

Lindsay, Ontario.  
October 6, 1966.

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

of the

ONTARIO MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

A.

- Organization: I. It was moved by W. Parfitt and seconded by Ron Shaw that a Provincial organization of maple syrup producers be formed to get all the existing area groups together. Carried.
- Name: II. After considerable discussion of various names it was moved by Parfitt and seconded by Nesbitt that the name of the organization would be "The Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association." Carried.
- Objectives: III. The objectives were reviewed with the following amendments and additions: - III (a) Maple industry was changed to maple syrup industry; III (g) To support continuing research and study to keep the industry up-to-date. It was moved by Don Gibbon and seconded by Bill Murray that the following be our objectives:
- (a) to encourage the development and expansion of the maple syrup industry in Ontario,
  - (b) to promote the best interest of all producers of maple products, by encouraging
    - (1) better woodlot management;
    - (2) the use of new labour-saving scientific and practical methods of sap collection and syrup making, and
    - (3) up to date marketing of fine quality products.
  - (c) by public education to inform the consumers concerning the value and use of maple products;
  - (d) to promote better marketing and higher returns to producers;
  - (e) to establish regional associations;
  - (f) to work with governmental and farm organizations which have related interests for the betterment of the industry,
  - (g) to support continuing research and study to keep the industry up-to-date.
- Membership: IV. Moved by Art Stewart and seconded by Wallace Martin that the membership of the Provincial Association shall consist of regional Branches which agree with the objectives of the Association and pay the fees as prescribed. Carried.
- Delegates: V. Moved by Art Stewart and seconded by Bill Parfitt that each regional branch may, in addition to its directors, send one producer delegate for each fifteen members (or part thereof) but not more than five delegates to every annual or special meeting and each delegate shall be entitled to vote at the meeting providing his branch is a member in good standing. Every member of the branches shall be entitled to attend and take part in discussion. Carried.
- Membership Fee: VI. Moved by Art Stewart and seconded by Don Gibbon that the membership fee of a regional branch shall be paid annually and shall be 25¢ per paid-up member with a minimum of \$10.00 per year. Carried.
- Officers: VII. Directors. The Directors were nominated as follows:
- (1) Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound - Don Gibbon, Bill Parfitt, Mrs. W. J. Dinner
  - (2) Algoma - Bill Gilbertson
  - (3) Eastern Ontario & Combermere - Brian Paul, John Carley, H. Votary, Bill Murray, Art Stewart
  - (4) South Central - Chester Hamilton, Wallace Martin
  - (5) Haliburton - Wallace Crofts

- (6) Simcoe - Ron Shaw, John LeBlanc
- (7) Grey, Bruce, Wellington, Huron - G. Darby, Harry Thomas,  
Mr. Scott
- (8) Southwestern Ontario - Arnold Stevens, George Jakeman,  
Charlie Corbett

Officers. Officers were elected as follows:

President - Wallace Crofts, R.R. 2, Haliburton, Ontario.

1st. Vice-President - Mr. Charles Corbett, Box 75, Lucan, Ont.

2nd. Vice-President - Mr. Ron Shaw, R.R.1, Hawkestone, Ontario.

Executive - Mr. Brien Paul, R.R. 3, Lanark, Ontario.  
Mr. Wm. Murray, Combermere, Ontario.  
Mr. B. Gilbertson, R.R. 1, Richards Landing, Ont.  
Mr. Bill Parfitt, R.R. 1, North Bay, Ontario.  
Mr. Gordon Urby, R. R. 5, Rockwood, Ontario.

B. Resolutions were:

1. Moved by Don Gibbon, seconded by W. Murray, that a standard gate sign for maple syrup producers in Ontario be made available to members in good standing who comply with standards set up by the Association, and approved by the Ontario Food Council. Carried.
2. Moved by C. P. Corbett and seconded by W. Parfitt, that whereas canning, packaging and marketing of maple syrup products is undertaken now by the use of a miscellaneous assortment of methods and types of containers, be it resolved that standard containers be considered which will meet the needs and approval of producers, and that these be made available to members of the Association in good standing; and further, that an attractive label be considered for the use of members who qualify, to identify them by name as dependable producers of Ontario syrup. The Board of Directors should bring in a recommendation at the next annual meeting. Carried.
3. Moved by C. W. Tyler and seconded by D. Gibbon, that the grading of syrup be studied with a view to defining the wishes of the Association concerning the names and specifications of grades, the provision of satisfactory colorimeters and the extent to which grading should be required. Carried.
4. Moved by W. Parfitt, seconded by Brien Paul, and carried, that we take further action to direct letter referred to in resolution to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Humphrey's letter, Aug. 4, to Deputy Minister, Department of National Revenue, Customs & Excise).
5. Moved by C. W. Tyler and seconded by Wallace Martin, that detailed Canadian information and educational material, aimed at encouraging young people to develop this distinctive business, should be provided. Carried.

W. A. Humphreys,  
Acting Secretary.