

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE

16th December, 1977
12.30 p.m.

REPORT

PRESENT:

Bendigo - A. Hudson, R. Stephens, R. Robins, K. Fitzgibbon.

Mildura - T. Walsh.

Murrabit - H. Webb, L. Bartels.

Wedderburn - C. Burnside.

South Bendigo - J. Scott, D. Oakes, H. Potter, J. Moncrieff.

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

APOLOGIES were received from A. Broadbent, E. Walker and M. Jackman.

MINUTES:- of the previous Conference were read and confirmed on the motion of J. Scott and A. Hudson. Carried.

Minutes of 3 special meetings were read for information of members present.

Moved L. Bartels, seconded J. Scott that we write to Crystal Egg Co., and suggest that adequate facilities for the unloading of eggs delivered by Producers be provided now and in the future at both floors. (Copy of this letter to be sent to the Board). Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

- (1) 4 letters from various Government Departments re Rural Rating Enquiry.
- (2) 2 letters from Minister of Agriculture and Prices Justification Tribunal re meatmeal increases
- (3) Minister of Consumer Affairs re increase in prices of chemicals and vitamins since devaluation.
- (4) V.E.B. re Industry meeting on the 6th October, 1977.
- (5) V.E.B. Notes of meeting with Industry Representatives on the 18th August, '77
- (6) Minister of Agriculture forwarding list of members of all Marketing Boards.
- (7) Minister of Agriculture (Press Release) notifying continuance of Egg Production Control.
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- (9) F.C.P.F.A. re Hen Quotas in the A.C.T.
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- (11) Poultry Newsletter from the Dept. of Agriculture.
- (12) Copy of letter from W.P.S.A. to F.C.P.F.A. re convention.
- (13) The Poultry Husbandry Research Foundation programme of Symposium to be held on 9-10 November, 1977.
- (14) S.E.C. explaining after hours operations.
- (15) Department of Agriculture re Random Sample Laying Test.
- (16) V.E.B. acknowledging our letter in regard to the supplying of egg trolleys to Producers.
- (17) F.C.P.F.A. (1) Minutes of April meeting.
(2) Agenda and Principles decisions made at meeting on 10th & 11th October, 1977.
(3) Press Resleases.

Moved L. Bartels, seconded H. Potter that Correspondence be received. Carried.

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Intrim report for 6 months.	
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Expenditure	1316.08
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Moved R. Stephens, seconded C. Burnside that Treasurer's Report be received, and Treasurer be given authority to pay any outstanding accounts.

Carried.

BOARD REPORT

A. Hudson reported that there was a large variation in production, due to overcoming the proventriculitis problem, plus greater utilisation of quotas. Sales very good 4' above last year. Surplus at moment 16'. Sales increase due to advertising and good promotion. This year we are spending Half Million dollars on promotion.

Price changes, we are working as closely as possible to fixing the price in relation to the weight of the egg.

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AGENDA ITEMS:-

(1) Moved R. Robins, seconded C. Burnside that we try to set up a Liason Committee at the Diagnostic Centre. Carried.

Moved A. Hudson, seconded H. Potter that we submit a panel of 4 names from whom 2 representatives could be selected. (A. Broadbent, K. Fitzgibbon, J. Scott and R. Stephens). Carried.

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(8) After much discussion no concrete suggestions were adopted, in relation to increasing egg sales.

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(9) Moved R. Robins, seconded J. Moncrieff that we write to the N.S.W. Egg Board expressing our concern that they have not brought their quotas down to the right level and also complain about N.S.W. eggs coming into Victoria.

Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

Moved R. Robins, seconded C. Burnside that we write to the V.E.B. condemning them for their action in transferring the Sympag license to Crystal without conferring with producers in the Bendigo area. And inform the Board that the producers in this area would always be interested in running a grading floor.

Carried.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

J. D. Baker

Chairman.

Date *23 June 78*