

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE -- 8th December, 1978. -- REPORT
12,30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bendigo - A. Hudson, R. Robins, K. Fitzgibbon.
South Bendigo - D. Oakes, M. Jackman, J. Moncrieff, J. Scott, H. Potter.
Murrabit - H. Webb.
Mildura - T. Walsh.

The President D. Oakes opened the Conference and welcomed those present.

APOLOGIES:- were received from C. Burnside & A. Holmes (Wedderburn), J. Belcher (Euroa) and R. Stephens (Bendigo); on the motion of M. Jackman and J. Moncrieff. Carried.

MINUTES:- of the previous conference were read and confirmed on the motion of H. Potter and T. Walsh. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

- (1) V.E.B. - (a) notifying industry meeting 4th November, 1978.
(b) fortnightly payments to producers.
- (2) Aust. Wheatgrowers Fed. - 2 letters re Stock Feed Wheat.
- (3) Crystal Egg Co. - re fortnightly payments to producers.
- (4) Dept. of Agriculture (a) regarding over quota penalties.
(b) increase in charges for hatchery licenses etc.
- (5) B. McConchie (Dept. of Agriculture) re District Liaison Ctte.
- (6) Euroa Branch C.E.P.A. re Town & Country Planning Board draft.
- (7) Replies from 5 Parliamentarians concerning increases in Government charges and licenses.
- (8) Stuart McDonald, M.L.C., enclosing copy of Bill to amend the Broiler Industry Act.
- (9) T. Austin letter of thanks.
- (10) F.C.P.F.A. - notices of meetings and minutes of same.
- (11) Copies of brochures on "Agro 79" to be held in Perth 15-26th March 1979.

Moved H. Potter, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received.

Carried.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded H. Potter that the Association's policy that when anything concerning Egg Producers only in discussions with the Board, other sections of the industry not to be invited. Carried.

Delegates to Industry Meeting with the Board on 14th December, 1978 - R. Stephens and J. Scott or M. Jackman.

Moved J. Scott, seconded R. Robins that if Producers are having any problems at the Grading Floors that they be notified within 24 hours. Carried.
(to be brought up at industry meeting)

AGENDA ITEMS FROM BRANCHES:-

(1) Moved R. Robins, seconded M. Jackman that we write to the Director of Agriculture requesting that every endeavour should be made to retain genetic laying stock in Victoria. Carried.

(2 & 6) Moved R. Robins, seconded by M. Jackman that we write to the Director of Agriculture stating that we are against any publicity on the move to bann the keeping of birds in cages, and to protest against the Department's effort in bringing Dr. Linda Murphy to talk at the Field Day in Werribee. Carried.

(3) Moved M. Jackman, seconded A. Hudson that we write to the Local Members requesting their support for a speed up in compensation payments from the S.E.C. for fire damage, and also asking for any suggestions to prevent this time lag in the future. Carried.

(4) Moved A. Hudson, seconded H. Potter that we write to the Secretary of the Poultry Research Advisory Council and submit a recommendation that all Non Government delegate members be compensated for out of pocket expenses and travelling for attendance at Poultry Research Advisory Council meetings. Carried.

(5) Moved A. Hudson, seconded J. Scott that we write to W. Cramer, Secretary C.E.P.A. Co-operative to suggest that they advise the Wheat Board that they wish to remain in close connection with the Board and be willing to act as an agent, suggesting also that the Co-op be advised of any changes in the distribution system. Carried.

(7) Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that we write to the four Local members plus the State Secretary's of Liberal Party, National Party and A.L.P. asking if they are in favor of the continuation of Licensing and Demand Supply Management in Victoria. Carried.
(copy of letter to be sent to all Branches, so that they can approach the members in their local area)

(8) Moved H. Potter, seconded J. Scott that we write to the Local Members plus the 3 political parties objecting to the selection of members of the V.E.B. by Mr. Smith, suggesting that Producers should have the right to vote for their representative on the Board. Carried.

(9) Moved H. Webb, seconded J. Moncrieff that we write to the Secretary V.E.B., submitting the following suggestions to be placed on future projects for C.E.M.A. research:-

- (1) Egg shell quality, particularly related to respiratory diseases.
 - (2) Fly control.
 - (3) Wet droppings.
- Carried.

REPORTS:-

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	-	Receipts	£623.46
		Expenditure	1066.44
		Bank Balance 8/12/78	£1190.74
		<u>Investments</u>	
		Sandhurst Trustees	£2400.00
		Commonwealth Bank Interest bearing deposits	1600.00

Moved M. Jackman, seconded H. Webb that Treasurer's report be received and Treasurer be given authority to pay any outstanding accounts. Carried.

BOARD REPORT

A. Hudson reported equalisation position is reasonable, production higher than anticipated, more eggs than we budgeted for. Sales 3' above last year, grading floors up 2.6', P.A.'s up 4.5'.

Export position, not very much progress, separated products selling well, but there is still no future in exporting whole eggs.

C.E.M.A. the proposed \$2.00 hen levy is proceeding satisfactorily, in Canberra the Government has accepted it, could commence in July next year.

National Advertising a Committee has called for and received advertising programmes from agencies aimed at children 6-14 years, this will feature Peter Russell Clark and could start about March.

The Egg flip being produced by the Dairy Board in their Big M line is very successful, 20' of "Big M" sales,.

Yolk free mix successful in N.S.W.

The court case against Barter and 1/2 case warehouse was won by the Board, Barter is expected to appeal, and is still able to sell eggs at Half Case during the Appeal.

We are still selling eggs in Canberra.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved M. Jackman, seconded H. Webb that we support the Board Chairman's proposal for the coming year, 8 months compulsory cut of 10' plus a voluntary cut, but we don't agree with payment for compulsory cut, and that we push for exemption for producers with 5,000 birds or less.

Carried.

Moved R. Robins, seconded M. Jackman that we send J. Moncrieff as our delegate to the F.C.P.F.A. meeting in Perth and we pay his economy fare plus 2 days accomodation and expenses.

Carried.

R. Robins reported that the cost of production at present is 78.60 cents per dozen.

Meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

J. D. Cahill

Chairman,

Date. 22 June 79