

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

----- 20th May, 1977 -----

Agenda

President's Welcome
Official Opening by Mr. F. Grimwade, M.L.A.
Apologies.
Minutes.
Correspondence.
Treasurer's Report.
Board Members Report.
Reports.
Election of Office Bearers.
Branch Resolutions.
General Business.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS

From South Bendigo.

- (1) Investigations be made into the increases in the price of chemicals and vitamins since devaluation, with a view to protesting to the Federal Government.
- (2) Express dissatisfaction with the number of eggs being bought by prisons for meals of inmates.
- (3) Branch constitution be amend where reference is made to voting at Egg Board elections.
- (4) Egg ~~box~~ trolleys should be subsidised by grading floors rather than farmers bearing total cost of purchase.
- (5) A Regional Centre Advisory Council be established.
- (6) Press for variation in Land Valuation between hobby farms and bona-fida Primary Producers.
- (7) Formation of a policy re pricing of Hen Quotas for possible future legislation. Should they float to suit the available market or be pegged to a set valuation.

From Bendigo.

- (8) Express dissatisfaction with the service from the S.E.C.
- (9) Protest re Random Sample tests where non commercial entries are allowed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

- (1) The V.E.B. and the Poultry Industry has decided to abide by price freeze even though costs have increased (meatmeal \$270.00).
- (2) Delegates to decide on action in regard to Demand Supply Management (hen quotas).

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY

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SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT R.S.L. HALL, KANGAROO FLAT ON Monday August, 8th, 1977 at 8 p.m.

D. Oakes opened the meeting and welcomed 25 present representing all parts of Northern Victoria.

D. Oakes reported that the Association had been going for 40 years and had been a big influence for the commencement of the V.E.B., C.E.M.A. and Production Control. He said we must keep this Association going, there is a need for an organisation such as this.

CORRESPONDENCE -

- (1) Regional Planning document.
- (2) Submission put up by this Association on future of Hen Quotas.
- (3) Document signed by C.E.P.A., V.F.U. and Egg Producers Association against quota increase in the A.C.T. and possible hen levy exemption.

A. Hudson gave a report on the present situation of Licensing in relation to the .V.E.B. Equalisation position, situation of pools will be looked at again soon. V.E.B. will be meeting the industry in Melbourne on Thursday 18th August to discuss the move from Port Melbourne to Dandenong, this will take 13 months and cost about \$4 million. There will be a saving of \$200,000 in running costs, and producers will pay approx. .6cents per dozen.

R. Robins and R. Stephens outlined the functions of the Co-operative.

A Unanimous decision of the meeting was that all present are in favour of the continuance of Licensing in Victoria.

Moved H. Wilson, seconded R. Robins that the meeting feels we would like to leave licensing as it is at the present. Carried.

Moved L. Bartels, seconded K. Nuriden that Licensing be continued for an indefinite period similar to other states. Carried.

Meeting closed at 11.10 p.m.

J. D. Oakes Chairman

Date. 16 Dec 77

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REPORT

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South Bendigo - J. D. Oakes, M. Jackman, J. Scott, J. Moncrieff, H. Potter.
Murrabit - L. Bartel, H. Webb, T. Kelly.
Wedderburn - C. Burnside.
Euroa - J. Belcher, R. Barnes.
Mildura - T. Walsh.

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Mr. Grimwade thanked the Association for the opportunity to attend the Conference, he told members he was very keen on Demand Supply Management, he believed it had achieved the desired results. Overproduction has been reduced and the industry seemed in a better situation than it had for some years. Mr. Grimwade declared the conference open.

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MINUTES:- of Meeting held on 7th December, 1976 were read and received on the motion of M. Jackman and L. Bartel.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

- (1) Circular from F.C.P.F.A.
- (2) Invitation to Poultry Symposium and Random Sample Laying Test Presentation Day on 24th May, 1977.
- (3) Notice of Poultry Meeting of Diagnostic Centre, Epsom with guest speaker Mr. Philip Chaseling of Tamworth.
- (4) Notice of Seminar on Proventriculitis at Burnley.
- (5) Letter from V.E.B. re egg Washing.
- (6) Letter from V.E.B. re Grading and Handling costs.
- (7) Invitation from V.F.U. to the Annual General Meeting of the Poultry Section in Melbourne.
- (8) Letter from F.C.P.F.A. advising Mr. Smith, Minister of Agriculture is unable to open Annual General meeting.
- (9) Letter from Mr. Smith advising his inability to open our Annual Conference.
- (10) Letter from Mr. Smith (Minister of Agriculture) requesting nominations from our Association for consideration for appointment as members of Victorian Egg Marketing Board.

Moved C. Burnside, seconded J. Belcher that correspondence be received.

Carried.

Nominations for Victorian Egg Marketing Board

Moved H. Potter, seconded R. Stephens that A. Hudson, L. Beasy, M. Wrigley and R. Robins be our nominations subject to V.F.U. and Mr. Wrigley's approval.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Receipts	\$2520.16
Exepnditure	1756.12
Bank Balance 19/4/77	1560.68
<u>Investments</u>	
Sandhurst Trustees	2400.00
Commonwealth Bank Interest bearing deposits	1600.00

Moved F. Dixon, seconded J. Scott that Treasurer's Report be received, and Treasurer be given authority to pay any outstanding accounts.

Carried.

BOARD REPORT:-

A. Hudson reported that receivals are about 5 per cent below last year and also below budget, proventriculitis has had something to do with this, all states are similar.

Sales, slightly up on last year, have been very good lately, demand has been high on large grades.

As from Monday all pools will be removed, this will mean an increase to 5 cents per dozen to producers. The pool will be removed in the Winter, to encourage producers to increase production at this time of the year, with a reasonably high pool in the Spring.

Distribution - this has improved with the eggs going direct from the grading point to the retail outlet. This is working in Melbourne and will be continued in the country areas as well.

The T.V. series featuring Peter Russell Clark has gone well, new series to commence soon.

Date Stamping will commence in the next few months.

Dandenong project, not much progress yet.

C.E.M.A. has asked the Federal Government if they would change legislation to increase the hen levy from \$1 to \$2. This could be increased in a flush season instead of large pools.

Licensing - decision is expected soon, submission to the Minister was a unanimous decision of the Licensing Committee that licensing continue.

Jock Douglas has retired from the A.E.B.

Poultry Advisory Council meeting is on Wednesday 25th May, 1977.

Moved F. Stephens, seconded H. Webb that report be received.

Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

President	-	J. D. Oakes.
Secretary	-	K. Fitzgibbon.
Vice Presidents	-	R. Robins.
		J. Scott.
Treasurer	-	J. Moncrieff.
Assist. Secretary	-	A. Hudson.
Auditors	-	R. Robins, M. Jackman

Moved C. Burnside, seconded T. Walsh that Secretary's remuneration be left to executive. Carried.

Moved R. Robins, seconded M. Jackman that delegates be paid \$20.00 a day. Carried.

Moved A. Hudson, seconded M. Jackman that delegates be paid 10 cents per kilometre both ways, on C.E.P.A. business. Carried.

Moved H. Potter, seconded L. Bartel that affiliated Branches pay \$2.00 membership to cover postage. Carried.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:

(1) Moved M. Jackman, seconded T. Walsh that letter be written to Minister of Consumer Affairs, protesting about the increases in the price of chemicals and vitamins since devaluation. Carried.

(2) Moved H. Potter, seconded J. Scott that we endorse V.E.B. action in pressing for more eggs to be used in prisons. Carried.

(3) Amendment to Branch constitution. It was decided on the motion of M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that where it refers to voting at egg Board elections, this be changed to "own 250 birds or deliver 300,000 dozen eggs". Carried.

(4) Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that egg trolleys should be subsidised by the grading floor rather than farmers bearing total cost of purchase. Lost.

1st Amendment Moved H. Potter, seconded C. Burnside that resolution lapse and no action be taken. Lost.

2nd Amendment Moved T. Kelly, seconded L. Bartel that egg trolleys be supplied by grading floors. Letter to be sent to Board stating our policy. Carried.

(5) Moved M. Jackman, seconded H. Potter that we write to Mr. Ben McConchie at Diagnostic Centre, Epsom, requesting deputation with Executive as to the future of an Advisory Council. Carried.

(6) Moved J. Scott, seconded J. Belcher that Secretary write to Municipal Association of Victoria and to Premier's Department pressing for variation in Land Valuation between hobby farms and bona-fide Primary Producers. Carried.

(7) Moved R. Stephens, seconded T. Kelly that this Association's policy on pricing of hen quotas for possible future legislation, we support the licensing committee's submission with provision for inflation adjustment. Carried.

(8) Moved R. Robins, seconded H. Potter that we write a letter to the S.E.C. local office protesting about the poor after hours service. Carried.

(9) Moved R. Robins, seconded R. Stephens that a letter be written to

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved A. Hudson, seconded J. Scott that Secretary write to Prices Justification Tribunal and the Minister of Agriculture bringing to their notice that price of meatmeal has been increased \$5.00 per tonne since the price freeze was introduced. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded R. Robins that Secretary and Assistant Secretary formulate a document in line with the Licensing Committee's submission, on D.S.M. and that this be sent to all Branches. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded L. Bartel that all Branches inform members of Parliament in their area, on D.S.M., and report to Secretary as to who has been approached and the result of discussions, this to be done by July 1st. Carried.

Meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

J. H. Clarke

Chairman,

Date. 16 Dec 77