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 9th February, 1943 at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Mr. H. F. Pearson was absent under leave.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported the result of the Postal Ballot taken on the Motion as submitted by the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association of Victoria, and placed before Shareholders as instructed at last meeting:

For the Motion Against Motion Informal 23 Shareholders 56 votes 76 " 7 "

Majority Against

20 votes

Delegates to the meeting of the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association of Victoria were instructed to record this Society's vote accordingly.

AUTHORITY TO LEASE SPACE: Authority was received from fifty-six (56) Shareholders to let their and their nominees space-holding for the 1943 storage season on account of the short crop of fruit.

Correspondence was redd and received.

NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS: The Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association of Victoria drew attention to the Gazettal of the "AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY (ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION) REGULATIONS" on the 11th December 1942, to the effect that all employees who were being paid over award rates on the 10th February 1942, must receive all increases in award rates since that date, thus "preserving the margin" over the award rates which they were then receiving. The Regulation taking effect as from the 11th December last, and not retrospective to 10th February.

ENGINEER'S SALARY:

Resolved that as this Regulation would effect the Engineer in Charge, Mr. A. J. Tann, that the Secretary make the necessary adjustments to comply with the order.

SPACE-RENT 1943:

Resolved that in accordance with the Rules of the Society a Rent Rate of One shilling and fourpence per case-space be struck for the year ending 31st December 1943. Payable six-pence per case-space on or before 1st March 1943, six-pence per case-space on or before 1st June 1943, and the balance viz: four-pence per case-space on or before 1st September 1943.

SPACE LEASED ACCOUNT SUN:

Resolved that in accordance with the authority to let received from Sundry Shareholders who were unable to utilise SHAREHOLDERS: their and their nominees space-holding on account of crop failure, the Society as Agents for such Shareholders enter into an Agreement with the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board whereby the Board agrees to hire the said space viz:- 37,500 case-space from the Society for the 1943 storage season for the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds (£ 2,500) payable as follows

> £ 750:on Slst March 1943

£ 750:on 30th June 1943

£ 500:on 30th September 1943

£ 500:on 31st December 1943

Resolved that the whole of the several amounts as received from the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board from time to time for the hiring of the said space be credited to the space-rent accounts of the Shareholders concerned.

SEAL AGREEMENT: Resolved that the agreement with the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board for the lease of Chambers 1,2 and 7 to 12 inclusive (totaling eight chambers) be Sealed by the Society on behalf of the Shareholders concerned. The Document was duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs H. Pump and J. M. White together with the Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING: Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in the Ringwood Town Hall on Tuesday, 16th March, 1943 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 eleven payments General Account totaling £ 840: 11: 7 be ratified.

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 6: 9: 4 be ratified.

At 31st December 1942 FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 2000: 0: 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account NIL Bal.
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 105: 11: 6

At 9th February 1943

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 2000: 0: Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 6: 1:
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr. Bal. £ 40: 0:

Confirmed this

3090 day of march 1943

List of Shareholders giving Authority to the Committee of Management to lease their and their Nominees Space-holding and credit the amount received for Hire to their respective Space Rent accounts.

Name	case space		case space	
Aird. J. G. Barrett. J. W.	1187	forward 166		
Beal. R.	252	Martell. C. H.	60	
Beavis, H. S.	796	Mackinlay. W. McAlpin. B. B.	2477	
Blood. A.	824		1337	
Blood. S.	480	McAlpin. J. B.	192	
Burch. E. H.	380	McCallum. J.	420	
Burch, H. G.	250	Neumann. J. C. Patterson. C.	628	
Benburb Pty Ltd	573	Pratt. H. F.	478	
Burne, H. E.	1100	Pump. H.	1050	
Chandler. H. R.	737	Pyke. F. C.	517	
Clota. F. F.	859	Parbury Henty	5522	
Corbett. D.	408	Pearson. H. F.	1243	
Corbett. D. J.	410	Rudduck. F.	970 190	
Davey. F. J.	859	Sharp. A		
Farrance. A. J.	480	Speeding. A.B.	455 598	
Grant. J.	166	Seymour. S	862	
Hams. C. L.	1058	Thatcher Bros	796	
Larkin. M.	488	Thatcher. Jas	496	
Madden. N.	232	Walden. E.A.	163	
Maguire. J.	416	Webb. W. A.	632	
Maloney. A.	618	Williams. J. A.	485	
Meyland. C. E.	498	Wooley. A. J.	195	
Molloy. C.	482	White. J. M.	289	
Molloy. E.	250	Simpson. E. M.	264	
Miles. A. T.	1948	Noske, A. L.	224	
Muldowney. J.	558	Tortice. G. H.	208	
Martin. L. L.	250	Gourlay. J.	130	
forward	16619	Total	37,500	

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 16th March, 1943 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Apology for absence was received from Mr. J. W. Barrett Mr. H. F. Pearson was absent under leave.

Correspondence was read and received.

The Secretary reported that it would be necessary to take delivery and stack fruit in the space hired by the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board from and on account of Shareholders.

AGREEMENT HANDLING FRUIT:

Resolved that an Agreement be entered into with the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board to receive and stack fruit in the Cool Chambers on behalf of Shareholders at the following rates viz:- £ 150:- for receiving, tallying and keeping the necessary records as required by the Board, and two-pence per case for handling, stacking, withdrawing and forwarding the fruit.

SEAL AGREEMENT: The necessary Resolution having been passed for the sealing of the Agreement, the document was duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs, H. Pump and J. M. White together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that fifteen payments totaling in General Account £ 549: 6: 9 be ratified

Resolved that three accounts General Account totaling £ 43: 7: 6 be passed for payment.

Resolved that three payments Trust Account totaling £ 220: 11: 8 be ratified

Resolved that one account Trust Account totaling £ 39: 15: 4 be passed for payment.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 2000: Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 11: 8: Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr. Bal. £ 159: 1: 6 Plus unpres: ch: No. 15 £ 50:

Confirmed this

30th day of march

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 Tuesday 30th March, 1943 at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.W. Barrett, F.S. Dumn, H. Pump and J.M. White the Secretary was also in attendance.

Mr. H.F. Pearson was absent underakeave on account of Air Force Duties.

CHAIRMAN:

Resolved that Mr. H. Pump be appointed Chairman for the ensuing term

Minutes of the two previous meetings viz: 9th February 1943 and 16th March, 1943 were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

ENGINEER'S SALARY:

The Gazettal of the "AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY (ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION) REGULATIONS" on the 11th December 1942, has the effect of an increase in the remuneration of the Engineer in Charge (Mr. A.J. Tann) by 10/- weekly to which will have to be added under the Determination of the Factory Engine Drivers Board, any increase in the cost of living figures from time to time, as provided by that Determination. Mr. A.J. Tann's salary being computed on a monthly basis, the Determination of the Factory Engine Drivers Board's provision for any increase to be on a weekly basis creates an anomoly.

Resolved that on and from April 1st 1943, Mr. A.J. Tann's salary be £ 9: 4: 0 weekly subject to any increase or deduction from time to time as provided under the Determination of the Factory Engine Drivers Board, and the Secretary is hereby empowered to make the adjustments accordingly.

STACKING FRUIT: Resolved that the Secretary make the necessary arrangements to secure the labour to stack fruit in the Chambers and withdraw and load same in accordance with the agreement with the Australian Apple & Pear Marketing Board, the remuneration to be that provided under the "Determination of the Fruit Packing Board"

ARREARS SPACE-RENT: Resolved that the Secretary forward a reminder to Shareholders who had not paid the first instalment of Space-rent due on March 1st last.

PAINTING STORE BUILDINGS: The condition of the Store Buildings and the Roof was discussed, although the urgency of painting the buildings and roof was realised, the difficulty was under present conditions due to the War it was doubtful whether the work could be carried out.

Resolved that the Secretary and Engineer make enquiries as to the possibility of painting the roof of the Store and report to a later meeting

CRUDE OIL ENGINE:

The Secretary reported that although adjustments had been made to the crank-shaft bearings on the Crude Oil Engine during the overhaul, there still appeared to be a slight knock in one of the bearings, should it be found that this developed further arrangements would be made to check over the Engine with an alignment indicator by the makers

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that nine payments General Account totaling £ 135: 9: 9 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 2000. 0. 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 26. 12. 0
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr. Bal. £ 318. 9. 0
plus unpres: ch: No. 22 £ 12. 10. 0

Confirmed this

L. Pump.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fiftieth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road Ringwood on Tuesday July 6th 1943 at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Apology for absence was received from Mr. J.M. White Mr. H. F. Pearson was absent under leave.

MINUTES:

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

CALCIUM CHLORIDE: The Secretary reported that a Questionnaire had been received from the Directorate of Materials Supply, Ministry of Munitions asking for the following information:-

- 1. The capacity of the Plant
- 2. The quantity and concentration of calcuim chloride brine
- 3. The operating temperature
- 4. The quantity of sodium chloride, if any, which had been used to replenish the calcium chloride brine during the past 12 months, the quantity and type of inhibitor, if any, which has been added, and a statement of any operating difficulties which have been encountered
- 5. The type of foodstuffs stored.

after consultation with the Engineer, the desired information had been supplied.

The Directorate of Materials Supply further advised that Calcuim Chloride could not be supplied at present and suggested the use of Sodium Chloride with inhibitors to prevent corrosion.

BANK ACCOUNT: The Secretary reported that the Manager of the E.S.&.A. Bank had verbably advised that the Bank's Policy of allowing a set-off to Clients having two or more accounts had been altered and asked whether the Society was prepared to agree to the cancellation of the privilege obtaining in the past through such set-off in the accounts. The present margin between the Bank accounts was No2. A/c Debit £ 2000:- and the General A/c Credit £ 856:- net Debit £ 1164:-

Resolved that the Secretary make the necessary arrangements with the Bank to close the No.2 Account and operate on the General Account only, provided that the present agreed overdraft limit was umaltered.

LOADING FRUIT:

The difficulty of securing casual labour to remove fruit from the Cool shambers and load same onto Railway trucks in accordance with the agreement with the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board was discussed, "The Determination of the Fruit Packing Board" provides that Casual Employees shall be guaranteed not less than two hours employment every start.

Resolved that Casual Employees handling fruit from the Cool Chambers onto Railway trucks be guaranteed four hours as a minimum every start during the remainder of the 1943 season

BATTERY COILS:

The Secretary reported that one of the Coils in the Battery controlling chambers 7 to 9 inclusive had developed some bad leaks, and had been shut off, it was anticipated that the remaining Coils would hold the fruit in the Chambers until closing down at the end of the season, when the new Coils on hand would be installed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that thirty-nine payments General Account totaling £ 826. 9.10 be ratified

Resplved that three Accounts General Account totaling £ 47. 10. 0 be passed for payment

Resolved that three payments Trust Account totaling £ 32. 1. 5 be ratified

FINANCE

Bank Pass Book No. 2 Account Dr. Bal. £ 2000. 0. 0
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 35. 13. 8
Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 849. 2. 2
less unpresented cheques £ 13. 0. 8

Confirmed this 22 day of Sept: 1943

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fifty-first meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Wednesday September 22nd, 1943 at 4-45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. H. Pump 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 on account of illness.

MINUTES:

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that twenty-five payments General Account totaling £ 2,376. 14. 5 be ratified.

Resolved that two Accounts General Account totaling £ 46. 19. 8 be passed for payment.

Resolved that four Payments Trust Account totaling £ 88. 8. 2 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book Genrl Account, Dr Bal. £ 1044. 18. 4
Bank Pass Book Trust Account, Cr Bal. £ 15. 1. 6

Confirmed this 10 day of Governher 1943

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fifty-second meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Wednesday Novemberrloth, 1943 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:

Apology for absence was received from Messrs J. W. Barrett and J. M. White on account of illness

MINUTES:

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

PAYAROLL TAX:

The Secretary reported that a claim had been lodged with the Taxation Department for £ 1. 4. 0 in accordance with the circular received from that Department as Refund of Basic Wage Adjustment.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Engine Drivers Determination the Basic Wage adjustment was reduced by 1/- per week, commencing the first pay day in November.

Resolved that no alteration be made in the wages paid to the two Engineers from the August/October quarter.

TRANSFER OF SHARES:

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

L.L. Martin to W.W. Davies

240 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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that seventeen Payments General Account totaling 5 231. 16. 8 be ratified

Resolved that two Payments Trust Account totaling £ 25. 19. 1 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book Genrl Account, Dr. Bal. £ 679. 8. 2 Bank Pass Book Trust Account, Cr. Bal. £ 19. 19. 6

Confirmed this 23th day of November 1943

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fifty-third meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday November 23rd, 1943 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:

Apology for absence was received from Mr, J. W. Barrett on account of illness.

The Secretary reported that since the previous meeting Mr. J. M. White had died, and that at the Chairman's request a wreath had been sent and a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Committee to Mrs White and family. The Chairman moved that a record of the services to the Society of the late Mr White be placed on the Minutes. The Resolution was carried by all Members standing as a mark of respect.

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

The Secretary reported that the Engineer, Mr. A. J. Tann was on his Annual leave and that on his return the Annual overhaul of the Plant would be made.

The installation of new coils in the Battery to Chambers Nos 7 to 9 inclusive would be completed about the end of the week and the old coils had been sold to H. Carpenter & Co: for £ 20. 0. 0

SPACE -

Resolved that the amounts received from the Australian Apple & Pear Marketing Board for space-hire on behalf of Sundry Shareholders now standing in the books of the Society to the credit of the Board's account be transferred to the credit of the several Shareholders' space-rent accounts in accordance with the authority received from the various Shareholders concerned and the resolution passed on the 9th February last and in accordance with Rule 6a of the Rules of the Society.

HANDLING
AND
SUPERVISION
OF FRUIT:

Resolved that the balance in hand from the amounts received from the Apple & Pear Marketing Board for stacking and loading out of fruit be distributed to the men handling the fruit viz:- £ 50:- to 0. Dwight for labour done and the balance between the others on the basis of hours worked. The amount for supervision viz:- £ 150:) to be divided equally between the Engineer Mr. A. J. Tann and the Secretary in recompense for the additional work and duties necessary.

AUTHORITY TO DEASE SPACE: In view of the prospect of a heavy demand for storage space this season and the advisability of storing Pears in an exclusive Pear Chamber, the Secretary was instructed to circularise Shareholders to ascertain:

- 1. Whether the Shareholder would require his space
- 2. Whether space was desired in an inclusive Pear chamber
- 3. Whether extra space was desired
- 4. If space was not required, would authority be given to the Committee to let space on Shareholders behalf

TRANSFER OF SHARES:

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

/	F.	G. Beet	to	C.W.S. Fankhauser	312	shares
1	E.	White)	11	P. Vergers	100	11
/	A .	White	11	P. Vergers	74	11

SIGN SCRIP:

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates Nos. 516 and 517, 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

COMMITTEE VACANCY:

Resolved that Mr. J. K. Wedge be invited to accept the seat on the Committee rendered vacant by the death of Mr. J.M. White.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that four payments General Account totaling £ 56. 9. 6 be ratified

Resplied that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 9. 9. 11 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr. Bal. £ 706. 16. 8
Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 12. 17. 3

Confirmed this 10th day of December 1943

MINUTES of the Two hundred and fifty-fourth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Friday December 10th, 1943 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:

Apology for absence was received from Mr. J. W. Barrett on account of illness, and Mr. J. K. Wedge

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

CIRCULAR LETTER TO

The Secretary reported that the response to the circular to Shareholders re space requirements for 1944 season was SHAREHOLDERS: very poor, especially in regard to setting aside a chamber exclusively for Pears.

> Resolved that on account of the insufficient response to the circular letter to Shareholders to provide a chamber exclusively for Pears during the 1944 season, the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary to endeavour to arrange if possible for an exclusive Pear chamber, also the leasing of any space on behalf of Shareholders

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Resolved that three payments General Account totaling £ 50. 9. 4 be ratified

Resolved that five accounts General Account totaling £ 126. 6. 9 be passed for payment.

Resolved that one account Trust Account totaling £ 7. 16. 0 be passed for payment

FINANCE:

Bank Pass Book Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 12. 17. Bank Pass Book Genrl Account Dr. Bal. £ 684. 9. plus unpresented cheques £ 37. 11.

Confirmed this

The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited

Ringwood

26th November, 1943.

To the Shareholders,

Dear Sir or Madam,

1944 SEASON

The Committee desires to know whether Shareholders will require separate STORAGE FOR PEARS ONLY during the 1944 season, and you are asked to assist by intimating what space, if any, you would like reserved in a Pear chamber.

In the event of a chamber being reserved for Pears only, it would not be permissible to store Apples in such chamber before 1st May, when it would be decided by the Shareholders participating as to whether Apples could be placed in any vacant space at Pear temperatures.

It is anticipated that during the coming season with the promise of a full crop, the capacity of the Store will be taxed to the full extent. With the view of meeting Shareholders' requirements as far as possible you are asked to complete the attached Questionnaire and return to the Sccretary not later than 4th December next.

- 1. Will you require the use of the whole of your and your Nominees' space holding during the 1944 season?
- 2. Do you desire the whole or portion of your space holding in a chamber RESERVED FOR PEARS ONLY?
- 3. Do you desire to lease any extra space for the 1944 season?
- 4. Do you desire the Committee to let the whole or part of your and your Nominees' space for the 1944 season?

To enable your Committee to proceed with the allotment of space, and to secure any business offering, you are asked to complete the enclosed authority as to whether you desire to use your space or wish the Committee to sublet your space on your account returning same to the Secretary immediately. While every endeavor will be made to let the space, it is understood, however, that this Authority does not bind your Committee to find a tenant for your space-holding.

For and on behalf of the Committee of Management,

J. G. AIRD, Secretary.

The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited

Complete and return immediately whichever form applies to the Secretary, but not later than December 4 next.

Witness...... day of December, 1943.

Signed.....

The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited

I, the undersigned, will require the space allotted to me and my nominees in the Society's Cool Stores in accordance with the Rules of the Society for the 1944 storage season for which I undertake to pay all space-rent levies as they fall due.

Total number of shares held by myself and nominees isshares.

I will require additional space for cases.

In chamber for Pears only case-space.

In chamber for Apples and Pears case-space.

Total requirements for 1944 case-space.

Witness....

Dated this

day of December, 1943.

Signed.....