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MINUTES of the Three hundred and Sixtyfifth Meeting
of THE COMMITTEE of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL
STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of
the Secretary, 46 Mallum Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday,
January 6th, 1959, at 8 p.m.

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

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

REPORT : The Secretary reported that following the Committee's direction
to seek legal advice concerning matters raised in a circular
recently forwarded to Shareholders, an interview was arranged
with an officer of the Registrar General's Department and after
lengthy discussion it was agreed that it was not necessary in
the case of shares being registered in the name of persons who
have died intestate, for a shareholder to incur legal costs at
this stage to enable him to exhibit proof of the shares held by
a deceased person. It was pointed out that ample time was
provided for shareholders to make a claim after the Society's
assets had been disposed of, and the definite amount involved
was known.

A number of shareholders had notified that they were unable to
find their Scrip Certificates and would be making application
for the issue of new Scrip.

Resolved that the Report be received and the matter be left in
abeyance.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

A Report for the year ended 30/6/58 was received from the Scoresby
Horticultural Research Station.

Resolved that as the Fruitgrowing Industry in this area is
diminishing, no further action be taken.

LONG BUSHSEL CASE :

The Chairman reported that a Circular was received from the
Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association re the Elimination
of the Long Bushsel Case for the marketing of apples in the Victoria
Market and that he had directed the Secretary to circularise the
Shareholders in an endeavour to obtain a more accurate opinion.
Shareholders responded readily and the conclusion was that 70%
of our Shareholders are against the abolition of this Case.

Resolved that the action taken by the Chairman be and is hereby
endorsed. Applications for Space for the 1959 Season were still
being received but it was anticipated that approximately 8000
Case Space in excess of requirements would be available.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that 23 payments General Account totalling £1103.0.0d. be
ratified.
4 " Trust Account " £ 344.0.9d. "

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement - General Account - Credit Balance £1395. 1. 8d.
" " Trust Account Nil.

CONFIRMED this

6th day of February 1959

H. F. Pearson
Chairman.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and sixtysixth 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 Friday, 6th February 1959
at 8 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE :

Resolved that the Society renew its membership and the Secretary to
continue to act as our representative.

SPACE RENT LEVY :

Resolved that a Space Rent Levy of Two shillings and sixpence per
case space be struck for the year 1959, and be payable in three
equal instalments as follows :

First instalment, 10d. per case space, due and payable on 1st March 1959
Second " " " " " " " " " 1st June 1959
Third " " " " " " " " " 1st September
1959.

INSURANCE ON FRUIT :

Resolved that the insurance cover on fruit and containers be Twelve
shillings (12/-) per case for the 1959 season.

ANNUAL MEETING :

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders be held in
the Town Hall, Ringwood, the necessary arrangements to be left in the
hands of the Secretary.

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 :

It was reported that approximately 4000 Case Space remained to be let.
Every effort would be made to let this space as the season progressed.
Resolved that the Secretary apportion the Case Space that the Society
has been unable to let to shareholders who lodged late returns, and
that accounts be forwarded.

S.E.C. ACCOUNT :

The Secretary reported that he had interviewed Mr. Logan, an officer
of the State Electricity Commission, regarding our December account.
It was revealed that new meters had been installed early in November
and since then electricity consumed during night tariff period was
registered. As the machinery is stopped and the premises vacated
at 5 p.m. daily at this time of the year, and the vast increase in the
account compared with the past four years, it is considered that a
thorough investigation by the officers of the Commission should be
made.

S.E.C. ACCOUNT (Continued)

Resolved that the Secretary write to the State Electricity Commission expressing concern at the increase in our December account, and request that all appliances for registering the consumption of electric power on our premises be thoroughly inspected and tested.

DATED the31st

day of

March

1959

H. F. PearsonChairman.

The RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED.

Adenda

Committee Meeting

31/3/1959.

Present

Apologies

Minutes

**Business
arising.**

State Elec'y Comm'n Space to Let.

Correspondence.

S E C.

**Accounts for
payment.**

**26 Payments Gen A/C Totalling £2144:17: 2
to be ratified.**

**2 " Trust A/C " £329: 5:10.
to be ratified.**

**Financial
Statement.**

As per Cash Book.

General A/C Credit Bal. £ 758: 4:6.

Ordinary Business.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and sixtyseventh 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, 31st March 1959,
at 7 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION :

In reply to the letter sent by this Committee to the State Electricity
Commission, in which we expressed our concern at the marked increase
in the amount of electricity being used since the installation of the
new meter, their Secretary states in a letter dated 19/2/1959, that
the new meter is accurately recording the electricity consumed.
They also state the meter originally installed has been suspect, and
think it possible that it has recorded less than the amount consumed
rather than the new meter inflating consumption.

Resolved that as nothing can be gained by pressing the matter further,
no action be taken at this stage.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

26 payments	General account	totalling	£2144.17.2d.	be ratified.	/
2	"	Trust	"	"	"
			£ 329.5.10d.	"	"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

As per cash book. General account - Credit balance £758.4.6d.

CONFIRMED this

2nd.

day of June 1959.

H. F. Pearson

Chairman.

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MINUTES of the Three hundred and sixtyeighth 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 Monday,
13th April 1959, at 7 p.m.

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

APOLOGY : An apology was tendered for the absence of Mr. J.K. Wedge.

REPORT :

The Secretary reported that this meeting was called to consider and direct action to be taken in the difficulties that have arisen in operating Chambers 10, 11 and 12. The brine tank for these Chambers has developed a bad leak. Efforts have been made to effect repairs but the construction of the System is such that complete stripping of the room is necessary. This would entail an expenditure in the vicinity of £3000, and as the store will close permanently in December of this year, this expense is not warranted. Temperatures have been maintained by the preparation of new brine and the recovery of some of the old brine each day. The extra cost for calcium is approximately £10 daily.

Resolved that -

- (a) Every effort be made to keep Chambers 10, 11 and 12 operating.
- (b) Shareholders be informed immediately that fruit will not be received for these Chambers after 10 a.m., and entry will not be allowed after 12 noon except by special permission by the Engineer in Charge.
- (c) Messrs. R. Werner & Co. to be asked to inspect the fault and submit a report on the possibility of effecting repairs.

CONFIRMED this

2nd.

day of

June

1959.

H. F. Pearson

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and sixtyninth Meeting of THE COMMITTEE of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mllum Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1959, at 8 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 : Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

LEASE :

A letter dated 7th May 1959 was received from the Victorian Railways Commissioners informing that no further lease will be granted beyond the expiry date of the existing lease, namely 31st December 1959.

Resolved that the information be received, also as the Store does not close down till the end of November, that the Chairman and Secretary seek an interview with the Estate Officer of the Department and request an extension of six months to enable the Society to remove its buildings and assets.

LOST SCRIP :

An application was received from the Executors, Messrs. H.N. Read and L.W.H. Read, for the issue of new Scrip. Resolved that the Secretary take the necessary steps to enable the application to be dealt with.

OVERDRAFT :

In response to the Secretary's request for Credit facilities with the E.S. & A. Bank, advice has been received that a limit of £500.0.0d. has been established for six months.

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

BRINE TANK :

The Secretary reported that in an effort to further maintain the efficiency of Chambers 10, 11 and 12, since the leak in the brine tank occurred, approval had been given to the Engineer to purchase and instal a one-inch Plunger Pump and 120' of piping. The cost would be approximately £35.0.0d. The brine was now being pumped back into the tank enabling the Cooling System to function without interruption. This has resulted in a considerable reduction in the waste of calcium chloride.

It is further reported that since our last meeting, one of the main brine pumps had broken down and although repairs were effected, it was found that the metal had broken down and could no longer be relied upon. Approval had been given to the Engineer to purchase a new pump so that an immediate replacement could be made should an emergency arise.

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

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE :

Resolved that £6.0.0d. be paid to the Engineer for travelling expenses incurred in connection with the breakdown of machinery.

LABOUR :

Resolved that £6.0.0d. be paid to Mr. J.M. Vergers for his assistance in effecting repairs to brine tank.

DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY :

Resolved that the Secretary interview the Society's Solicitors, Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson, and ascertain the correct procedure to be taken for the dissolution of the Society.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

24 payments	General Account totalling £1412.6.1d.	be ratified.	✓
1 payment	Trust Account	" £73.17.6d.	be ratified. ✓

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement - General Account	Credit Balance	£218. 5. 9
	Less unrepresented cheques	30.12. 0
	Balance	£187.13. 9
Trust Account	Credit Balance	£131. 2. 8.

DATED this

9th

day of

July

1959.

CONFIRMED /

H. I. Pearson

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and Seventieth Meeting of THE COMMITTEE of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, 46 Mallum Road, Ringwood, on Thursday, July 9th, 1959, at 8 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES were received from Messrs. J.K. Wedge and J.G. Godbehear.

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

EXTENSION OF LEASE :

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Estate Officer of the Victorian Railways requesting an interview to discuss the possibility of an extension of the Lease. In reply, the Estate Officer wishes to be advised of the length of time required by the Society for the removal of its assets after the expiry date of the Lease.

Resolved that application be made for an extension of the Lease for three months, with the option of a further three months if required at the existing rental of £250 per annum.

TRANSFER OF SHARES :

Resolved that the following transfer of shares be and is hereby approved :
L.J. Bullen to S.L. Bullen - 400 shares.

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip No. 693, the document was duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H.F. Pearson and H.S. Beavis, together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

14 payments	General Account	totalling	£841.18. 4d.	be ratified.	✓
2	"	Trust Account	"	£177.14. 2d.	" " ✓

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statements -

General Account	Credit balance	£1433. 2. 9d.
	Less unrepresented cheques	85.19. 0d.
Trust Account	Credit Balance	£ 149.11. 0d.

CONFIRMED this *Second* day of *October* 1959.

H. F. Pearson

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and Seventyfirst 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 September, 1959, at 8 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

EXTENSION OF LEASE :

In reply to our application for an extension of the Lease, the Railways Commissioners have agreed to allow the Society to remain in occupation till 31st March 1960 at a rental at the rate of £250 per annum, and the rent to be paid before 31st December 1959.

Resolved that the Commissioners be thanked for their consideration and the terms as requested be accepted.

REDUCTION OF LEVY :

Resolved that Mr. T. Thompson be informed that the levy for the 1959 season will not be reduced.

ENGINE DRIVERS' AWARD :

A copy of the Determination of the Engine Drivers' Award was received, showing an increase of 12/- in the basic wage as from July 16th, 1959.

Resolved that the Engineer's wages be adjusted in accordance with the Determination as from July 16th, 1959.

SPACE RENT REFUND :

The Secretary reported that £22.0.10d. as the first instalment had been collected from Messrs. A. Sharp and J.C. Kirkpatrick in accordance with the resolution re "Space to Let" in the Minutes of Meeting 6/2/1959. This space was subsequently let and the Space Rent collected.

Resolved that £22.0.10d. be refunded to the Shareholders concerned.

DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY :

A Memorandum setting out the steps necessary to be taken by the Society in order to wind up and distribute its funds among its shareholders was received from Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson. Section 48 of the Industrial and Provident Society's Act 1958 provides that the Society may be wound up :

- (i) By the Court;
- (ii) Voluntarily;
- (iii) Three-fourths majority of signatures of shareholders to an Instrument of Dissolution.

Section 195: A Company may be wound up voluntarily by Special Resolution. Notice of the passing of this resolution to be advertised in the Government Gazette within ten days of its passing and a copy of the resolution to be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Section 119. Twentyone days notice of intention to propose the resolution must be given to all shareholders. The Special Resolution must be passed by a three-fourths majority of members entitled to vote.

Section 198. The Majority of Directors shall make a Statutory Declaration to the effect that they have examined the affairs of the Company and have formed the opinion that it can pay its debts within twelve months. This Declaration together with a Statement of the Company's assets and liabilities to be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Section 199. Appointment of liquidator.

Section 205. Debts shall be paid and/or be distributed among the shareholders.

Section 206. Liquidator to notify Registrar of Companies of his appointment.

Section 210. Final Meeting of Shareholders when all matters have been wound up.

Resolved that -

- (i) The Secretary is hereby instructed to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Society to be held at the Town Hall, Ringwood, on Friday, October 16th, 1959, at 8 p.m.
- (ii) This meeting to seek the approval of the shareholders to the voluntary dissolution of the Society.
- (iii) The Order of Business of the Meeting shall be -
 - (a) That the Company be wound up voluntarily.
 - (b) That a Liquidator be appointed and his remuneration be fixed.
 - (c) General.

TRANSFER OF SHARES :

Resolved that the following transfer of shares be and is hereby approved -
Susan L. Bullen to David J. Bullen - 55 shares.

LOST SCRIP :

An application supported by a Statutory Declaration was received from the Executors of the Estate of the late Heber Newton Read, Messrs. Leslie Walter and Herbert Newton Read, for the issue of a fresh Scrip Certificate in lieu of Certificate No. 492 relating to Three hundred and thirtysix shares numbered 12865 to 13176 and 45198 to 45221 inclusive, which have been lost. An advertisement has been inserted in the Ringwood and Croydon Mail on June 16th 1959, 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. 492 be cancelled and that fresh Scrip Certificate No. 694 be issued.

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip Certificates Nos. 694 and 695, the documents were duly signed and the Seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H.F. Pearson and H.S. Beavis, together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

11 payments General Account totalling £641.13.0d. be ratified. ✓

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statements -

General Account	Credit Balance	£943.11. 5d.
	Less unrepresented cheques	26. 3. 2d.

Trust Account	Credit Balance	£158.17. 1d.
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CONFIRMED this *Second* day of *October* 1959.

H. F. Pearson

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and seventysecond 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 Friday, 2nd October 1959, at 8 p.m.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

SECTION 198 COMPANIES ACT :

A letter dated 3rd September 1959 was received from Messrs. Hodgson & Finlayson clarifying portion of Section 198 relative to the Resolution concerning the solvency of the Company. This Resolution needs to be made within five weeks immediately prior to the Company actually passing the Special Resolution resolving to wind up. Resolved that the information be received and noted.

SOLVENCY OF COMPANY :

In the presence of Mr. R.O. Spencer, Justice of the Peace, all members of the Committee signed a Declaration that they had made a full investigation of the affairs of the Company and were of the opinion that the Company will be able to discharge its debts in full within twelve months of the commencement of the winding up. Resolved that the Secretary lodge this document for filing with the Registrar-General in accordance with Section 198 of the Companies Act.

CLOSING OF STORE :

Resolved that the Store will close down permanently on mid-day, 28th November 1959, and that shareholders with fruit in storage be notified accordingly.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that -

8 payments	General Account	totalling	£509. 6. 9d.	be ratified.
1	"	Trust	"	"
			£280. 4. 1d.	"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statement - General Account	- Credit balance	£2008.15. 8d.
Trust Account	" "	£ 174.10. 1d.

CONFIRMED this 20th day of November 1959.

H. F. Pearson

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Three hundred and seventythird Meeting of THE COMMITTEE of THE RINGWOOD CO-OPERATIVE COOL STORES SOCIETY LIMITED held at the residence of the Secretary, Mullum Road, Ringwood, on Friday, 20th November 1959, at 8 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.

APOLOGIES : An apology was received from Mr. F.S. Dunn.

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

CORRESPONDENCE was read and received.

SALE OF BUILDING AND PLANT :

The resolution seeking the voluntary dissolution of the Company and the appointment of a Liquidator having failed to gain the necessary three-fourths majority at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on 16th October 1959, consideration was given to the best method of disposing of the Society's assets. Messrs. E.M. Purdy & Co. were approached and in a letter dated 21st October 1959, setting out approximate costs, Mr. Purdy advises that he has inspected the buildings and plant and recommends their sale by auction.

The Secretary reported that he had conveyed this information to the members of the Committee and all agreed that the recommendation should be adopted. Messrs. Purdy & Co. were instructed to act on behalf of the Society and preparations were well under way for an auction to be held on Wednesday, 2nd December 1959, at 11 a.m.

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

TRESTLE AND TABLES :

Correspondence was received from the Ringwood Horticultural Society requesting that consideration be given to the appointment of their Society as caretakers of the tables and trestles which have been in our possession for a number of years.

Resolved that the Borough Council be asked to accept ownership of this material and be informed that the Horticultural Society desire to act as caretakers and supervise its use.

SPACE RENT ARREARS :

The Secretary reported that three letters had been written to Mr. T. Thompson reminding him of his Space Rent Arrears. No reply has been received and this account is now almost three months overdue.

Resolved that Mr. Thompson be given further ten days to show cause why legal proceedings should not be taken for the recovery of the debt.

SERVICES :

Resolved that the Electricity and Telephone Services be cancelled as from Thursday, 3rd December, 1959.

TRANSFER OF SHARES :

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

Hector N. Read to Jackson A. Warren - 336 shares.

SEAL SCRIP :

The necessary resolution having been passed for the sealing of Scrip No. 696, the document was duly signed and the seal affixed thereto in the presence of Messrs. H.F. Pearson and H.S. Beavis, together with the Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Resolved that

11	payments	General account	totalling	£572.17. 2d.	be ratified.	✓
5	"	"	"	"	£100.0.0d. be passed for	✓
					payment.	
1	"	<i>Trust</i>	"	"	£36.5.10d. be ratified.	✓

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

Bank Statements :

General Account

Credit Balance £1679. 6. 4d.
Less unrepresented cheque 13. 2. 0d.

Trust Account

Credit Balance £246.14. 7d.

DATED the

26

day of

January 19*58*

H. F. Pearson

CHAIRMAN.