

MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-first meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, hrlld at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood on Tuesday January 28th, 1947 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. Wadge, the Secretary was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received/

PLANT  
REPAIRS: The Secretary reported that the repairs to the Oil Engine and Compressor proved to be more extensive than anticipated and much delay had occurred on account of the Engineer's strike, however, the work was now well in hand and the Plant should be in order when the Store was required by Shareholders.

BASIC WAGE  
INCREASE: Advice was received from the Cool Stores Association that the increase in the Basic Wage viz:- seven shillings per week applied to the Engineers as from the first pay in December last. The Secretary reported that the adjustments had been made from 1st December last to date.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

TRANSFERS  
OF SHARES: Resolved that the following transfers of shares be and is hereby approved:

F.L. Byrne	to	J.C. Kirkpatrick	394 shares
H.M. Byrne	"	J.F. Kirkpatrick	110 "
H.M. Byrne	"	F.M.A. Finger	146 "
H.B. Byrne	"	F.F. Finger	400 "
E.M. Simpson	"	C. Maggs	252 "

SIGN SCRIP: The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of scrip certificates Nos. 601 to 605 both 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.

ANNUAL  
MEETING: Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in the Ringwood Town Hall, on Tuesday 4th March 1947 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 for the ensuing term.

Resolved that the nominations be and are hereby accepted.



**A.J. TANN:** The Secretary reported that Mr. A.J. Tann who had been in charge of the Store's Plant since November 1919 had intimated that he would like to be relieved of his duties as soon as the Committee could find someone to take his place.

Resolved that Mr Tann be requested to carry on until the installation of the new Electric Plant which he had recommended was completed and that in the meantime enquiries be made for a suitable man to take over his duties.

**SPACE-RENT 1947:** Resolved that in accordance with the Rules of the Society a Rent-Rate of One shilling and twopence (1/2) per case-space be struck for the year ending 31st December 1947. Payable at sevenpence per case-space on or before the 1st March 1947 and the balance viz:- sevenpence per case-space on or before the 1st July 1947.

**SPACE LEASED ACCOUNT SUN: SHAREHOLDERS:** Resolved that in accordance with the Authority to let space received from Sundry Shareholders who were unable to utilise their and their nominees space holding, such space be let on the said Shareholders account to applicants for such space. The space-rent charge for leased space to be One shilling and ninepence for the 1947 season, payable in three equal instalments viz:- sevenpence per case-space on or before 1st March sevenpence per case-space on or before 1st July, and the balance sevenpence per case-space on or before 1st September 1947.

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 of 5% for the cost of administration etc: be pooled and distributed pro-rata: amongst those Shareholders whose space had been so used.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Resolved that ten payments General account totaling £ 159. 10. 4 be ratified.

Resolved that one payment Trust account totaling £ 8. 10. 10 be ratified.

**FINANCE:**

Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal.	£	12.	6.	0
Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal.	£	680.	18.	3
less unrepresented cheques	£	14.	0.	4

Confirmed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1947

*H. Pump*  
Chairman.



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-second 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 4th, 1947 at 7-3p.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.

INSURANCE ON FRUIT: Resolved that in accordance with the Resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders, the minimum amount of Insurance cover against fire risk on fruit and containers in the Cool Store on Shareholders account for the 1947 season be ten shillings (10/-) per case.

Workers/Comp: The Secretary reported that on the 12th February last the second Engineer, Mr. O. Dwight during the operation of putting Calcium/Chloride in the brine tank got a piece of coke dust in his eye and later some Calcium/Chloride. His eye being very painful he saw the Doctor and was away from work for two days in consequence. The Insurance Company had been notified. At present his eyesight was impaired and the vision blurred.

STORAGE OF G.V. PEARS: The Secretary reported that during the recent hot humid spell of weather a large quantity of Goulburn Valley Pears had been placed in the Cool chambers with the result that the temperature could not be efficiently controlled during normal running hours. It was necessary, therefore, to run the Plant continuously which necessitated long hours of overtime for the Engineers over a period of seven days. Mr. Tann had put in 84 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours and Mr. Dwight 67 hours.

Resolved that overtime be paid to the Engineers for the extra hours worked.

A.J. TANN'S RESIGNATION: The unenviable position in which the Committee found itself through the Notice of Resignation made by both the Engineers viz;- Mr. A.J. Tann and Mr. O. Dwight was discussed at some length.

Resolved that Mr. Tann be requested to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 11th March next to discuss the matter.



ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: *AB* Resolved that thirteen payments General Account totaling £ 407. 5. 11 be ratified

*B* Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling £ 12. 13. 0 be passed for payment.

*B* Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 185. 3. 4 be ratified

FINANCE: *A* Bank Statement General Account Cr. Bal. £ 1106. 9. 0  
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 55. 11. 5

Confirmed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1947

*H. P. Perry*

Chairman



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-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 March 11th 1947 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs H. Pump, F.S. Dunn, H.F. Pearson, 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.

FUEL OIL: The Shell Company advised that as Pool Petroleum Pty Ltd would cease to function after the end of March 1947, the ~~indeterminate~~ agreement for the supply of Fuel Oil between the Society and that Company would revert to the Shell Coy on that date and requested that this Society sign an undertaking that any Oil supplied would be used only for the purpose for which it was intended as required by the Customs Department.

Resolved that the undertaking be signed as requested.

ROYAL SHOW: A request was received from the Royal Agricultural Society for a donation towards the Prize funds of the 1947 Show

Resolved that the Royal Agricultural Society be advised that this Committee regrets that it is unable to accede to their request.

ENGINE ROOM  
STAFF: Mr. A.J. Tann, Engineer in charge attended the meeting by request to consider his decision to retire. Mr. Tann was asked by the Committee to reconsider his decision and remain with the Society for a further few years. Mr. Tann pointed out that his mind was made up but at the same time he did not desire to leave until a suitable man was procured to take his place but would like to get away before the coming Spring. He also stated that the second man Mr. O. Dwight would like if possible to leave at the end of the present month.

Resolved that endeavours be made to secure two Engineers as soon as possible to work under Mr. Tann with the view of Mr. Tann's resignation being accepted as soon as these men became capable of taking charge of the Plant

Confirmed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1947

*H. Pump*  
Chairman



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-fourth 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 15th 1947 at 7-30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apology for absence was received from Mr. P. Vergers.  
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.  
Corrrspondence was read and received.

INSURANCE: The Secretary reported that the Fire Insurance on Buildings Plant etc: had been increased by 20% making the total Insurance on Buildings, Machinery and Plant: £ 30,000:-

Resolved that action be and is hereby endorsed.

C.S.I.R. The Secretary reported that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research had asked if facilities could be made for its officers to record temperature readings in various parts of a cool chamber with the view of ascertaining if possible the variations of temperature in different parts of the chamber under working conditions. Two chambers had been made available to the C.S.I.R. for these investigations.

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

ASSISTANT ENGINEER: The Secretary reported that in view of the Notice of Intention to resign by both Engineers, Mr. J. McDonald had been appointed as Assistant Engineer at Log Rates. He had commenced duties on March 13th last and has so far proved satisfactory

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

O. Dwight: Mr. O. Dwight tendered his resignation as Assistant Engineer for health reasons. He found the strain and anxiety during the heavy part of the season together with the night shift work was ~~under~~mining his health and he could not sleep. He was threatened with a complete breakdown in health and desired to confine himself to outdoor work on the land.

All members of the Committee expressed their regret that Mr. Dwight should find himself in this position after twenty years service with the Society especially as he had proved himself to be a conscientious servant and always willing to make sacrifices to ensure the working of the Store during busy seasons. His place would be very difficult to fill.



O. Dwight: Resolved that Mr. O. Dwight's resignation be accepted with regret as from the 31st May next, and that the Secretary write Mr. Dwight expressing the Committee's appreciation of his long services.

Resolved that a record of appreciation of Mr. Dwight's services with the Society be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting, and that he be granted leave of absence as from April 5th to May 31st next in recognition of his long satisfactory service.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that twenty-two payments General Account totaling £ 500: 6: 2 be ratified

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 110: 15: 4 be ratified

FINANCE: Bank Statement General Account Cr. Bal. £ 1280. 15. 11  
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 21. 16. 11

Confirmed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1947

*H. P. Pamp*

Chairman



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-fifth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood on Thursday June 12th 1947, 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, who was out of the State.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence was read and received.

Engineer in Charge: The Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution of March 11th last, re notice of intention to resign by the Engineer in Charge, Mr. A.J. Tann, that Mr. L. Tucknott had been engaged to fill the vacant position, he would be ready to commence duty about mid-July, at a salary of £ 8. 10. 0 per week. Mr. A.J. Tann was agreeable to remain with the Society for a few weeks until Mr. L. Tucknott was sufficiently familiar with the plant to take charge.

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

ENGINE ROOM CLOCK: The Secretary reported that the Clock in the Engine room had outlived its usefulness and was past repair, and suggested that it be replaced with an Electric Clock at a cost of £ 6. 11. 0 plus cost of installation.

Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to procure an Electric Clock and have same installed in a suitable place in the Engine Room.

ELECTRICITY TRANSFORMER: The Secretary reported that the Electricity Commission had decided to erect the two pole transformer to serve the Store and other Consumers on the Main Road adjacent to the Store's Engine Room in lieu of the previous position in the Store yard, the reason given being that it would give a better service to the Store and considerably reduce the cost of the proposed installation.

Resolved that the Secretary write the Commission, requesting that the decision be re-considered and the Pole Transformer be erected on the site originally agreed upon, on the grounds that it would be unsightly on the Main Road

GROUP ASSURANCE: Correspondence was received from the Australian Mutual Provident Society advocating the adoption of a Group Assurance scheme for the Society's Employees.

Resolved that no action be taken.



ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT:

*JP* Resolved that twenty-six payments General Account totaling  
£ 495. 13. 10 be ratified.

*JP* Resolved that five accounts General Account totaling  
£ 80. 13. 7 be passed for payment.

*JP* Resolved that four payments Trust Account totaling  
£ 105. 16. 8 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Statement General Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 930. 12. 6
Bank Statement Trust Account	Cr. Bal.	£ 46. 6. 0

Confirmed this

day of

1947

*L. H. Pumpo*

Chairman.



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-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 July 29th, 1947, 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.

ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION: A reply was received from the Electricity Commission to this Committee's request to erect the two pole sub-station on the site in the Cool Store yard originally decided on, instead of on the Main Road. The Commission pointed out that the new site would reduce the cost for the installation of Electric Motors by the Society by approximately £ 100:-, also that it was intended to use the sub-station to supply other Consumers. It had also been approved by the Borough Engineer.

As the matter was now being dealt with by the Borough Council no further action was taken.

FRUIT  
PACKERS  
ASSOCIATED  
PTY. LTD:

A request was received from the Fruit Packers Associated Pty Ltd. to spread two loads of crushed rock or screenings in the Cool Store yard against that Company's building which adjoins the Cool Store property.

Resolved that the Fruit Packers Associated Pty Ltd: be advised that its request could not be granted, also pointing out that as that Company had been using the yard as a thoroughfare without asking permission, it be requested to refrain from doing so in future.

ENGINEERS: The Secretary reported that Mr. L. Tucknott had commenced duties at the Store on the 21st July last, the present indications were that his services would be satisfactory.

The Secretary reported that Mr. J. McDonald was favourable to taking his Annual leave at the present time which was more suitable than later in the year.

TRANSFER  
OF SHARES:

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

F.J. Stewart	to	E.J. Maroney	156 shares
F.B. Grey	"	J.A. Ryan	400 "
I. Grey	"	M.M. Ryan	338 "
F.B. Grey Junr	"	J.H. Ryan	214 "



**SIGN SCRIP:** The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates 606 to 609 both 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

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** *JP* Resolved that fourteen payments General Account totaling £ 282. 11. 8 be ratified

*JP* Resolved that three Accounts General Account totaling £ 70. 11. 3 be passed for payment.

*JP* Resolved that two payments Trust Account totaling £ 47. 4. 11 be ratified.

**FINANCE:** Bank Statement General Account Cr. Bal. £ 1721. 0. 11  
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 59. 16. 0

Confirmed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1947

*H. Pump*

Chairman.



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-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 September 9th 1947 at 7-30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Apology for absence was received from Mr. F.S. Dunn

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

TRUCK  
WHEELS: The Secretary reported that the rubber tyres on the wheels of the trucks at the Store was very badly worn, and was causing deterioration of the floors, approximately half of the wheels had been dispatched to the Dunlop Rubber Coy. to have new rubber tyres affixed, when these were returned the balance would be forwarded for treatment.

Resolved that action be and is hereby confirmed.

ELECTRIC  
MOTORS: The Secretary reported that from enquiries made it was very doubtful whether the Electric Motors on order would be available before September 1948, further enquiries would be made later.

COPPER: The Secretary reported that the Dreadnought Copper for Brine concentration which had been on order for some considerable time was still held up through shortage of castings due to the Moulders and Engineers strike. It was anticipated that it would come to hand before the end of the year.

CRUDE OIL  
ENGINE: The Secretary reported that the spare back cylinder head for the Crude Oil Engine had been installed on one of the Engines during the last overhaul of the Plant. As no spare was on hand at the Store and only one of a suitable size was available in Melbourne, he recommended that it be purchased and held against eventualities.

Resolved that the Secretary procure the Cylinder head.

TRANSFER  
OF SHARES: Resolved that the following transfers of Shares be and is hereby approved:-

C. Molloy	to	J.S. Meyland	395 shares
M.A. Molloy	to	W.C. Meyland	60 shares



SIGN SCRIP: The necessary resopution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates Nos. 610 and 611 respectively, 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

RESIGNATION Resolved that Mr. A.J. Tann, Engineer in charge at the Store  
A?J. TANN: be granted long service leave until November 1st next, the Secretary be empowered to pay Mr. A.J. Tann's salary in one sum to that date, also that Mr. A.J. Tann's resignation be accepted as at 1st November 1947.

Resolved that the Secretary be authorised to procure a set of Bowls suitably inscribed for presentation to Mr. A.J. Tann in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Society

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that ten payments General Account totaling £ 183. 13. 1 be ratified

Resolved that three accounts General Account totaling £ 27. 1. 0 be passed for payment.

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 30. 8. 7 be ratified

FINANCE: Bank Statemant General Account Cr. Bal. £ 1918. 13. 1  
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 70. 2. 2

Confirmed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1947

*H. Pump*

Chairman



MINUTES of the Two hundred and eighty-eighth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood on Wednesday 12th November 1947 at 7-30 p.m.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

COPPER: The Secretary reported that the new Dreadnought Copper which had been on order for some considerable time could not be delivered on account of labour difficulties. The present copper had collapsed and required replacement urgently, a copper of a slightly different type which could be altered to suit our requirements could be supplied before the end of the present month. Arrangements had been made to take delivery of this copper.

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

TRUCK WHEELS: The Secretary reported that the 6½" truck wheels forwarded to the Dunlop Rubber Company for re-rubbing had been returned completed, it was anticipated that the 12" wheels would be returned about the end of the month, as soon as these came to hand the balance would be forwarded for attention.

DECEASED MEMBERS SHARES: A request was received from Messrs McCracken & McCracken Solicitors re shares held by Albert Crouch (deceased) asking if the Society would transfer the shares to A.H. Crouch to whom they had been left in the Will without an application being made for Probate.

Resolved that the Secretary obtain an Opinion on this matter from the Society's Solicitors Messrs Hodgson & Finlayson

ENGINEERS TOOLS: Resolved that a quantity of Engineer's Tools and Thermometers required by the Store be purchased from Mr. A. J. Tann for the sum of Fourteen pounds ( £ 14. 0. 0)

PLANT OVERHAUL: Resolved that Mr. A.J. Tann be asked to assist the Society's Engineer to fit the new Liner & Piston in the Crude Oil Engine as soon as the Plant closed down for the season



BLUE MOON  
FRUIT CO-OP:

The Secretary reported that the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Limited has asked that facilities be made and the Store kept open on two or three nights weekly to enable their Packers to work overtime. After consultation with members of the Committee he had advised the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Limited that facilities were already provided to allow a start to be made at 7.30 a.m. also for Saturday morning packing which were apparently not being availed of. To further meet their requirements arrangements would be made for packing fruit until 6 p.m. but access to the cool chambers could not be granted after 5 p.m. This concession had been availed of from time to time during the past four weeks

CLOSE FOR  
SEASON:

Resolved that the Store close down for the Annual overhaul on or about 30th November next.

PEAR  
CHAMBER:

Resolved that the Secretary circularise Shareholders returnable on or before 16th December next to ascertain:-

1. What space is required in an exclusive Pear Chamber
2. What space is required in chambers for both Apples and Pears
3. Whether any additional space was desired by Shareholders in addition to present shareholding.
4. If space was not required, would authority be given to the Committee to let the space on Shareholders account.

ACCOUNTS  
FOR  
PAYMENT:

Resolved that eighteen payments General Account totaling £ 701. 14. 8 be ratified

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

Resolved that thirty-one payments No. 2 Account totaling £ 322. 0. 7 be ratified.

FINANCE:

Bank Statement General Account Cr. Bal. £ 1310. 0. 2  
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 112. 0. 3

Confirmed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1948

*H. Pump*

Chairman