

MINUTES of the Two hundred and sixty-fourth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Thursday January 4th, 1945 at 7-30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apology for Absence was received from Mr. J. K. Wedge.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that four payments General Account totaling £ 81. 8. 9 be ratified

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 74. 4. 6 be ratified

FINANCE: Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 423. 10. 4
Bank Statement Trust Account Bal. NIL.

Confirmed this 30th day of January 1945

H. Pump

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and sixty-fifth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road Ringwood, on Tuesday, January 30th, 1945 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump in the Chair, and Messrs P. Vergers and J.K. Wedge, the Secretary was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence was received from Messrs. F.S. Dunn and H.F. Pearson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

TRAFFIC
CROSSING:

The Secretary reported that the completion of the Concrete Traffic Crossing to the lower Store had been delayed, through the non-delivery of the iron bars for reinforcement, this material had now come to hand and the work would be completed in a few days, the crossing would be open for traffic in about a fortnight, owing to this delay it may be necessary to take some early fruit into the top store and transfer same to Shareholders own space in the lower store at a later date.

Resolved that the Report be received.

DAMAGE TO
FENCE:

The Secretary reported that on Saturday January 20th 1945 a Motor Truck driven and owned by Argenino Penna, of Lower Ferntree Gully, had crashed into the fence on the Wantirna Road frontage causing some damage. Argenino Penna, had been communicated with requesting that he repair the damaged fence immediately. A representative of the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce Insurance Co: Ltd: had called on Friday, 26th instant, making enquiries. The Secretary advised the Representative of the Company that the cost of Repairs would be approximately £ 8. 0. 0 plus £ 2. 10. 0 for some S.H. iron on hand at the Store, making a total of £ 10. 10. 0. This work had been put in hand and a claim will be made later on either A. Penna, or the Insurance Coy.

Resolved that action be and is hereby approved.

SPACE-RENT
1945:

Resolved that in accordance with the Rules of the Society a Rent Rate of One Shilling (1/-) per case-space be struck for the year ending 31st December 1945. Payable at sixpence per case on or before 1st March 1945, and the balance viz:- sixpence per case on or before 1st July 1945

SPACE LEASED
ACCOUNT SUN:
SHAREHOLDERS

Resolved that in accordance with the authority to let received from Sundry Shareholders who were unable to utilise 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 where-by the Board agrees to hire two chambers of the said space from the Society for the 1945 storage season for the sum of Six hundred and seventy pounds (£ 670:) payable as follows:-

£ 200:	on 31st March 1945
£ 200:	on 30th June 1945
£ 135:	on 30th September 1945
£ 135:	when all fruit has been discharged and the store no longer required

Resolved that in accordance with the authority to let received from Sundry Shareholders who were unable to utilise their and their nominees space-holding on account of crop failure, the Society as Agents for such Shareholders agrees to let to the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Ltd., and the Company agrees to take 3,050 case-space, for the 1945 season for the sum of Two hundred and twenty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, (£ 228-15- 0) payable as follows:

£ 76. 5. 0	on 31st March 1945
£ 76. 5. 0	on 30th June 1945
£ 76. 5. 0	on 30th September 1945

Resolved that the balance of the space for which authority to let had been received from Sundry Shareholders be let to Fruitgrowers in suitable lots for the 1945 season at One shilling and sixpence (1/6d) per case-space payable in three equal instalments viz:- 1st March 1945, 1st June 1945 and 1st September 1945.

Resolved that the several amounts received for the hiring of the said space on account of Sundry Shareholders from time to time be credited to the respective Shareholders Space-rent accounts until such accounts are liquidated, and the balance, if any, after a deduction to be determined for the cost of administration, etc, be pooled and distributed pro rata: amongst the Shareholders concerned

SEAL
AGREEMENT:

Resolved that the Agreement with the Australian Apple & Pear Marketing Board for the lease of two chambers be Sealed by the Society on behalf of the Shareholders concerned The Documents were duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs, H. Pump and P. Vergers, together with the Secretary.

ANNUAL
MEETING:

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in the Ringwood Town Hall, on Tuesday, 13th March 1945 at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS
FOR
COMMITTEE:

All the retiring Members of the Committee viz:- Messrs
H. Pump, F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson, P. Vergers and
J.K. Wedge nominated to serve on the Committee for the
ensuing term.

Resolved that nominations be and are hereby accepted.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that six payments General Account totaling
£ 131. 13. 3 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling
£ 16. 0. 7 be passed for payment

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling
£ 3. 16. 7 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Statemant Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 291. 17. 1
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 8. 3. 0

Confirmed this 13th day of March 1945

H. Pump
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and sixty-sixth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, March 13th, 1945 at 7. p.m.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

DAMAGE TO FENCE: The Secretary reported that in respect to the damage to the fence on the Wantirna Road frontage by a Motor Truck on the 20th January last, a claim of £ 10. 10. 0 for the cost of repairs had been made on the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce Insurance Coy. Ltd., a cheque in settlement had been received.

Resolved that action be and is hereby approved.

COMMONWEALTH FOOD CONTROL: A request was received from the Commonwealth Food Control for details of any complete chamber in the Store let to private individuals. The Secretary reported that he had advised that the Society provided space for its Shareholders only on the basis of one case-space for each share held, and forwarded a copy of the Society's Rules for the information of Commonwealth Food Control.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

SIGN ON FENCE: A request was received to erect a sign above the fence at the Wantirna Road corner, advertising the Light Horse Show and Dog Gymkhana at Fern Tree Gully on Easter Monday.

~~INSURANCE~~ Resolved that permission be not granted

INSURANCE ON FRUIT IN STORE: Resolved that the Secretary write to the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: asking for particulars regarding the Insurance against fire risk of its members in the Ringwood Cool Store

1. Whether all fruit and containers in space allotted to the Company's Pool Growers was covered.
2. Whether all fruit and containers in space allotted to the Company's Shareholders which would be packed and handled by the Company was covered.
3. Whether all fruit and containers were covered to full value, or only partly covered.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that twelve payments General Account totaling
£ 430. 13. 8 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling
£ 55. 10. 7 be passed for payment

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling
£ 167. 12. 7 be ratified

Resolved that one account Trust Account totaling
£ 69. 2. 3 be passed for payment

FINANCE:

Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	58.	2.	1
Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£	681.	15.	4
less unrepresented chq:	£	10.	6.	0

Confirmed this 24th day of April 1945

H. Purno

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and sixty-seventh meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, April 24th, 1945 at 7-30. p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs H. Pump, H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, P. Vergers and J.K. Wedge, the Secretary was also in attendance.

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

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

INSURANCE ON FRUIT: The Secretary reported that a reply had been received from the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: to this Committee's enquiry re Insurance on that Company's Pool Fruit in the Ringwood Cool Store advising that all Pool fruit was insured under one Policy in the name of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: covering all declared Stores. On receipt of this information in view of the Resolutions on the Books of the Society instructing the Committee to insure the Fruit and the duplication of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Insurances, the Secretary interviewed the Manager of the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Co: to ascertain whether any complications were likely to arise under the Society's Policies with that Company in the event of a loss by fire. During the discussion the point was raised as to what was the Society's legal liability, if any, to the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: through the instruction by Shareholders to insure all fruit and cases in Store on behalf of such Shareholders.

The matter was then placed before the Society's Solicitors Messrs Hodgson & Finlayson, who stated that without further and mature consideration they were not prepared to give an opinion, but would be quite satisfied that the Society's position would be safeguarded if the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: would give the Society a letter relieving the Society of any ~~any~~ liability in this regard. A request was made verbally to the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: for such a letter, which the Managing Director, Mr. Frank Moore, refused to give without authority from his Company's Insurers.

A Conference was then held at the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Offices between the Manager of the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society, the Manager of the Northern Assurance Co:, the Managing Director of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co:, and your Secretary. The Manager of the Northern Assurance Co: as Insurers for the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: was not prepared to relieve this Society of liability pointing out that it was something he could not do

but gave his opinion, verbally, that no claims could be made except in the case of wilful negligence by a servant of the Society. He offered to give the Society a Certificate of Currency as to Insurances covering Pool Fruit to which Mr. Moore objected as he felt that by asking for such a document it was casting a doubt on his assurances in his letter of the 17th March 1945, but he was prepared to forward a further letter giving an up-to-date list of Pool Growers and their spaces in the Ringwood Cool Store, whose fruit was covered by his Company, neither of these documents had been received

The Secretary advised that, in his opinion, it was only business prudence to ask for written guarantees, and as these apparently were not forthcoming it would be advisable at the next Shareholders meeting to rescind the Resolutions dealing with Insurances on fruit and cases in Store, and adopt a fresh Resolution deleting any fruit that may be placed in the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Pools, also a further letter of indemnity in regard to Insurances on fruit be requested from Shareholders when space was let to the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: in future.

NOTICE OF
MOTION:

Notice of Motion was given that at the next Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders the Resolutions relating to Insurance on fruit dated October 8th 1918, and October 6th 1925, be rescinded and a fresh Resolution be submitted to Shareholders for adoption deleting fruit and cases placed in the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Pools.

CALCIUM
CHLORIDE:

The Secretary reported that a request had been received from the Imperial Chemical Industries: as to the Society's requirements of Calcium Chloride for the period July to December 1945. An order for three (3) tons had been placed for delivery about December next.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

SUPERANNUA-
TION SCHEME:

The Mutual Life and Citizens Assurance Co: Ltd:, submitted by circular letter a contributory scheme for Insurance to cover superannuation for Employees.

Resolved that no action be taken.

FACTORY
INSPECTOR:

The Secretary reported having received a visit by the Factory Inspector, who pointed out that under the Act it was not permissible to employ females in buildings with unlined ceilings except where the ceiling was over twenty (20) feet above the floor level. The lower store buildings did not conform to these conditions, but no action was being taken by the Department at present.

APPLES IN
PEAR
CHAMBERS:

Resolved that the Secretary advise Shareholders whose space was in Pear Chambers that in accordance with the circular letter of the 26th November last, it would be permissible to store Apples in Pear chambers after the 1st May next, on the understanding that Apples stored in Pear chambers was at the sole risk and responsibility of such Shareholders.

POOLED SPACE: Resolved that a charge of 5% be made on the proceeds of all space sublet by the Committee on behalf of Shareholders to cover the extra labour and booking incurred.

PAINTING BUILDINGS: Resolved that enquiries be made and estimates be obtained if possible to:

1. Paint the Buildings, labour and materials
2. Paint the Roof, labour and materials.

COOL STORES CONFERENCE: The Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association advised the Annual Conference would be held on 31st May 1945, at the Commercial Traveller's Club

Resolved that the Chairman, Secretary and as many other Members of the Committee as could find it convenient attend

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that thirteen payments General Account totaling £ 326: 7: 0 be ~~passed for payment~~ ratified

Resolved that one account General Account totaling £ 55. 13. 4 be passed for payment

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 71. 12. 6 be ratified

Resolved that one account Trust Account totaling £ 58. 1. 3 be passed for payment

FINANCE: Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 14. 16. 11
Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 808. 17. 9
less unrepresented cheque £ 3. 13. 6

Confirmed this 19th day of June 1945

H. Pump

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and sixty-eighth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, June 19th 1945 at 7-30 p.m.

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

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

COMMONWEALTH FOOD CONTROL: The Secretary reported that Commonwealth Food Control had requested that a return of fruit stocks held in Cool Store at the end of each month commencing in April last be forwarded to that Office not later than the 3rd day of the following month, this matter had been attended to and the returns forwarded

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

COOL STORES CONFERENCE: The Chairman reported that he had attended together with the Secretary the Cool Stores Association Conference at the Commercial Travellers Club, on 31st May last.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that sixteen payments General Account totaling £ 404: 18; 8 be ratified

Resolved that two Accounts General Account totaling £ 8: 17: 2 be passed for payment.

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 4. 8. 2 be ratified.

FINANCE: Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 544. 4. 7
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 45. 16. 4

Confirmed this 24th day of July 1945

H. Pump

Chairman

MINUTES of the Two hundred and sixty-ninth 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 24th 1945 at 7-30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. H. Pump in the Chair, and Messrs F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson P. Vergers and J.K. Wedge, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence was read and received.

EXTRA
FACILITIES
S.V.P.P.Co:

The Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Ltd:, advised that consideration had been given by that Company to the necessity under Wartime conditions of transferring fruit from other Cool Stores for packing at the Ringwood Cool Store due to the difficulty of finding labour at outlying Cool Stores, while at Ringwood Cool Stores they had staff available to pack this fruit. The Company enclosed its cheque for £ 100:- to cover the cost of extra running incurred.

Resolved that the cheque for One hundred pounds (£100:-) be accepted and credited to Space-rent account to meet the additional running costs. Also that the Secretary write to the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Ltd:, expressing this Committee's appreciation of their gesture.

CEILING
NO. 11
CHAMBER:

The Secretary reported that from a casual inspection apparently there was some movement in the ceiling of No. 11 Chamber, an opportunity would be taken as soon as the Store closed down for the season to remove portion of the false ceiling and make an inspection.

Although no written complaint had been received in accordance with the By-laws, a discussion ensued on various verbal rumors on the temperatures being maintained at the Store.

Resolved that an inspection be made at the Store by the Committee on Wednesday 25th instant at 1 p.m.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that nine payments General Account totaling £ 158. 19. 1 be ratified

Resolved that three payments Trust Account totaling £ 46. 12. 9 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 1249. 13. 6
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 15. 13. 8

Confirmed this 11th day of September 1945

H. Pump
Chairman

b.p.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS

TELEPHONE : F 9471 (6 LINES)

REF. NO.

V.P.44/547

VICTORIAN PRICES BRANCH,

TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL BUILDINGS,

143-7 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

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PER REGISTERED MAIL

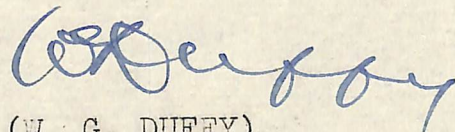
Dear Sir,

Following application made by the Orchardists and Fruit & Cool Stores Association of Victoria for the fixation of maximum rates for the cool storage of fruit, I have to advise that the maximum rate which may be charged by your Society for the letting of cool storage space in your stores is hereby fixed at 1d. per case per week, with a minimum charge of 6d. per case and a maximum charge of 1/9d. per case for any one complete season.

The above maximum rate is subject to reduction by reason of the issue of a later Prices Regulation Order which fixes a lower maximum rate for this service.

This notification in writing is given under the provisions made in that behalf by Order under the National Security (Prices) Regulations, and under the powers delegated to me by the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner pursuant to Regulation 46 of those Regulations.

Yours faithfully,



(W. G. DUFFY)
DEPUTY PRICES COMMISSIONER

The Secretary,
The Ringwood Co-Op. Cool Stores
Society Ltd.,
Box 6,
RINGWOOD. VIC.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and seventieth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood on Tuesday, September 11th, 1945 at 7-30 p.m.

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

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

CEILING No. 11 CHAMBER: The Secretary reported that since the last meeting an inspection had been made of the ceiling in No. 11. chamber, and as far as could be ascertained the timber and insulation appeared sound and in good condition.

Resolved that the report be and is hereby received.

CHARGES BY SHAREHOLDER SUB-LETTING SPACE: Advice was received from the Deputy Prices Commissioner that the maximum rate which may be charged for sub-letting Cool Storage space was fixed at 1d per case per week, with a minimum charge of 6d per case and a maximum charge of 1/9d per case for any one complete season.

The reduction in the maximum rate was due to to the issue of a later Prices Regulation Order which fixed a lower maximum rate for this service.

LOST SCRIP CERTIFICATE: Application was received from Mrs P. J. Wright for the issue of a fresh Scrip Certificate in lieu of Certificate No. 259 representing One hundred and fifty-six shares which had been lost, supported by a statutory declaration together with a letter of indemnity.

An advertisement had been inserted on June 14th last in the Ringwood Mail, stating that the said Certificate had been lost and that application was being made for the cancellation of the said Certificate and the issue of a fresh one in lieu thereof.

Resolved that a fresh Certificate be issued in lieu of the lost Certificate for shares numbered 22,941 to 23,096 inclusive

TRANSFER OF SHARES: Resolved that the transfer of One hundred and fifty-six shares from Mrs. P. J. Wright to M. Dickson be and is hereby approved

SIGN SCRIP: The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificate No. 564, the document was duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H. Pump and H. F. Pearson, together with the Secretary

PAINTING
STORE
BUILDINGS:

Two tenders was subitted to the meeting for consideration for painting the Store buildings, two coats, and the roof one coat viz:-

W. J. McCartney	Ringwood	£ 780.	0.	0
J. Goodall	Ringwood	£ 361.	0.	0

Resolved that the tender of J. Goodall be accepted, and that the Secretary be empowered to make any amendments necessary in the specification to meet the shortage of man-power and the present impossibility to obtain certain brands of materials.

CRUDE OIL
ENGINE:

The Secretary reported that the Crude Oil Engine installed in 1930 had now run for over 35,000 hours, and that the Liners and Pistons were showing signs of wear and should be replaced this season. There would be difficulty in procuring these parts from England on account of the high pressure of post war work. As one Liner and Piston was at present available in Melbourne an order had been placed with Ruston Hornsby Ltd., for delivery also an order to supply a further set for the other Engine as soon as practicable. Should delivery be obtained of both sets before closing down for this season the Liners and Pistons will be replaced in both Engines during the Plant overhaul.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

SPRAY TOWER: The Secretary reported that during the past few months at some period, the Lead apron on the walls of the Spray Tower had been removed by some unauthorised person, the matter was being attended to and the damage repaired.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that eleven payments General Account and totaling £ 195. 5. 4 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts General Account and totaling £ 14. 2. 0 be passed for payment

Resolved that one payment Trust Account and totaling £ 38. 9. 0 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£ 1388.	6.	2
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	16.	13. 11

Confirmed this 30th day of October 1945

H. Pump
Chairman

MINUTES of the Two hundred and seventy-first meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood on Tuesday, October 30th, 1945 at 7-30 p.m.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

PAINTING
STORE
BUILDINGS:

The Secretary reported having requested the Department of Works and Housing for a permit to paint the Store Buildings and Roof, the necessary information having been supplied the Department granted the permit to expend a sum not exceeding £ 361:- the work to be completed within four months from the 9th October 1945.

The Contractor, Mr. J. Goodall had signed the specifications as submitted for the work, which was now in hand

CHAMBER
DOORS:

A complaint was received from Mr. J. Vergers that the doors of the cool chambers were left open during working hours by employees of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: for undue periods, which in his opinion, was not in the interests of Shareholders fruit.

During the discussion by the Committee on this matter it was pointed out that several verbal complaints had been received of the apparently regular removal from the premises of fruit by packers and others, but it was not known whether this fruit was all rejects from packing as it was under the control of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: Supervisor.

Resolved that the Secretary interview the Managing Director of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: and bring under his notice these complaints with the view to their abatement.

FRUIT WITH-
DRAWN FROM
CHAMBER IN
ERROR:

The Secretary reported that one of the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Co: packers had withdrawn and repacked about eighteen cases of Pears owned by Mr. L. J. Bullen in error, as soon as the mistake was noticed, Mr. Bullen was notified, a few days later Mr. Bullen called and advised that the matter had been amicably settled by the Company.

Resolved that the report be received.

FIRE AT
STORE:

The Secretary reported that on Thursday October 18th last a fire started in the North wall of the Store Buildings at approximately 2. p.m. the Fire Brigade was called and made a good save. The Adjustor on behalf of the Insurance Coy, inspected the damage on Friday October 19th, and requested your Secretary to obtain if possible an estimate from a local Builder for the necessary repairs. An estimate had now been received from C. Hodgets to complete the work for £ 20:- this estimate was being forwarded to the Adjustor for acceptance.

Resolved that the Report be received

TRANSFERS
OF SHARES:

Resolved that the following transfers of Shares be and is hereby approved

P. Vergers	to	B.J. Aird	174 shares
S. Brewer	"	P. Vergers	400 "
J. Unsworth	"	E.L. Vergers	390 "
L.J. Unsworth	"	J.M. Vergers	362 "

1,326 shares

SEAL SCRIP: The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates Nos. 565 to 568 inclusive, the documents were duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs H. Pump and H.F. Pearson together with the Secretary

SPACE LEASED ACCOUNT SUN: SHAREHOLDERS Resolved that the several amounts collected for Space-rent on account of sundry Shareholders who were unable to utilise their space-holding this season be divided between such Shareholders in accordance with their respective space-holding and after space-rent levies and a charge of 5% for administration is deducted the balance of the respective amounts be forwarded to each Shareholder concerned

SECRETARY BONUS: Resolved that a bonus of Fifty (50) pounds be paid to the Secretary for additional services rendered during the 1945 storage season, this amount to be charged against the Suspense Space-rent account.

PEAR CHAMBER: Resolved that in view of the successful storage of Pears in an exclusive Pear chamber this season, the Secretary circularise Shareholders to ascertain:-

1. Whether an exclusive Pear chamber is again desired and the case-space required in such a chamber.
2. Whether any additional space was desired by Shareholders in addition to present holding
3. If space was not required, would authority be given to the Committee to let the space on Shareholders account

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that eleven payments General Account totaling
£ 219. 15. 7 be ratified

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling
£ 40. 19. 9 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 1560. 4. 7
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 8. 15. 11

Confirmed this 11th day of December 1945

H. Pump
Chairman

The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited

Ringwood,

28th November, 1945.

1946 STORAGE SEASON

To the Shareholders,

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the 1945 season separate chambers were set aside for the storage of Pears only, which proved successful. Your Committee is of the opinion that although the Pear crop is light, the same procedure and conditions should be continued this season with a chamber reserved for Pears.

To enable the necessary adjustments of space to be made for Pears only to be stored in certain chambers, and Pears and Apples mixed in other chambers, you are requested to complete the attached authority, returning same to the Secretary not later than December 8th next.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

For and on behalf of the Committee of Management,

J. G. AIRD,

Secretary.

Complete and return immediately whichever form applies to the Secretary, but not later than December 8th next

I, the undersigned, hereby authorise the Committee of the Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, to let the whole or part of my and my nominee's space holding in the Society's Cool Stores for the 1946 season, and credit any moneys received to my space-rent account until liquidated. Any surplus after meeting my indebtedness to the Society to be forwarded to me.

It is understood that this authority does not bind the Committee to let the whole or any part of my space holding.

Total number of shares held by myself and nominees is..... shares.

Total amount of space to be let on my account is..... case-space.

Signed

Witness.....

Dated this.....day of December, 1945.

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 1946 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 is..... shares.

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 1946.....case-space.

Signed

Witness.....

Dated this.....day of December, 1945.

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Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

FIRE AT
STORE:

The Secretary reported that in regard to the fire which occurred at the Store on the 18th October last, a claim had been lodged with the Adjustor, Mr. N.L. Dawborn for the Insurance Company, in accordance with the estimate received for repairs to the damage by Mr. C. Hodgetts for £ 20. 0. 0, The work was now completed and the amount of the Claim received from the Insurance Coy. and passed on to Mr. C. Hodgetts in full settlement. A satisfactory job had been made.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

PAINTING
STORE
BUILDINGS:

The Secretary reported that the Painting of the Store Buildings and Roof was well in hand, and that the Contractor anticipated completing the work by the New Year.

LOST SCRIP Applications were received for the issue of fresh Scrip Certificate:ificates as follows:

J. J. Pratt	Certificate No. 323	representing	208 shares
J. Gourlay	" " 187	"	120 "
A. S. Grant	" " 286	"	156 "

which were claimed to have been lost or destroyed and supported by Statutory Declarations together with letters of Indemnity

Seperate advertisements had been inserted on November 29th last in the Ringwood Mail, stating that the said Certificates had been lost or destroyed and that applications were being made for the cancellation of the said Certificates and the issue of fresh Certificates in lieu thereof.

Resolved that fresh Certificates be issued in lieu of the lost Certificates for shares

No. 48,558 to 48,765	inclusive to	J. J. Pratt
" 38,910 " 39,029	"	" J. Gourlay
" 24,822 " 24,977	"	" A. S. Grant

POWER OF
ATTORNEY:

The Secretary reported that Mrs. E.S. McAlpin had signed a Share Transfer in the name of I. J. McAlpin under Power of Attorney and that a request had been made for the production of the document for notification.

SIGNATURES TO CHEQUES: The Secretary reported that the Manager of the E.S.&A. Bank desired an amended Authority for the operation of the Society's Accounts. Also a letter of indemnity under Seal in respect of cheques drawn on No. 2 Account which the Society desired to be returned for Audit purposes.

Resolved that the Manager of the E.S.&A. Bank be advised that cheques drawn on all the Society's accounts be signed by one Member of the Committee, and countersigned by the Secretary, also that specimen Signatures be forwarded to the Bank

Resolved that the Manager of the E.S.&A. Bank be requested to hand to the Secretary all cheques drawn on its No. 2 Account and that the requested letter of indemnity be given under Seal.

AFFIX SEAL: The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of the document, the document was duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs H. Pump and H. F. Pearson together with the Secretary

N.MADDEN: Letter was received from Mr. N. Madden in respect of the restricted sales value of Shares under the Society's Rules.

Resolved that the Secretary advise Mr. N. Madden that the Committee had no power to alter any Rule, but should Shareholders desire an alteration to Rule 35 which governed the transfer value of Shares, provision was made under Rule 33 of the registered Rules of the Society. Also that in respect of Annual rent for any space let by Shareholders the ceiling rate had been fixed by the Prices Branch under the National Security Regulations.

S.V.P.P. Co: A request was received from the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Coy. for any surplus space the Committee may have at its disposal for the 1946 storage season.

Resolved that the Southern Victoria Pear Packing Coy. be advised that from the replies received from Shareholders in respect of requirements for the coming season, the Committee regrets that it will have no space to offer for the 1946 season.

INSURANCE: The Secretary reported that the Fire Insurance on Machinery, Plant and Buildings was at present covered under two separate Policies with a comprehensive Schedule. As the cover was effected some years ago it appeared desirable that the risk should be reviewed.

Resolved that the Insurance Company be requested to issue one fresh Policy for a similar amount to cover the whole, with the Schedule consolidated as far as possible.

SEASON 1946: The Secretary reported that the majority of Shareholders had replied to the Committee's Questionnaire regarding 1946 season's requirements. Applications for space in an exclusive Pear Chamber was sufficient for one Chamber, and that the applications for additional storage space for the season far exceeded space for which Authority to let could be obtained.

PEAR
CHAMBER:

Resolved that the Secretary arrange for one Chamber to be set aside for Pears and held at a lower temperature similar to last season, and allot the spaces suitable to the various applications for such space by Shareholders.

LEASED
SPACE:

Resolved that all applications for additional space for the 1946 season received up to and including the first mail on 10th December last, be deemed to have been simultaneously made, and the Secretary allot any space for which Authority to let had been obtained on a pro-rata basis. Any application received after that date to be dealt with in priority of receipt of the application for any space remaining available.

ACCOUNTS
FOR
PAYMENT:

Resolved that twelve payments General Account totaling £ 840. 8. 1 be ratified

Resolved that nine accounts General Account totaling £ 144. 10. 0 be passed for payment.

Resolved that twenty-eight payments No. 2 Account totaling £ 408. 2. 8 be ratified

FINANCE:

Bank Statement Genrl Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 746. 10. 6
Bank Statement Trust Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 19. 14. 7

Confirmed this

8th day of January 1946

H. Pimp

Chairman