

MINUTES of The Two hundred and ninety-eighth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road Ringwood on Friday 4th March 1949, 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.

ELECTRICAL
INSTALLATION The Secretary reported that the installation of Electric Motors had been completed and tested, the Plant had been running for some few days and appeared to be satisfactory.

ELECTRIC
LIGHTING: The Chairman reported that the Fruit Inspector would not allow fruit to be packed for export in the top Store, and refused to pass it for export on account of insufficient lighting. After consultation with other Members of the Committee it had been decided to install Florescent lights over each packing bench.

SPACE-RENT
1949: Resolved that in accordance with the Rules of the Society a Rent-rate of One shilling and threepence (1/3d) per case-space be struck for the year ending 31st December 1949. Payable at eight-pence per case-space on or before the 14th March 1949 and the balance viz:- seven-pence per case-space on or before 1st June 1949.

SPACE LEASED
ACCOUNT SUN:
SHAREHOLDERS Resolved that in accordance with the Authority to let space received from Sundry Shareholders who were unable to utalise their and their nominees space-holding, such space to 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 1949 season, payable in instalments viz:- eightpence per case-space on or before 14th March 1949, and sevenpence per case-space on or before 1st June 1949 and the balance sixpence per case-space on or before 1st September 1949.

Resolved that the several amounts received for the hiring of the said space on acconut 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 has been so used.

INSURANCE
ON FRUIT: Resolved that the minimum amount of Insurance cover on fruit and containers against fire risk in the Cool Stores on Shareholders account for the 1949 season be ten shillings (10/-) per case.

ANNUAL MEETING: Resolved that the Annual meeting of Shareholders be held in the Ringwood Town Hall, on a suitable date to be arranged by the Chairman and Secretary.

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: / Resolved that sixteen payments General Account totaling £ 367. 2. 1 be ratified

/ Resolved that three payments Trust Account totaling £ 129. 14. 10 be ratified

FINANCE:
Bank General Account Dr. Bal. £ 450. 1. 9
Bank Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 44. 4. 6

Confirmed this 12th day of April 1949

H. Pump
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Two hundred and ninety-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 12th April, 1949, 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

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Agreement with the Victorian Railway Department the ground rent for the Cool Store site had been increased to Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum as from 1st January 1949.

CONDENSOR TANK etc: It was reported that a leak had developed in the tank under the Condensor Coils which would be attended to as circumstances permitted, also several other matters in the Store buildings required attention

ENGINEER IN CHARGE: Resolved that the Secretary write to the Engineer in charge Mr. L. Tucknott, drawing attention to the unsatisfactory conditions and setting out his duties as Engineer in Charge

BANK OVERDRAFT: The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made with the Society's bankers for an overdraft of £ 1150:- to meet the cost of the Installation of Electric Motors.

ANNUAL MEETING: Resolved that the Annual meeting be held in the Parish Hall on 3rd May 1949. in lieu of the Town Hall as previously arranged.

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

R. Beal	to	R.J. Hubbard	120 shares
R. Beal	"	S.A. Hubbard	120 "
M.J.E. Johnson	"	M.T. Francis	252 "

SEAL SCRIP: The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates No. 618 to 621 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
Resolved that forty payments General Account totaling £ 1,651: 2: 9 be ratified
Resolved that five accounts General Account totaling £ 42: 9: 0 be passed for payment
Resolved that five payments Trust Account totaling £ 285: 15: 6 be ratified.

Confirmed this 3rd day of May 1949

H. Pump
Chairman

MINUTES of the Three hundredth meeting of the Committee of The Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited, held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood on Tuesday 3rd May 1949 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.

CONDENSER TOWER: The Secretary reported that the leak in the Condenser Tower had been repaired temporarily, and would be further attended to when circumstances permitted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The report on the Store Buildings as requested from the Engineer was received and copies distributed for further consideration at next meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: / Resolved that four payments General Account totaling £ 161. 19. 3 be ratified

/ Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling £ 287. 2. 8 be passed for payment

/ Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 97. 19. 6 be ratified.

FINANCE: Bank Statement General Account Cr. Bal. £ 640. 8. 6
Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 52. 5. 0

Confirmed this 31st day of May 1949

H. Pump
Chairman

MINUTES of the Three hundred and 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 31st May 1949 at 7-30 p.m.

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

APOLOGY: An apology was received from Mr. H.F. Pearson.

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

Before commencing the meeting the Chairman Mr. H. Pump referred to the bereavement of Mr. H.F. Pearson in the death of his Mother. The late Mrs Pearson was a shareholder in the Society almost at its inception. The Chairman also requested that a letter be forwarded to Mr. H.F. Pearson expressing the sympathy of the Committee. The resolution was carried by all members standing in silence.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read and received.

AUDITOR: Mr. W.A. Stewart wrote accepting the position of Auditor and thanking shareholders for continued confidence.

STORE CONDITIONS: The general condition of the Store Buildings and the Labour position was discussed at some length.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for further consideration at a meeting to be held on June 7th next

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Resolved that five payments General Account totaling £ 434. 13. 6 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts General Account totaling £ 8. 12. 9 be passed for payment

Resolved that one payment Trust Account totaling £ 6. 0. 0 be ratified

Resolved that two accounts Trust Account totaling £ 136. 15. 7 be passed for payment.

FINANCE: Bank Statement Trust Account Cr. Bal. £ 154. 3. 5
Bank Statement Genrl Account Cr. Bal. £ 487. 4. 4
less unrepresented cheques £ 274. 11. 7

Confirmed this 7th day of June 1949

H. Pump
Chairman

MINUTES of the Three hundred and 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 7th June 1949 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.

ENGINEER IN CHARGE: The general and labour conditions at the Store was further considered, together with the intimation by Mr. L. Tucknott Engineer in Charge that he would like to be relieved of his duties at the end of the season or earlier if satisfactory arrangements could be made.

Resolved that in view of the general unsatisfactory conditions that the Secretary hand to Mr. L. Tucknott at next pay period an additional fortnights wages and to request him to hand in his resignation forthwith.

ENGINEER'S LEAVE: As Annual leave for the past two years provided for by the Determination of the Factory Engine Drivers Board had not been taken by Mr. L. Tucknott, the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. L. Tucknott to take this leave during July thus terminating his appointment on July 30th next.

ENGINEER IN CHARGE: Resolved that the second Engineer, Mr. J. McDonald be appointed as Engineer in Charge at the same remuneration as at present paid to Mr. L. Tucknott.

SECOND ENGINEER: Resolved that the Secretary be empowered to engage a suitable man as second Engineer.

Confirmed this 29th day of August 1949

H. Pump.

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and third meeting of the Committee of the RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY held at the Secretary's residence, Main Road, Ringwood, on 29th August, 1949, at 7.30 p.m.

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

MINUTES : The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE : The correspondence was read and received.

ENGINEER : The Secretary reported that Mr. J. Vergers had been appointed to the staff as Assistant Engineer.

SPACE

RENT

ARREARS

The Space Rent of two Shareholders being in arrears, the Secretary reported that he had taken action according to the rules of this Society, viz., that the shareholders concerned be forbidden to remove fruit from the Cool Store until the amount in arrears has been paid.

Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

ENGINEER'S

REPORT

At the request of the Committee, Mr. J. McDonald was in attendance, and submitted a report on the general condition of the Store and machinery. The following matters submitted in the report were dealt with.

Roof : Sections of the roof of the building have corroded at the joints allowing water leaking through to damage ceilings and machinery.

Resolved that the Secretary purchase sufficient corrugated galvanized iron to repair the roof.

Electric

Motor

The 15 h.p. Electric Motor recently installed being continually overloaded is unsatisfactory.

Resolved that a 25 h.p. Electric Motor be installed if procurable and the existing 15 h.p. Motor offered for sale.

ACCOUNTS
FOR

PAYMENT

Resolved that seventeen payments General Account totalling £521:2:11d. be ratified.

Resolved that two accounts General Account totalling £ 5:15:10d. be passed for payment.

Resolved that two payments Trust Account totalling £ 63:18:3d. be ratified.

FINANCE

Bank Statement.
Bank Statement.

Trust Account £36:15: 4d.
General Account £824:15: 7d.

CONFIRMED this

8th. day of

Sept. 1949.

H. Pump
Chairman.

MINUTES of Three hundred and fourth meeting of the Committee of the Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores Society Limited held at the residence of Mr. H.F. Pearson, Wonga Road, Ringwood, at 7.30 p.m. on 8th September, 1949.

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

Since our last meeting we regret the sudden passing away of our late Secretary, Mr. J.G. Aird. The Chairman requested that a wreath and a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Committee be sent to Mrs. Aird and family.

The Chairman in moving that a record of the services of the late Mr. Aird be placed on the Minutes remarked that Mr. Aird had been Secretary of the Society since its inception.

The resolution was carried by all members standing as a mark of respect.

ACTING SECRETARY: Resolved that Mr. P. Vergers be appointed Secretary pro tem.

MINUTES : Mr. Aird, through illness prior to his death, was unable to record the Minutes of the previous meeting, but every effort will be made to have them presented at the next meeting of the Committee.

ALTERATIONS

TO SPRAY TOWER : The present system being very unsatisfactory, Mr. J. McDonald requested the members of the Committee to inspect the Spray Tower and consider suggestions for the improvement of same.

Resolved to meet at the Cool Stores at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 10th September.

APPOINTMENT

OF SECRETARY : The appointment of a successor to Mr. Aird was discussed at length.

Resolved that Mr. A. Aird be invited to a meeting of the Committee to discuss the possibility of his being able to occupy the position held by his father.

CONFIRMED this 20th day of Sept. 1949.

H. Pump
Chairman.

MINUTES of Three hundred and fifth meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of Mr. H.F. Pearson at 7.30 p.m. on 20th September 1949.

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

MINUTES : The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE : Correspondence was read and received.

REPORTS : The Acting Secretary reported the Engineer in charge had been given instructions to purchase the necessary fittings and proceed with the improvements to the Spray Tower as suggested at a conference on 10th September.

Messrs. W. Tolson & Co. having a 25 h.p. Electric Motor in stock, were instructed to instal same as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENT

OF SECRETARY : With Mr. Albert Aird in attendance, the appointment of Secretary was discussed at length.

It was resolved that after due consideration it would be unfair to expect Mr. Aird to accept the duties of Secretary as his present occupation necessitated his daily attendance in Melbourne.

After further discussion it was resolved to appoint Mr. P. Vergers as Secretary.

The resignation of Mr. P. Vergers as a member of the Committee was then necessary.

Resolved that the resignation be accepted.

Resolved that the vacancy on the Committee be left in abeyance until the end of the financial year.

<u>FINANCE</u> :	Bank Balance	General Account	Cr. £669: 1: 8d.
	Bank Balance	Trust Account	£ 48:19: 3d.

CONFIRMED this 13th day of October 1949.

H. Pump.
Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and sixth meeting of the Committee of the RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, on 13th October, 1949, at 7.30 p.m.

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

MINUTES : The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD. A Conference was held at the home of Mr. H. Pearson, Wonga Road, Ringwood, with Mr. Lewis, Manager of the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society Ltd. to discuss remuneration for this Society acting as an agency for the A.M.F.

Confirmation of the terms agreed to at the Conference were received from Mr. Lewis, and the following rates will apply henceforth :

Workers Compensation and Motor Vehicle	10%
Motor Vehicle, Third Party	5%
Personal Accident and Plate Glass	20%
All other classes	15%

In addition, an amount not exceeding £25 per annum will be paid as agency expenses.

REPAIRS TO BELT.

The Secretary reported that the converting of the existing belt from the newly installed Electric Motor to an endless belt, was now almost completed.

LATE SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

After a perusal of the Society's books, it was found that wages and Petty Cash were due to Mr. J.G. Aird, our late Secretary. Resolved that the amount of £40:0:0d. be forwarded to Mrs. Aird in settlement of amounts owing.

SECRETARY'S REMUNERATION. Resolved that the Secretary continue until 31st December 1949 at the same remuneration as our late Secretary, viz. £14:10:0d. monthly, and that the matter be again discussed in December 1949.

TRANSFER OF SHARES.

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

Claude Jackson to H. Morrison	400 shares
J.R. Jackson to J. Morrison	188 shares

SEAL SCRIP.

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates 622 and 623, 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.

Resolved that 21 payments, General Account, totalling £979:16:7d. be ratified.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and seventh meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, at 7.30 p.m. on 17th November, 1949.

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

APOLOGIES : An apology was received from Mr. H.F. Pearson.

MINUTES : Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

ELECTRIC The Secretary reported that, after having made enquiries,
MOTOR : approximately £50:0:0d. would be a reasonable amount to expect for the 15 H.P. Motor being offered for sale.

Resolved that an advertisement be inserted in the Press and offers invited.

CLOSING OF STORE : Resolved that the closing date of the Store be 26th November to allow annual overhaul of machinery to commence.

CASE SPACE FOR 1950: Resolved that as some difficulty may be experienced through the partial failure of the fruit crop, circulars regarding case space requirements for the coming season be forwarded to shareholders immediately, stressing that a prompt reply would be appreciated.

NEW GUTTER : The Secretary reported that the Gutter over the Engine Room had corroded to such an extent that during the heavy rain recently experienced, considerable inconvenience was being caused in the Engine Room. As the matter was regarded as urgent, necessary repairs were effected immediately.

Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

ASSISTANCE FOR ENGINEERS: Mr. J. McDonald, requesting assistance for installing Sprinkler System in Spray Tower.

Resolved that the Secretary procure necessary assistance.

COMMITTEE VACANCY : Resolved that Mr. H. Beavis be invited to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

STATIONERY : Resolved that the Secretary purchase envelopes which were on offer from Mrs. J.G. Aird.

ACCOUNTS 12 payments - General account Total £361:19:7d. to be ratified.
FOR 6 payments - General account Total £ 66: 9:6d. to be passed.
PAYMENT : 1 payment - Trust account - Total £30: 9:11d. to be ratified.

FINANCE : Bank Statement, Trust account Cr. Balance £130: 7: 5d.
Bank Statement, General account Dr. Balance £ 62:11:10d.
less unrepresented cheques £50:2:0, Dr. Balance £112:13:10d.

CONFIRMED this 22nd day of December 1949.

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and eighth meeting of the Committee of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mullum Road, Ringwood, at 7.30 p.m. on 22nd December 1949.

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

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended a welcome to the new member, Mr. H.S. Beavis, to which Mr. Beavis responded.

MINUTES : Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

R. WERNER & CO. : The Secretary reported that Messrs. R. Werner & CO. had advised the installation of a larger Ammonia Receiver before commencing prearranged repairs. After consultation with the Chairman, and the advantages considered, it was decided to have the Receiver installed. Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

ELECTRIC MOTOR : An offer of £45 was received from Mr. H. Kohn for the 15 H.P. Electric Motor offered for sale. After further negotiation with Mr. Kohn an offer of £48 was made and accepted by the Secretary. Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

J. MILNER : The Secretary reported that Mr. J. Milner had sought permission to gain admittance to his premises through the Cool Stores entrance. A reply had been forwarded to Mr. Milner pointing out that under present circumstances permission could not be granted. Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

COOL STORAGE : An application for Cool Storage Space was received from Messrs. Geoffrey Thompson & Co. for season 1950. Resolved that application be granted and any further applications be left in the hands of the Secretary.

INSURANCE : Resolved that Insurance Policies covering Buildings, Plant, and Loss of Profits be renewed.

TELEPHONE : Resolved that the yearly rental of the Secretary's telephone be paid by the Cool Stores Society.

SALARIES : The Salaries of the Engineers and the Secretary being listed for review at this meeting, the matter was discussed at length. Resolved that the following increases be granted :

Engineer in charge	£1:2:0d. per week
Second Engineer	10/- per week
Secretary	£2:16:8d. per month

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

10 payments General Account, Total £225:16:11d. to be ratified
 13 payments General Account, Total £218:2:10d. to be passed.
 3 payments Trust Account, Total £130:11:3d. to be ratified.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement, General Account, Dr. Balance £353:18:9d.
Bank Statement, Trust Account, Cr. Balance £146:15:10d.

CONFIRMED this *second* day of *February*. 1950.

J. H. Pumphrey

Chairman.