signed and the Seal affixed thereto by Messrs H. Pump and F.S. Dunn together with the Secretary

ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT:

Resolved that seven payments General Account totaling £ 223: 12: 11 be ratified

Resolved that four accounts General Account totaling £ 539: 12: 3 be passed for payment

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 26: 4: 3 be ratified

## FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal.	£ 3500: 0: 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£ 8: 12: 8
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£ 628: 15: 3
plus unentered credit	£ 19: 8: 0

Confirmed this <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> day of August 1939

*H. Pump.*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-seventh Committee Meeting of the Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 1st August 1939 at 4.45 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence was received from Messrs J.M. White and J.W. Barrett.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

SPACE-RENT  
ARREARS:

The Secretary reported that since the previous meeting arrears of space-rent totaling £ 312: had been collected and that efforts were still being made to collect the balance. He also reported having written to A. Blood in accordance with the instruction from the previous meeting and had received a reply by telephone that it was hoped to be able to settle the amount very shortly.

Resolved that the Secretary write A. Blood and request that he give the Society a promissory note for the amount due payable on October 4th next.

CONVERSION  
DIRECT  
EXPANSION:

The Engineer Mr. A.J. Tann attended by request to explain and report on the several alternative schemes for the conversion of the Store's chambers to Direct Expansion System. He stressed the point that in considering the possibility and desirability of conversion the condition of the Battery Coils was a factor. These Coils had been in use for twenty-one years and was at the end of their effective life, they may collapse at any time but the probability was that they would be good for another year or two.

Resolved that Shareholders be circularised pointing out the condition of the Coils and the estimated cost of Conversion. Also that Shareholders be requested to advise whether they desired their Space in the Store converted to the Direct Expansion system at the present time.

ROOF:

The Engineer reported that several different dressings and paints had been investigated for reconditioning the roof of the Store buildings the cost would be from £ 120: to £ 150:, further enquiries were being made and would be further reported on later.

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ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT:

Resolved that six payments General Account totaling  
£ 100. 1. 10 be ratified

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling  
£ 23. 0. 10 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account	Dr. Bal.	£ 3500.	0.	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 14.	5.	10
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 293.	4.	8

Confirmed this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 1939

*H. Perry*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-eighth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 5th September 1939 at 4-45 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apology for absence was received from Mr. J.M. White.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

SPACE-RENT ARREARS: The Secretary reported that since the previous meeting arrears of space-rent totaling £ 206: had been collected. A promissory note had been received from Mr. A. Blood for the amount of his arrears due on October 4th next. Further endeavours would be made to collect the balance.

SPRAY TOWER: The Secretary reported that when the Store closed down for the annual overhaul it would be necessary to carry out repairs to the spray tower.

OIL & FUEL: The Secretary reported that stocks of Lubricating Oil on hand was sufficient for this season's run, the Fuel Oil storage was full and arrangements were being made for some coke should it be found necessary to run the Suction Gas Engine

DIRECT EXPANSION SYSTEM: Replies to hand to the Committee's circular and questionnaire re conversion of the Store to Direct Expansion system was mostly unfavourable.

Resolved that further consideration be deferred to a later date.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that ten Payments General Account totaling £ 113. 0. 7 be ratified

Resolved that one Account totaling in General Account £ 3. 0. 0 be passed for payment

Resolved that one Payment Trust Account totaling £ 23. 17. 11 be ratified.

FINANCE: Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr Bal £ 3500? 0. 0  
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr Bal £ 11. 15. 3  
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr Bal £ 383. 2. 3

Confirmed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 1939

*H. Bump*  
CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and twenty-ninth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 31st October 1939 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 since last meeting arrears of Space-rent totaling £ 186: 17: 2 had been collected, and requests had been made to the defaulting shareholders for immediate settlement of their arrears.

APPLES FOR TROOPS: The Secretary reported having received a request from the Hon: G.L. Chandler M.L.C., for apples for the Men in camp of the 24/39th Battalion, Shareholders with fruit in Store had been circularised with the result that six cases had been delivered to Mr Chandler.

PACKING CLASSES: A request was received from the Cool Stores Association for the establishment of Fruit packing classes for School Children

Resolved that action be deferred pending a clarification of the Government's intentions in taking over the Apple and Pear crop this season for a compulsory pool.

REPAIRS: The Secretary reported that the following repairs at the Store required attention viz:- Defrosting system in Chambers 1 2 & 3, with hot water system for same, repairs to Spray Tower, New Rod for Compressor and Painting of the roof of the buildings.

Resolved that in view of the unsettled position regarding the taking over of the Apple & Pear crop by the Government The Secretary be authorised to make enquiries to ascertain if possible what will be the position of the Stores under the proposed scheme.

CALCIUM: The Secretary reported that in view of the War conditions one (1) ton of Calcium had been purchased and a further one (1) ton ordered for delivery early January next

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed

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ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT:

Resolved that seventeen Payments General Account totaling  
£ 251. 6. 7 be ratified

Resolved that two Accounts General Account totaling  
£ 23. 5. 2 be passed for payment.

Resolved that two Payments Trust Account totaling  
£ 44. 0. 1 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account	Dr. Bal.	£ 3500.	0.	0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 11.	16.	1
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 358.	6.	10

Confirmed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1939

*H. Kemp.*  
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and thirtieth Committee Meeting of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road Ringwood, on Tuesday 12th December 1939 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

CLOSING STORE: The Secretary reported that the Store had closed down for the present season on December 11th

PAINTING STORE ROOF: Resolved that the roof of the Cool Store be painted and that the Committee meet at the Store on Saturday 16th December at 10 a.m. to inspect the job and to arrange details and the calling of tenders.

DEFROSTING DIRECT EXPANSION: Resolved that a defrosting system be installed in the Coils in the Chambers converted to Direct Expansion and that the offer of R. Werner & Co to do the work be accepted.

APPLE & PEAR ACQUISITION: The Secretary reported that as instructed at the last meeting he had been in touch with the Apple & Pear Board in respect of the leasing of the Society's Cool Stores for the coming season, and that he was of the opinion that satisfactory terms and arrangements would be made.

The Secretary also reported that he had been asked by the Apple & Pear Board to negotiate on its behalf with the other Cool Stores in Victoria for the leasing of their Cool Store space to the Board

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that ten payments General Account totaling £ 136. 6. 6 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling £ 13. 19. 4 be passed for payment

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 26. 4. 2 be ratified

FINANCE: Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 3500. 0. 0  
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 3. 4. 6  
Bank Pass Book Genral Account Cr. Bal. £ 264. 13. 2

Confirmed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1940

*H. Pump*  
CHAIRMAN