

MINUTES of the Three hundred and fiftysecond 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, 7th February, 1956, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

OVERDRAFT :

The Secretary reported that at the request of the E.S. & A. Bank Manager he had discussed the Society's finances, and arrangements were made to renew the overdraft of £1000 for the ensuing year. Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

ENGINE DRIVERS' AWARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Award was received from The Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association showing an increase of 5/- per week cost of living allowance as from the first pay period in February 1956. Resolved that the Engineers' Wages be adjusted in accordance with the award as from 1st February 1956.

NO. 1 CHAMBER :

It was reported that repairs were necessary in No. 1 Chamber. There was a danger of the ceiling collapsing. The Chairman, Mr. Pearson, together with the Secretary and the Engineer, made an inspection and it was decided that immediate action was imperative, and the work had already commenced. As Messrs. W.D. Roberts & Sons, Builders, were available for a few days, approval to enlist their assistance with this work is sought. Resolved that the Secretary's action be endorsed and that he be empowered to engage the labour required.

SPACE RENT LEVY :

Resolved that a Space Rent Levy of 2/6d. per case space be struck for the year 1956 and payable in three equal instalments as follows :

First instalment	10d.	per case	due	and	payable	on	or	before	1-3-56	
Second	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1-6-56	3
Third	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1-9-56.	

ERECTION OF GATE :

The Secretary reported that he had received a verbal request from Mr. Russo, Fruiterer, to erect a gate to enable him to park his truck at the rear of his premises. After discussion, it was resolved that he be informed that the Committee appreciate his difficulty but that it would be necessary to erect a fence around his allotted area and that the written consent of the adjoining tradespeople concerned would have to be obtained.

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FUTURE OF SOCIETY :

As the Committee have expressed concern at the future of the Society owing to changing conditions in this area, a circular was prepared and tabled for discussion.

Resolved that the circular as presented be forwarded to shareholders together with the Annual Balance Sheet.

ANNUAL MEETING :

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in the Town Hall, Ringwood, on Tuesday, March 27th, at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE :

All the retiring members of the Committee, namely Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, J.K. Wedge, H.S. Beavis and J.G. Godbehear have nominated to serve for the ensuing term.

Resolved that the nominations be and are hereby accepted.

SPACE TO LET :

The Secretary reported that there remained approximately 2500 Case space to be let and it appeared doubtful whether this space would be required this season.

Resolved that the Secretary apportion the case space that has been let on behalf of shareholders' requests, and that accounts be forwarded to shareholders who lodged late returns and whose space the Society has been unable to let.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that 8 payments General Account totalling £215.1.4d. be ratified. ✓

CONFIRMED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1956.

H. F. Pearson

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and fiftythird 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, 27th March, 1956, at 7 p.m.

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

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

ELECTRICAL FIRE :

The Secretary reported that on March the electrical switch gear failed and a fire occurred. The fire was quickly controlled and temporary repairs were effected enabling the plant to operate after a delay of three hours. Messrs. W. Tolson & Co. have since repaired the damage and the plant is again working satisfactorily. The A.M.F. Insurance Society was notified and the account for the repairs will be forwarded as soon as it comes to hand.

LOST SCRIP :

An application supported by a Statutory Declaration was received from Mrs. Hilda C. Barrett, Administratrix of the Estate of the late John W. Barrett, for the issue of a fresh Scrip Certificate in lieu of Certificate No. 129 relating to Sixty Shares numbered 12187 to 12240, and 16351 to 16356 inclusive, which has been lost. An advertisement had been inserted in the Ringwood Mail on January 17th, 1956, and as no claim or representation in respect of the original Certificate has been made, the application could now be proceeded with.

Resolved that the lost Scrip Certificate No. 129 be cancelled and fresh Scrip Certificate No. 688 for the said Shares be issued.

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificate No. 688, the document was duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H.F. Pearson and J.K. Wedge, together with the Secretary.

INSURANCE ON FRUIT :

Resolved that the insurance on fruit and containers against fire risk for the 1956 season be 10/- and 2/- respectively.

MUNICIPAL VOTE :

Resolved that the Secretary be the Society's nominee in regard to voting at Municipal Elections.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that :  
25 payments General Account totalling £1489.13.3d. be ratified. ^  
3 " " " " £127. 2.6d. be passed. ^  
1 " Trust " " £275.12.3d. be ratified. ^

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement General Account - Credit Balance	£607.11. Od.
Less unpresented cheques	£208.19. Od.
 Bank Statement Trust Account - Credit Balance	 £80. 7. 2d.

CONFIRMED this *Third* day of *July* 1956.

*H. J. Pearson*

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and fiftyfourth 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, July 3rd, 1956, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Messrs. H.F. Pearson, F.S. Dunn, J.K. Wedge, H.S. Beavis and J.G. Godbehear. The Secretary was also in attendance.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

ENGINE DRIVERS' AWARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers Award was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association showing an increase of 5/- per week cost of living allowance as from the first pay period in May 1956.

Resolved that the Engineers' wages be adjusted in accordance with the Award as from May 1st, 1956.

REPORT :

The Secretary reported that he had attended the Annual Conference of the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association held at Canberra on Wednesday, May 30th, last, and briefly reported on the matters dealt with.

At this stage of the meeting, Mr. McCaska, who is making a valuation of the Borough, was invited to join the meeting. As the value of the land on which the Society's buildings are situated has increased tremendously in the last few years, it was considered advisable to discuss the question of valuation to enable the views of both parties to be clearly understood. It was made quite clear, however, that the Society could expect little leniency as the course to be taken by the Valuer was clearly defined in the Local Government Act. The Chairman thanked Mr. McCaska for his attendance and for the information supplied.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS :

The Secretary tabled a letter for perusal which it was proposed to forward to the Railways Commissioners and was relative to instructions received from the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Resolved that the letter was presented be forwarded to the Railways Commissioners.

EXHAUST PIPE :

The Secretary reported that the Exhaust pipe on the ~~Suction Gas~~ <sup>Crude Oil</sup> Engine was beyond repair and a replacement was necessary.

Resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary.

PARKING :

It was reported that unauthorised persons were parking their cars on the Society's property and causing considerable inconvenience

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to growers wishing to load or unload.

Resolved that the Secretary arrange to have a 6 ft. Cyclone Fence with a 14 ft. gate erected at the Eastern Entrance to the Society's property.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :Resolved that

26	payments	General Account	totalling	£1431. 2. 0d.	be ratified.	✓	
3	"	"	"	"	£ 208.13.10d.	be passed.	✓
4	"	Trust Account	"	"	£ 269.18. 2d.	be ratified.	✓

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement	-	General Account	-	Credit Balance	£1520.10. 7d.
"	"	Trust Account	"	"	£ 137.19.10d.

CONFIRMED this <sup>th</sup> 4 day of *December* 1956.

*H. J. Pearson*

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and fiftyfifth 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, December 4th, 1956, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

BUSINESS ARISING :

It was reported that an account received from Messrs. Ruston & Hornsby for materials supplied for repairs to the Crude Oil Engine, was considered excessive. The matter was taken up with Ruston and Hornsby, but they refused to make any reduction.

The Secretary reported that an estimate of £81 for the erection of a gate and fence as instructed at the last Meeting, had been received from Cyclone Co. of Australia Ltd. After consultation with the Chairman, the estimate was accepted and the work has now been completed.

Resolved that the reports be received and the Secretary's action be endorsed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS RE EXTENSION OF LEASE :

In reply to correspondence forwarded to the Railways Commissioners on July 17th, 1956, and a subsequent discussion with an officer of the Department, the Society is now informed by letter dated 28th November 1956, that the Commissioners have decided not to grant an extension of the Lease of the land occupied by the Society which expires on 31st December 1959.

Resolved that the information be received and shareholders be notified at the next Annual Meeting.

ENGINE DRIVERS' AWARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Award was received from the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association showing an increase of 7/- per week cost of living allowance as from the first pay period on or after August 1st, 1956. Resolved that the Engineers' Wages be adjusted in accordance with the award as from August 1st, 1956.

TRANSFER OF SHARES :

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

J. Vergers to Ellen M. Vergers	400 shares
J.W. Barrett to W.M. Robb	60 "

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates

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Nod. 689 and 690, the documents were duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H.F. Pearson and F.S. Dunn together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

43	payments	General	Account	totalling	£2026. 9. 2d.	be	ratified.	✓
12	"	"	"	"	£ 402. 5.10d.	"	passed.	✓
8	"	Trust	"	"	£ 546.14. 0d.	"	ratified.	✓

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS :

Bank Statement -

General account - Credit Balance	£1784. 6.10d.
Trust Account -Credit Balance	£ 27.12. 4d.

CONFIRMED this *7th* day of *February* 1957

*H.F. Pearson*

Chairman.