



*NATAL CANE  
GROWERS' ASSOCIATION*

*54<sup>th</sup>*

*ANNUAL REPORT*

*Season 1989/1990*

*SUNDAY 10 JUNE 1990*

# NATAL CANE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NOT FOR GAIN- Reg. No. 05/08934/08.

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO MEMBERS THAT THE  
**Fifty - Fourth [54th]**  
**Ordinary General Meeting**

OF THE

**Natal Cane Growers' Association**

WILL BE HELD AT THE

**Association's Building, 51 Hulett Street,  
Stanger**

ON

**Sunday, 10 June 1990**

COMMENCING AT  
**10-30 a.m.**

### BUSINESS

- (1) TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED 53RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE 6 SEPTEMBER 1989.
- (2) PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY MR P R BODASING.
- (3) TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
- (4) ASSOCIATION'S BALANCE SHEET AND AUDITORS REPORT.
- (5) ASSOCIATION'S LEVY FOR SEASON 1990/91 - (CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 20c PER TON CANE).
- (6) TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES.

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BY ORDER OF THE  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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SECRETARY

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

P R Bodasing	(President)	
Y S Chinsamy	(Vice-President)	
D G Badul	(Vice-President)	
C S Mudely		D P Govender
P Ramdhani		R Ramdhani
P Singh		T Moodley
T A Govender		R V Naidoo
R Rattan		G M Gounder
R M Naidoo		V Moodley
K Pillay		N Reddy
B Bodasing		D Kasavan
R Bodasing		V Maraj
F S Johnny Singh		P Lekha
K Moodley		V P Pillay

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

P R Bodasing	Y S Chinsamy
D G Badul	C S Mudely
R Ramdhani	T Moodley
T A Govender	R Rattan
G M Gounder	R M Naidoo
K Pillay	D Kasavan
V Maraj	F S Johnny Singh
V P Pillay	

SECRETARY

A Jagessur

AUDITORS

Ebrahim Jamal & Associates  
23 Lindley Street  
Stanger

BANKERS

First National Bank of S A Ltd  
Cnr of Rood & Jackson Streets  
Stanger

REGISTERED OFFICE

1st Floor, Association's Building  
51 Hulett Street  
Stanger.





NATAL CANE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION  
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MINUTES : Adhourned 53rd Ordinary General Meeting.

VENUE : Association's Boardroom, 51 Hullett Street, Stanger.

DATE : Wednesday 6 September 1989.

TIME : 3-00 p.m.

NOTE: The 53rd Ordinary General Meeting was in the first instance scheduled for the 30 August 1989. There were only 88 members present. Hence, due to lack of quorum the meeting was adjourned for the 6 September 1989.

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PRESENT:

The President, Mr P R Bodasing, presided.

There were 22 members.

In attendance : Mr A Jagessur, Secretary.

Obituary

A Minutes silence was observed in respect of all those members who passed away during the season.

NOTICE:

The notice convening the Meeting was taken as read. On the suggestion of the President it was agreed that "Appointment of Auditors" be included on the Agenda as Item No.6 and Item No 6 to read as No. 7.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the 52nd Ordinary General Meeting held on Sunday 24 July 1988, were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Mr Y S Chinsamy and seconded by Mr R Rattan.

MATTERS EX MINUTES:

Nil.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

The President, amongst other things, made mention of the following :-

- (1) Paid tribute to the late Mr R A Moodley and the late Mr R L Beharee who were members of the Central Committee for very many years.
- (2) Voluntary ban of hormone herbicides for a year due to complaints made by vegetable growers in the Tala Valley.

Voluntary / .....

- (3) Voluntary prohibition on the use of chemical 2,4D.
- (4) De-regulation in the Sugar Industry.
- (5) New relief measures announced by the House of Delegates in regard to :
  - 1980 Sugar Drought Relief Scheme
  - 1983 Sugar Drought Relief Scheme
  - New Sugar Drought Relief Scheme (1989)
  - Consolidation of Debts
  - Assistance to vegetable farmers.
- (6) Association's building and levies.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report of the Central Committee for the year ended 31 March 1989 was circulated to members. It was taken as read.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Auditors Report, Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1 May 1988 to 31 March 1989 and the Balance Sheet as at the latter date, having been circulated in advance, was taken as read.

The President moved for the acceptance of the Central Committee Report and the Financial Statement.

This was agreed.

LEVY SEASON 1989/90:

The President said that since the closure of the Cinema in March 1987, there had been no income, besides levies, for almost a year. In view of the Cinema business being in the doldrums, Central Committee decided to re-structure the cinema complex into a profitable enterprise. Having obtained a feasibility report from Architects and Engineers it embarked on a project that bears testimony today.

At the time of negotiations the interest rate on loans were 13,5%. Due to circumstances prime rates rose exorbitantly. This resulted in interest rates reaching up to 20,5% in consequence whereof the rental income has become insufficient to meet the Bond repayments.

In the circumstances the need now arose to increase the levies to meet the bond commitments.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Taking into consideration the various views expressed, Mr R Lekha moved :

That the levy payable by all growers for season 1989/90 be fixed at a rate of 25 cents per ton cane on all cane delivered to the Mill.

The motion was seconded by Mr B Ramraj and accepted unanimously.

Appointment/.....

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

The President said that our present Auditors are in Durban which made communication difficult. He suggested that a local firm of auditors be appointed.

RESOLVED

That M/s Ebrahim Jamal and Associates of Stanger be and are hereby appointed as Auditors of the Association.

GENERAL:

Nil.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4-50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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DATE

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NATAL CANE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION  
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Report of the Central Committee for  
1989/90 to be presented to the 54th  
Ordinary General Meeting of Members  
on Sunday 10 June 1990.

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The decade of the 80's is something one would like to forget as well as remember. Let's reminisce on some of the events that we as farmers were forced to sustain. To begin with, the prevalent drought from the commencement of season 1980/81, cyclones Demoina and Imboa and the devastating floods of September 1987. In spite of the adversities encountered, the 1984/85 season was a record when just over 1,096 million tons cane was produced by our growers.

We have embarked into the decade of the 90's which seems to be a promising one with lots of hope and aspirations. The Industry appears to be well geared for the possible introduction of de-regulation, expansion and the production of ethanol.

The political climate and the winds of change gaining momentum are things that one has to contend with.

MEETINGS

In accordance with the Articles of Association, four Central Committee and four Executive Committee Meetings were held during the period under review. In addition to those meetings several Sub-Committee meetings were scheduled to deal with matters that required urgent attention.

GROWERS

According to the Growers Register as at 1 April 1989, we had 1 699 growers of which 1 534 were small growers and 165 were quota holders. At the time of printing this report the number of growers has dwindled by 101 - details whereof will be given elsewhere in the report.

Registered/.....



REGISTERED QUOTA LAND

From statistics available, as at 1 April 1989, the 1 699 growers held amongst them a total of 23 706 hectares of registered quota land.

PRODUCTION

Once again, due to poor rainfalls during the season, production dropped. Our growers delivered 760 231 tons cane. Compared with the previous season there had been a shortfall of 73 000 tons. However, the improved cane to sugar ratio of 8,73 helped to offset the low production in terms of monetary gain.

BUDGET AND ASSOCIATION'S  
LEVY FOR SEASON 1990/91

An anticipated income based on 25 cents per ton cane, and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991 was tabled at the last Central Committee Meeting for consideration and recommendation. The Statement reflected a surplus of R55 000. In considering the Budget and the Bond repayments, Central Committee resolved to recommend to members that a levy at the rate of 20 cents per ton cane be imposed. Compared with the previous season there has been a reduction in the rate by 5 cents per ton.

ESTIMATED PRICE FOR  
SUCROSE : 1990/91

With the new season already in progress many growers would be concerned about the projected income and expenditure for the season. To determine the sucrose price has become difficult in view of the uncertainty in implementing the deregulation and expansion proposals. However, it is anticipated that the price per ton sucrose will be in the following ranges :-

A Pool	R425	-	R430
B Pool	R350	-	R360

Calculated on a sucrose content of 12,5 the payment per ton

cane / .....



cane would be :

A Pool	R53,12	-	R53,75
B Pool	R43,75	-	R45,00.

SEASON 1990/91

The season which we have just entered into appears to be promising. With the recent good rainfalls the crops are looking green and healthy. Maturity will only reach towards the close of the season which will result, if weather conditions are favourable, in a large carry-over for the 1991/92 season. As agriculturists we depend on rain and let's hope that the weather will be on our side.

CANCELLATION OF SMALL  
GROWER ENTITLEMENTS

It has been disappointing to note that from statistics available 101 growers have had their small grower entitlements cancelled by the Sugar Industry Central Board due to non-performance over a period of three consecutive seasons. The area involved totalled 559 hectares.

A break-down of the number of growers and the acreages according to Mill Groups is as follows :-

<u>Mill Groups</u>	<u>No of growers</u>	<u>Hectares</u>
Canelands	23	149,5
Chakas Kraal	5	37,0
Darnall	14	72,5
Doornkop	1	4,0
Esperanza-Sezela	3	4,5
Frosterly	4	4,0
Gledhow	8	32,5
Gledhow-N G Land	3	4,0
Glendale	1	11,0
Melville-Gledhow	2	4,0
Melville-Tongaat	5	21,5
Natal Estates	18	116,5
Tongaat	13	97,5
Umzinkulu	1	0,5

Cedara/.....

CEDARA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Through representations made by this Association via the South African Sugar Association, the Minister of Agriculture in the House of Assembly has granted permission for four students to be admitted annually to the College to study a two-year diploma in agriculture.

From information at our disposal the course is designed for students who have had some matric experience in the field of agriculture. ~~Candidates~~ wishing to apply must be in possession of a Senior Certificate. All applications close on the 31 July each year preceding that for which admission is sought. Successful applicants will be advised shortly thereafter. Applicants who have passed subjects such as English, physical science, mathematics and biology stand a good chance for admittance.

LABOUR HOUSING

We reproduce hereunder an extract of an article which appeared in the Farmers' Weekly dated 30 March 1990:

"A new housing scheme for farm labourers, devised by the Department of Agricultural Development and the S A Agricultural Union, has been announced by Department Minister Dr Kraai van Niekerk. Under the scheme a farmer will receive a one-off payment after completion of his workers' housing. This will eliminate the need for registering a bond to ensure the loan, as was the case under the old scheme, says Dr van Niekerk".

"State contribution towards the building of workers' housing on farms now ranges from R4 000 for a single bedroom building to R7 000 for a four bedroom building. Contributions of R500 to R1 000 per room to upgrade existing housing is also available."

"To qualify for this State contribution, the workers' houses must comply with the minimum requirements laid

down / .....

down by his Department."

"The new arrangements will apply only to new applications received after the start of the financial year on April 1."

#### PART-TIME FARMERS

Very recently the Minister of Agricultural Development said that the time has come to recognise part-time farming as a fully fledged business enterprise. To elaborate further, we reproduce hereunder extracts of an article that appeared in one of the newspapers :

"I want to make it clear that this process will not be at the cost of full-time farmers. Any person owning agricultural land or a small holding cannot automatically be recognised as a part-time farmer.

The first vital requirements is that there must be proof of a significant contribution towards profitable, commercial agricultural production.

It then becomes obvious that part-time farmers would be able to approach the State for help on the same basis and conditions set for full-time farmers."

The Association has written to the Department concerned to ascertain further particulars in regard thereto.

#### THANKS

The Association is deeply indebted to our President, Mr P R Bodasing, for his services rendered at all times. Mr Bodasing has been a pillar of strength, very helpful and most co-operative. He has given much of his time and efforts to attend to the affairs of the Association. We record our sincere thanks and appreciation to him. The Vice-Presidents and members of Sub-Committees have also been of immense help in the smooth functioning of the Association. To them, we also say thank you.

Conclusion / .....

CONCLUSION

If deregulation and the production of Ethanol is effectively implemented further expansion in certain areas would take place. All potential and existing small growers within a 30 kilometre radius of a mill will not be restricted to cane production. Further, small growers will be paid A Pool price.

Finally, we wish our growers a profitable season.

for and behalf of  
the Central Committee

A JAGESSUR  
SECRETARY.

10 June 1990.



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ANTICIPATED INCOME

for the period 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991

ESTIMATE  
1990/91

LEVIES at 20c per ton cane

135 600

	<u>Tons</u> <u>Cane</u>	<u>Rand</u>
Canelands	25 000	5 000
Chakas Kraal	45 000	9 000
Darnall	76 000	15 200
Doornkop	45 000	9 000
Esp-Sezela	45 000	9 000
Frosterly	14 000	2 800
Gledhow	20 000	4 000
Gledhow-N G Land	500	100
Glendale	80 000	16 000
Illovo	500	100
Melville	85 000	17 000
Natal Estates	12 000	2 400
New Guelderland	60 000	12 000
Noodsberg	5 000	1 000
Tongaat	125 000	25 000
Umzimkulu	<u>40 000</u>	<u>8 000</u>
	<u>678 000</u>	

RENT FROM BUILDINGS

197 192

1 shop @ R7822 p.m. }  
 1 shop @ R2000 p.m. } If fully let and  
 1 shop @ R1500 p.m. } inclusive of es-  
 3 shops @ R600 p.m. } calation - 10% p.a.  
 3 shops @ R900 p.m. }

INTEREST FROM INVESTMENTS

10 200

Current account 200  
 Call account 10 000

ANTICIPATED INCOME

R342 992

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ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

for the period 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991

ESTIMATE  
1990/91

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

57 300

Advertising, printing, stationery	1 500
Annual General Meeting meals	1 000
Audit fees	2 500
Bank charges	400
Electricity and water	2 500
General expenses	300
Insurance	6 000
Legal expenses	1 500
Office teas & Central Committee meals	1 500
Postage and stamps	400
Rates and taxes	5 000
Repairs & Maintenance : office equip	750
Salaries	22 500
Telephone	1 200
Travelling & attendance allowance	10 000
U I Fund	200
Workmens compensation	<u>50</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Building repairs & renovations

Mortgage bond	1 000 000
Interest	73 208

Capital redemption with interest  
at R21 981 per month  
(Interest Prime +0,5% - i.e. 21,5%)

263 772

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES (90/91)

321 072

ANTICIPATED INCOME (90/91)

342 992

ANTICIPATED SURPLUS

R21 920