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ANNUAL MEETING 1963

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting was held in Masterton on Saturday, 27 April, 1963. It was welcomed to the district by his Worship the Mayor, N. S. Tankersley, and addressed by the Minister of Lands and Forests, Hon. R. G. Gerard, before he formally opened the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

There were present 40 members, 44 associate members, 6 affiliate members, 5 student members and 31 guests. Apologies were received from 26 members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Membership had increased by 49 during the year, to a total of 400. The death of Dr G. H. Cunningham had reduced the honorary members to 13, but all other grades of membership had increased: to 89 full members, 181 associates, 27 affiliate members, and 90 student members. The Institute also recorded with regret the death of R. W. G. Janson, who had been elected an associate in 1935 and advanced to full membership in 1961.

Council had held five meetings during the year. With the formation of four new sections in Auckland, Westland, Canterbury and Southland, there were now eight local sections.

The introduction of an Institute Newsletter during the year was intended for internal circulation of news, and information that was out of place in the Journal. There would be three issues per annum.

Following a discussion about student admissions the Meeting passed a motion proposed by J. G. Rawson, seconded by M. J. Conway, that “Council be directed to consider whether or not persons working full time in forestry should be accepted as affiliate members”.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Surplus of income over expenditure increased by £468 6s 5d; and funds carried forward, to £2,795 15s 1d. This annual surplus would in future be reduced by expenditure on the Newsletter, each issue of which costs approximately £40. It was requested by a member that the annual balance sheet also quote figures of the preceding year.
It was passed by the Meeting that annual membership dues be maintained at £3 for members, £2 for associates, £1 10s 0d for affiliates and 10s 0d for student members.

Editor's Report

Of the 800 copies printed of the 1962 Journal immediate commitments had absorbed all but 28. The 1963 number would accordingly be increased to 900 copies. The President, commenting on the erratic list of back numbers and not infrequent requests for complete sets, stated that Council was investigating means of reproducing numbers in short supply.

Lack of copy had forced abandonment of the double issue in 1963. With 170 printed pages, the cost of the Journal had been 6s 1d gross, 4s 1/4d net, inclusive of all reprints. Arrangements had been concluded for paid editorial assistance during the current year, and attempts to launch the double issue would be continued into 1964.

Newsletter Report

There was adequate material to sustain three numbers each year. Comments of members were generally favourable to continuing the project. In reply to a request for additional copies, for outside circulation, the President said that it was desirable to continue the Newsletter as a domestic publication for at least another year.

Librarian's Report

Incoming literature had been greatly augmented by the Commonwealth Forestry Conference in 1962. There had been 67 items borrowed from the library during the year. Complimentary exchanges and casual orders for the Journal had been given attention as needed.

Local Section Reports

Local activities during the year were reported for each of the eight sections as follows:

Rotorua Section: Six evening meetings and one field-day in the Taupo area had been held. A most successful joint evening meeting with the Institution of Engineers was attended by over 300 people, who heard papers on protection forestry and timber engineering. Local membership now exceeded 120, with an increasing number of private members.

Hawke's Bay Section: Held five evening meetings, at which there was an average attendance of 27. Of the local section membership, now 45, only 19 were members of the Institute.

Wellington Section: Seven evening meetings (average attendance 19) had been held, as well as one field-day to Kaitoke and Akatarawa.

Nelson Section: The five meetings included a symposium on forest protection. A feature of these section meetings was the considerable attendance (about 50) of people from outside the Institute.

The inaugural meetings for four other sections, in Auckland, Canterbury, Southland and Westland, were also held during the year.
SCHLICH MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

It was reported that administration of this fund had now been formally handed over to the Institute, and approval given to its use for literary or publication purposes.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The text of this address is printed herein.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Topic of the symposium was "Extension Forestry", on five aspects of which papers were presented by the following speakers:


N. A. Barr. "The Profit Motive in Farm Forestry."

A. W. Grayburn. "Local Body Forestry in New Zealand."

J. G. Groome. "Forest Extension through Company Forestry in New Zealand."


T. N. Wardrop gave a brief resume of the results of the exotic forest survey.

In the course of more than 50 questions and comments from the floor, it appeared that forestry by local bodies presented a number of potential, and missed, opportunities. On the motion of P. W. Maplesden, seconded by W. H. Jolliffe, it was resolved that Council should appoint a committee to examine the question of local body forestry. Messrs Hinds, Cooney, Grayburn and R. W. Smith have been appointed to this committee.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips to illustrate various aspects of extension forestry were made on Sunday 28 April to the Masterton County Plantations, Kiriwhakapapa, Mt. Bruce Bird Sanctuary and to "Te Hau" (R. W. Smith). On the Monday, visits were made to Te Wharau, a regeneration area of Daniell's and to Ngaumu State Forest. On Tuesday 30 April there was an optional trip to inspect W. B. Hull's farm forestry operations at Whareama.

NEXT MEETING

It is proposed to hold the 1964 Annual General Meeting in Auckland, as a symposium on the topic of sand dune forestry.