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MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentyfifth 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 Thursday, 3rd January, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

#### BRINE PUMPS :

It was reported that the new brine pumps procured from Messrs. Cameron & Sutherland as directed at the last meeting were unsuitable. The pumps originally installed were specially made with left hand drives to be driven from the overhead driving shaft, and it was now necessary to have the new pumps made in the same manner.

As new patterns would have to be made, the cost would be much higher. The approximate cost of each pump now would be £75:0:0d.

It was resolved that as these pumps had to be installed before the commencement of the season the Secretary was instructed to contact Messrs. Cameron & Sutherland and have the work carried out immediately.

#### SPACE TO LET :

An application for 10,000 case space in the Society's Cool Store for the 1952 season was received from Messrs. P. Pullar & Nephew, Melbourne.

Resolved that Messrs. P. Pullar & Nephew be informed that all available space will be allotted to them, and that the rate for the season will be 2/3d. per case space payable in three instalments, instalments to be payable on or before 1st March, 1952, 1st June 1952 and 1st September 1952; also that this Company be made fully aware of the By-laws operating at the Society's Cool Store.

#### SPACE RENT 1952:

Resolved that a Rent Rate of Two shillings and three pence per case space be struck for the year ending December 31st, 1952, payable in three instalments - first instalment due and payable on or before 1st March 1952; second instalment due and payable on or before 1st June 1952; third instalment due and payable on or before 1st September 1952.

#### TRANSFERS OF SHARES :

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

R.H. Summers	to F.	Jefferies	396	shares
D. Larkin	to M.	F. Johnston	390	shares
M. Larkin	to S.	W. Johnston	78	shares

#### SEAL SCRIP ;

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates No. 636 to 638 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 19 payments General Account totalling £781:16:8d. be ratified. / 5 payments Trust Account totalling £202:12:10d. be ratified.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement, General Account Less unpresented cheques	Dr. Balance	£298: 5: 4 145: 7: 3
	Dr. Balance	£443:12: 7
Bank Statement, Trust Account Less unpresented cheque	Cr. Balance	£25: 6: 1 25: 6: 1
	Balance	Nil

CONFIRMED this

31rd day of January 1952.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentysixth 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 Thursday, 31st January, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

#### BRINE PUMPS :

The Secretary reported that the new brine pumps which were to be ready for installation by the end of January would not be available till 25th February. As the Cool Store would be operating before this date, repairs were effected to the existing pumps.

# SPACE TO LET :

The Secretary reported that he had leased 10,808 case space to Messrs. P. Pullar and Nephew, and 1365 Case space to Messrs. Barker, Green & Parke for the 1952 season, at 2/3d. per case space.

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

#### BOROUGH VALUATION :

A letter was received from Messrs. Hodgson and Finlayson in which it was stated that the case between the Society and the Borough of Ringwood has been set down for hearing in the County Court.

Our solicitors suggest that we obtain the services of  $M_r$ . Charles Beauchamp as valuer to support  $M_r$ . Sampson. It was also suggested that the services of an architect be obtained at a later date.

This matter was discussed at length, and as the unimproved capital value system of rating now operated in the Borough, a definite decision as to further procedure could not be made without first obtaining our Solicitors' opinion on the case and the costs involved. Our solicitors also propose to retain Counsel on behalf of the Society.

It was resolved that the Secretary be requested to interview the Society's solicitors and that he inform them of the change in the system of rating and obtain information on the following matters:

- i. Why the case must be heard in the County Court.
- ii. Ascertain the costs of Valuers, Architect and Counsel.
- iii. Obtain general opinion of our solicitors on the case.

# CONDENSOR COILS :

It was reported that a section of the coils in the condensor tower were beyond further repairs and their renewal would have to be considered in the very near future.

It was resolved that a report on the condition of these Coils and the cost of replacement be obtained from Mr. Dobney, of Messrs. R. Werner & Co.

#### ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD

A copy of the Determination of the Factory Engine Drivers' Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association, showing an increase in the rates of Ten shillings cost of living allowance from first pay in February.

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Resolved that the Engineer's wages be adjusted in accordance with the Determination as from 1st February, 1952.

# TRANSFERS OF SHARES :

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

John Muldowney to N.P. Goulding James Muldowney to N.F. Goulding

390 shares ^ 140 shares

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#### SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates No. 639 to 640 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.

CONFIRMED this

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentyseventh 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 Thursday, 28th February, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

# BOROUGH VALUATION :

A letter together with a report from Mr. Fullagar was received from the Society's Solicitors. The concluding paragraph of Mr. Fullagar's report points out that he is of the opinion that the Society has only a slight chance of succeeding in an appeal, and advises a settlement on the best terms that can be obtained.

Resolved that after due consideration of the contents of Mr. Fullagar's report his opinion be accepted and that the Solicitors be instructed to make a settlement on the best terms possible.

# INSURANCE ON FRUIT :

Resolved that the Insurance on Fruit for the 1952 season be 12/- per case (10/- on fruit and 2/- on container) and that shareholders be notified accordingly.

# ANNUAL MEETING :

Resolved that Annual Meeting be held at a date to be fixed by the Chairman and the Secretary.

#### ENTRANCE TO STORE:

The Secretary reported that he had interviewed the Borough Engineer, Mr. Lucas with the idea of making some improvement to the east entrance to the Society's building. Resolved that the Engineer be requested to widen the culvert four feet at each end, and that no parking be allowed within an area to be defined by a white line, and also that he arrange to have a load of crushed rock delivered for improving the area around the loading ramps.

#### SUNDRIES :

Resolved that the request for the purchase of two brooms and two bottles of Di-Scrub from the Engineer be agreed to.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

10 Payments General Account totalling £433: 7:10d. to be ratified.

3 " £292:19: 8d. to be passed.

1 " Trust " £ 36: 0: 9d. to be ratified.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement - General Account Dr. Balance £356:16:11d.
"Trust "Cr. "£ 9: 3: 3d.

CONFIRMED this Hist day of May. 1952.

H. Fumpo, Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentyeighth 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 Thursday, 1st May, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Pump (in the chair), Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, J.K. Wedge, and H.S. Beavis. 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.

# VICTORIAN RAILWAYS :

With reference to the Country Roads Board's negotiations regarding the use of portion of the railway land leased by the Society, the Commission offer no objection to the land being used by the C.R.B. for road construction.

Resolved that no action be taken at present.

# G.F. MALLET :

An application for the use of portion of the land leased by the Society from the Railways Commissioners to operate one hire car was received from Mr. G.F. Mallet.

The Secretary reported that after consultation with the members of the Committee, he had informed Mr. Mallet that it was regretted that we were unable to accede to his application.

# BOROUGH VALUATION :

Information was received from our solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, in a letter dated 1st April 1952, that this matter could be settled on the basis of the valuation being reduced by 20% for the year, the subject matter of the appeal.

It would also be necessary for the Council to forward the amount of refund, namely:

General Rate	£37:10: 0	)
Water Rate 1950,	51 £15:12: 6	
Water Rate 1951,	52 £15:12: 6	5_

Total £68:15: 0

to the Society before 24th April 1952 to enable the appeal to be struck out. The Secretary reported that he had instructed Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson to settle on the aforementioned basis, and that he had received a cheque to the value of £68:15:0d. from the Borough Council for the refund of rates.

Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson have carried out the necessary formalities and this matter is now completed.

Resolved that the action of the Secretary be and is hereby endorsed.

# AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE :

A request from the Australian Mutual Fire Society that this Society's Consequential Loss Policy should be reconsidered as the sum insured, namely £1100, seems to be inadequate under present day circumstances.

Resolved that this Policy be increased to £2500, and that the above Insurance Society be instructed to have the increase endorsed on our Insurance Policy.

# ORCHARDISTS AND FRUIT COOL STORES ASSOCIATION :

The Annual Conference of the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association would be held at Orange on May 28th next.

Resolved that it was desired that the Secretary attend if possible.

#### ENGINE DRIVERS BOARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association, showing an increase in the rates of Three shillings cost of living allowance from the first pay period in May.

Resolved that the Engineer's wages be adjusted in accordance with the determination as from 1st May 1952.

# LIGHTS IN ENGINE ROOM :

The Secretary reported that one light in the Engine Room was not operating due to a default in the wiring. Resolved that  $M_r$ . J. Vergers Senr. be requested to give an estimate to put this matter in order, and if the job is not a major one, the Secretary be empowered to instruct  $M_r$ . Vergers to have the matter rectified as soon as possible.

# ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

19 payments General Account totalling £1048: 8: 3d. be ratified.

10 " " £200:19: 6d. be passed.

2 " Trust Account " £363: 2:11d. be ratified.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account - Cr. Balance £19:17:6d.
Less unpresented cheques £208: 0:5d.

Dr. Balance £188:2:11d.

Bank Statement Trust Account - Cr. Balance £207: 9: 5
Less unpresented cheques £126: 0:10

Cr. Balance & 81: 8: 7d.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and twentyninth 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 Tuesday, 1st July, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE :

The Secretary reported that he had attended the Annual Conference of the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association at Orange, held on May 28th 1952. Many items of interest to the fruit growing industry were discussed.

# FRUIT RIPENING IN PEAR CHAMBERS :

A letter was received from the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Ltd. stressing the unsatisfactory condition of several shareholders' fruit in Chambers Nos. 11 and 12. Resolved that the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Ltd. be thanked for their letter and that they be informed that a thorough investigation into the possible causes of this condition will be made.

# MR. L.M. SPENCER :

A letter was received from Mr. L.M. Spencer pointing out that his pears had ripened in Chamber 12. Accompanying this letter was a diagram showing a method of stacking fruit in the chamber, which in his opinion would greatly reduce the risk of fruit ripening in pear chambers in the future. Resolved that Mr. Spencer be thanked for his letter, also his suggestion regarding the stacking of fruit, and that he be informed that this matter will receive our earnest consideration.

# COUNTRY ROADS BOARD :

The question of a portion of the land leased by the Society from the Railways Commission was again discussed.

Resolved that the Country Roads Board be informed that this Committee are disinclined to release the portion of land as requested in their letter, as it would seriously inconvenience our Shareholders.

# BARKER, GREEN & PARKE :

A letter was received from Messrs. Barker, Green and Parke making application for Cool Store space for the 1953 season, also inquiring if there were any possibility of obtaining shares in the Society.

Resolved that this Company be informed that their application will be considered after the requirements of our shareholders have been met, and that in the event of shares becoming available their application will receive earnest consideration.

# SHARE CAPITAL RETURNS :

The Secretary reported that he had received notification to forward documents relating to the Quarterly Returns of Share Capital for the period ending 30th September 1949, and each subsequent Quarter, Annual Returns of Share Capital for the years ending 31/12/1949, 31/12/1950, 31/12/1951 and Balance Sheets for years ending 31/12/1949, 31/12/1950, 31/12/1951, to the Registrar-General within twentyone days.

These documents had now been presented together with the necessary fees of 5/- per document.

Resolved that the Secretary's action in forwarding the necessary documents together with fees amounting to £4:10:0d. be and is hereby endorsed.

#### CONDUIT IN CHAMBERS :

A letter was received from the A.M.F. pointing out that it had been found that conduit carrying electric wires through the walls and in the Cool Chambers introduce a danger due to condensation and deterioration of insultation.

They suggest that the Steel Conduit be replaced by open cleat wiring and rigid plastic tubing through the walls.

Resolved that the Society's Electrician,  $M_r$ . J. Vergers, furnish a report on the condition of the wiring in our Chambers and its relation to present day regulations.

## RUNNING OF PLANT :

The Secretary reported that two minor stoppages had occurred since our last meeting. These had been put in order by the Staff. Resolved that the Engineers be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in securing the necessary parts to effect the repairs.

# ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

13 payments, General Account, totalling £816: 0: 9d. to be ratified.
4 "Trust Account" £125: 6: 9d. 4 " "

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement, General Account,
Less unpresented cheques

Cr. Balance £722: 2: 2d. 103:12: 1

Cr. Balance £618:10: 1

Bank Statement, Trust Account, Less unpresented cheques

Cr. Balance £103:11: 5

Cr. Balance £102: 8:11

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CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and thirtieth 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 Thursday, 7th August, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

AN APOLOGY was received from Mr. J.K. Wedge.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

#### REPORTS :

A Report on the Electric Installation of the Cool Store received from Mr. J. Vergers, of which copies had been forwarded to members of the Committee, was brought forward for consideration.

Resolved that Mr. J. Vergers Senr. be requested to furnish an estimate for the Electrical work which was necessary to bring this matter up to present-day State Electricity Regulations, and that the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Company be informed of the action that is being taken.

#### COILS AND ROOF :

The Secretary reported that the battery coils for Chambers 4, 5 and 6 had corroded to such an extent that renewal of these coils was now a necessity, also that the roof of the whole building needed urgent repairs.

As this work is imperative, consideration centred on the means of finance. Resolved that the Secretary be requested to interview the Manager of the English, Scottish & Australian Bank, and endeavour to arrange an overdraft of £3000, which sum was considered adequate to meet the cost of this work.

Failing satisfaction from this source, the Secretary to make similar application to the Manager of the National Bank and the Commonwealth Bank respectively.

#### ARREARS SPACE RENT :

A letter was received from  $M_r$ . H. Jacobs expressing regret at the delay in paying his second instalment of Space Rent, which was now overdue, and intimating that he would forward his cheque within a few days, also as he did not use all his case space this season he wishes to know whether he is entitled to a refund on the space he did not utilize.

Resolved that the Shareholder concerned be informed that as the Space Rent is now two months in arrears, an early settlement is requested, and that as no authority to let space on his behalf had been received a refund on space not utilised would not be considered.

#### ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine D<sub>r</sub>ivers Board was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association, showing an increase in the rates of Twelve shillings cost of living allowance from the first pay period in August.

Resolved that the Engineers wages be adjusted in accordance with the determination as from the 1st August 1952.

# SALES TAX :

An account of £151:0:0d. was received from Messrs. Cameron & Sutherland for the two new brine pumps recently delivered. This account included 122% Sales Tax.

.Resolved that payment of this account be deferred, as it was considered that these articles should be exempt from Sales Tax, and the Secretary to make application to the Commissioner of Taxation for a Certificate of Exemption.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

8 payments General Account totalling £473:16: 7d. to be ratified.
7 " " " " £200:0: 0d. " " passed.
2 " Trust " " £139: 9: 7d. " " ratified.

# BANK STATEMENT :

General Account -Cr. Balance £465: 0: 4 Less unpresented cheques 67: 6: 2

Cr. Balance £397:14: 2.

Trust Account -Cr. Balance

£ 53:10:11d.

CONFIRMED this

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and thirtyfirst 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 Thursday, 11th September,
1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

AN APOLOGY was received from Mr. F.S. Dunn.

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

CORRESPON DENCE was read and received.

#### REPAIRS TO COILS :

As instructed at the previous meeting, Messrs. R. Werner & Co. were requested to inspect the Condenser and Battery Coils, and to submit an estimate for the repairs and replacements which were considered necessary. This Company's report and estimate is as follows:

Condenser Coils: Two new sets of Coils, each 18 x 36 pipes high, to be renewed, and two to be repaired. Cost of the two new Coils, £340:0:0d. ex Works.

Battery Coils: Complete new set consisting of four coils each 20' x 19 pipes high to be installed. Cost of set of four, £646:0:0d. ex Works.

Delivery and Erection: The approximate cost of this work would be £200:0:0d.

Terms of Payment: 10 per cent. of estimated cost with order.

Resolved that Messrs. R. Werner & Co. be instructed to carry out this work during the period of overhaul, December and January next, and that a cheque for £120:0:0d. be forwarded with the order.

#### REPAIRS TO ROOF :

Three reports including quotations were received for the repairs and painting of the roof of the Society's premises. These were received from Messrs. Geo. Ward Pty. Ltd., Nuroof Service Company, and Specialised Building Services. Inspection by the companies mentioned revealed that a number of sheets of iron are beyond repair, and require replacing with new iron, and that a large number of sheets have rusted through at the laps. These will be repaired by inserting slips pointed both sides. Spouting, guttering and downpipes also need repairing. On completion of these repairs, the roof to be thoroughly brushed with wire brushes to remove the existing paint which is flaking, and to prepare the surface for the application of two coats of roofing paint. All quotations were for an aluminium or red paint finish.

Resolved that as these finishes were considered unsuitable owing to the position of our building, the Secretary to interview the representative of Specialised Building Services and ascertain whether a dark grey paint could be recommended, also what allowance would be made should the Society supply the new galvanized iron that would be required.

# ELECTRICAL REPAIRS :

The Secretary reported that he had interviewed Mr. J. Vergers regarding the cost of the Electrical Repairs, and it was estimated that this work would cost between £150:0:0d. and £200:0:0d.

#### SUB-LEASE OF LAND :

A request was received from Mr. W.E. Spencer for the sub-lease of the portion of land facing Wantirna Road, leased by the Society. It was intended to use this site as a display nursery.

Resolved that Mr. Spencer be thanked for his letter and that it is regretted that his request could not be granted.

#### COUNTRY ROADS BOARD :

With reference to a letter forwarded to the Country Roads Board on July 5th last, the Board now request that they be informed of the manner in which and to what extent the shareholders would be inconvenienced by the acquisition.

Resolved that the Board be informed that objection is taken to the acquisition of the land facing Maroondah Highway, as this would interfere with our entrance, and would also be inconvenient for loading and unloading trucks at this section of our building.

# TRANSFER OF SHARES :

Resolved that the transfer of 182 shares from G.F. Blood to Enrico Cazzulino be deferred pending advice from our Solicitors as to whether the Society is permitted to purchase shares which are returned to the Secretary.

# STACKING OF FRUIT :

With a view to action being taken to prevent a recurrence of pears ripening in the Pear Chamber, it was suggested that cases be stacked six high instead of seven, which has been the practice in the past. To implement this suggestion, the Society's shareholding would have to be reduced. doubt exists as to whether the Society were permitted to purchase shares which were returned to the Secretary for Transfer.

Resolved that the Secretary request Miss McCook, Solicitor practising in reducing App the difficulty. The Society Shareholding.

# ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

7 payments General Account totalling £546:15:11d. be ratified.

1 payment General Account "£ 19: 9: 8d. be passed.
1 payment Trust Account "£140:11: 2d. be ratified.

2 payments Trust Account # £ 30: 6: 8d. be passed.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement - General Account. Credit Balance £1583: 0: 8d. Less unpresented cheque £ 91: 2: 6d.

Trust Account. Credit Balance & 40:15:10d.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and thirtysecond 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 Thursday, 23rd October 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

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

AN APOLOGY was received from Mr. F.S. Dunn.

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

REPORT: The Secretary reported that he had interviewed Miss McCook, Solicitor, as instructed, regarding the purchase of shares by the Committee. He had been advised verbally that the Committee had the power to purchase shares at their paid up value, 2/-. However, it was pointed out that any purchase of shares would effect the Society's Capital, and it would therefore be advisable to avoid this procedure if possible.

Resolved that this method of reducing Case Space in the Pear Chamber be temporarily deferred, and that the co-operation of the shareholders concerned be sought in an endeavour to overcome the difficulties experienced this year.

# MACHINERY INSURANCE:

A letter was received from the Royal Insurance Company Limited setting out the terms and conditions of a Machinery Breakdown Policy.

Resolved that no action be taken.

#### REPAIRS TO ROOF :

Further information and a quotation for the painting of the roof in a grey finish was received from Specialised Building Services, as instructed at the previous meeting. The Secretary reported that he had been informed that a dull aluminium finish could also be applied. Resolved that the repair and painting of the roof of the Society's Cool Store be carried out by Specialised Building Services in accordance with their specifications and quotation No. 3 at a cost of £547:14:0d. nett. This Company to be notified accordingly.

#### COUNTRY ROADS BOARD :

The Secretary reported that in an interview with the Borough Engineer Mr. Lucas, he was informed that the Ringwood Council were considering taking action to compulsorily acquire portion of the Society's land recently refused to the Country Roads Board. It was suggested to Mr. Lucas that if the frontage to Maroondah Highway as set out by the C.R.B. were lessened to the extent that the entrance to our building would not be interfered with, favourable consideration from the Committee could be anticipated.

Resolved that the Society agree to the release of the portion of land as suggested to the Borough Engineer, providing that the Society is not incurred in any expense.

#### REPAIRS :

The Engineer, Mr. J. Vergers, recommended after consultation with Engineers from surrounding Cool Stores, that he be empowered to purchase a Drum of Rustmort (a preparation for preventing the rusting of coils). He also reported that it would be necessary to purchase timber to repair a section of the fence confronting Wantirna Road, Resolved that the materials be procured.

# TRANSFER OF SHARES :

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

H.E. Tainton to R.W. Mullens 396 shares A.F. Tainton to F.T. Mullens 390 shares

#### SIGN SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Nos. 641 and 642, 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 :

8 payments General Account totalling £557: 3: ld. to be ratified. 5 " " £210:10:10d. " " passed. 1 " Trust Account " £ 11:17: Od. " " ratified.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account - Credit Balance £959:15: 3d.

" Trust Account " £100:13: 0d.

CONFIRMED this 4 th day of December 1952.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and thirtythird 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 Thursday, 4th December, 1952, at 7.30

p.m.

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

AN APOLOGY was received from Mr. J.K. Wedge.

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

# REPAIRS TO ROOF :

Specialised Building Services had been informed that their quotation and specifications had been accepted and this work was now being carried out.

# BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD :

A letter was received from the Borough Engineer, Mr. F.R. Lucas, requesting the Committee's approval to the release of land at the corner of Wantirna Road and Maroondah Highway to improve the visibility of traffic at this corner. The land referred to is shown on an accompanying sketch.

Resolved that approval be given provided the Society are not involved in any expense.

# PEAR CHAMBERS :

In an endeavour to find a solution to overcome the difficulties experienced in the Pear Chambers last season, the reduction of Case Space was again discussed. Resolved that this matter be deferred until space requirements for a Pear Chamber for the coming season are known.

# CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS :

Resolved that a Circular worded as follows be forwarded to the shareholders :

"Shareholders are hereby informed that the following instructions have been issued to the Engineer in Charge at the Cool Stores.

Shareholders or any person having space allotted to them will not be permitted to place pears in a ripe or forward condition in Chambers reserved for pears only. As most export pears are handled through these Chambers it is imperative that the Committee take any action it considers necessary to insure the quality of the fruit while in Cool Storage."

# AIR COMPRESSOR :

The Engineer reported that the Air Compressor used for the starting of the Crude Oil Engine did not come up to the Regulation Standard as set by the Mines Department, He had been advised by an Officer of this Department that an inspection plate would have to be fitted. Resolved that the necessary alteration be made.

# ENGINE DRIVERS' BOARD :

A copy of the Engine Drivers Award was received, showing an increase in the rates of four shillings cost of living allowance from the first pay period in November.

Resolved that the Engineers' Wages be adjusted in accordance with the Determination as from the 1st day of November 1952.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES :

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

H.E. Tainton to S.N. Fankhauser 390 shares / G.F. Blood to Enrico Cazzulino 182 shares

# SIGN SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of the Scrip Nos. 643 and 644, 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 4 payments General Account totalling £293: 4: ld. be ratified. " 10 " " £1233:11: Od. be passed. " 1 + 11 11 11 11 Trust £62: 1: 2d. be ratified. £6:14: 9d. be passed.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account - Cr. Balance £560: 8: 9d. Trust Account - Cr. Balance £118:13: 1d.

CONFIRMED this

8th day of January 1953. .

H. Feempe