

Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

CENTRAL COUNCIL

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HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE

City Hall, Bendigo.

7th December, 1979

at 12.30 p.m.

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BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

From Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches

- (1) D.S.M. - discuss legislation in progress.
- (2) Stock Feed Wheat - discuss outcome of new legislation.
- (3) Meatmeal - discuss means of controlling and monitoring price changes.
- (4) Egg price, when and how much should prices move, and could they perhaps be tied to C.P.I.
- (5) Exotic Diseases, compensation for loss of income while under quarantine and until operation can recommence.
- (6) What do Members feel on future of Burnley Random Sample Laying Test.

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

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HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE - 7th December, 1979 at 12.30 p.m. -

REPORT

PRESENT:

Bendigo - A. Hudson, R. Robins, K. Fitzgibbon.
South Bendigo - D. Oakes, J. Moncrieff, J. Scott, M. Jackman.
Murrabit - H. Webb, L. Bartel.

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

APOLOGIES:- were received from R. Stephens and A. Broadbent (Bendigo), E. Walker and C. Burnside (Wedderburn), on the motion of M. Jackman and R. Robins. Carried.

MINUTES:- of the previous conference were read and confirmed on the motion of M. Jackman and H. Webb. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

- (1) Minister of Agriculture - list of members on V.E.B.
- (2) 22 replies from various members of Parliament re protest against selection of members of V.E.B.
- (3) Victorian Egg Marketing Board-
 - (a) press release re Board appointments.
 - (b) submission from the Victorian Egg Industry re Stabilization Act.
 - (c) Minutes of meeting with Minister of Agriculture 24/8/79.
 - (d) Copy of N.S.W. Minister of Agriculture's recent proposals for the control of price of Hen Quotas.
 - (e) Minutes of Industry meeting 5/10/79.
 - (f) Egg Producer.
- (4) F.C.P.F.A.- Agenda and the principal decisions of the meeting held in Launceston on 28th September, 1979.
- (5) Central Council review from Queensland.
- (6) Federation Insurance Ltd., cheque for \$314.33 commission.
- (7) Minister of Agriculture - (i) 3 letters re Demand Supply Management.
- (8) Secretary Parliamentary Liberal Party (Jeannette Patrick) re Agricultural Committee.
- (9) C. Burgin (Convenor of Agricultural Committee) re D.S.M.
- (10) J. Radford (Member for Bendigo Province) re D.S.M.

Moved L. Bartel, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:-

Receipts	\$520.14
Expenditure	565.00
Bank Balance	1496.48

Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that report be received and Treasurer be given authority to pay any outstanding accounts. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded M. Jackman that cheque for \$175.42 to B. Gamboni be investigated and a search at Bank to be made. Carried.

Treasurer J. Moncrieff spoke with Manager at Bank who said all records over 10 years old have been destroyed, if it was in the records it would cost \$12 per hour to investigate.

BOARD REPORT:-

A. Hudson reported High Court decision - which means no Inter-Stater can get any support over Section 92, very significant decision in regard to poultry farming in Victoria. Barter's eggs will have to be re-graded by the V.E.B. at 8 cents per dozen, Half Case will now be buying V.E.B. eggs.

Sales - increase 2 - 3% because of general marketing system and also large sales to N.S.W. Producers over 1,000 birds will receive 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % increase in Quotas for next season. This will take us up to the State maximum. The Board is in a very good financial position, because of surplus from new hen levy approximately 30 cents per bird will be paid to Producers at the end of June.

Equalisation position very sound, Producers will need a price increase which should be tied to the C.P.I.

A.C.T. - lot of pressure put on V.E.B., we have put our price up to Barter's. Barter is now on quota and will remain so, A.C.T. has applied for extra quota.

A.E.B., no carry over so no surplus.

Research, general survey on egg consumption to find out number of eggs eaten per person.

18 egg pack now operating - sales good.

McDonalds commence next year with their egg muffin product, also the pavalova mix will be on the market in January.

F.C.P.F.A. REPORT:-

J. Scott reported on meeting in Tasmania on 28th September, 1979. He said they were totally disorganised, stock feed wheat - submission to be drawn up. Yolk colour - N.S.W. pushing for higher grade.

R. ROBINS reported on meatmeal prices - Mayfair \$306.50; Pridhams \$350.50; Borthwick \$335.00; South Australian Meatmeal \$246.00.

Barley \$104.00 per tonne. Wheat - prepaid \$130.00, actual price \$124.40 on farm. Late Accounts at Co-op will be charged 1% interest.

D.Oakes - Stock Feed Wheat - contract for 4 months, not much cheaper than domestic price, adjustment every 4 weeks.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

(1) "D.S.M. - discuss legislation in progress"

Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that we write to Mr. Burgin (Convenor of Liberal Party Agricultural Committee) thanking him for his letter, showing concern in relation to the conditions of the enquiry into the V.E.B., ask what the terms of reference will be, and suggest that great consideration should be given to the selection of the men on the enquiry. Carried.

(copies of letter to Mr. Burgin to be sent to J. Radford, B. Reid, W. Ebery and A. Wood)

Moved H. Webb, seconded J. Scott that Secretary write to Mr. D. Foster, Chairman of F.C.P.F.A. thanking him for his efforts towards the continuation of D.S.M. in this State, also for his work in the A.C.T. case. Carried.

(2) "Stock Feed Wheat - discuss outcome of new legislation"
Decision - nothing could be done at this stage.

(3) "Meatmeal - discuss means of controlling and monitoring price changes", Moved A. Hudson, seconded M. Jackman that Secretary write to Poultry Research Council offering our support to their organisation and suggest that a Committee be set up to control and monitor the supply of meatmeal and price changes. Carried.

(4) "Egg price, when and how much should prices move, and could they perhaps be tied to C.P.I."
Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that Secretary write to V.E.B. and suggest that the advance price to Producers should include an increase comparable to the C.P.I. index, over and above increase related to cost of production. Carried.

(5) "Exotic Diseases, compensation for loss of income while under quarantine and until operation can recommence."

Moved J. Scott, seconded H. Webb that Secretary write to Dr. Brian Rushford Division of Animal Health and suggest that the compensation should be in three parts - (1) replacement value of buildings and equipment.

(2) stock loss.

(3) loss of income while farm is out of action.

Carried.

(6) "What do Members feel on future of Burnley Random Sample Laying Test."

Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that Secretary write to Minister of Agriculture and inform him that we support the maintaining of the facilities at Burnley for the Random Sample Laying Test.

Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

Moved J. Scott, seconded J. Moncrieff that Secretary write to V.E.B. congratulating the move of the A.E.B. and C.E.M.A.A. to reduce the number of meetings they hold to two per year.

Carried.

Meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

Chairman,

Date

Done 20/6/80

Minutes of Executive of Commercial Egg Producers Association,
Central Council, held at Co-op, Stanley Street, Bendigo on ~~Thursday~~
September, 1979.

The President D. Oakes occupied the Chair and welcomed those present.

PRESENT:- D.Oakes, R.Robins, J.Scott, J. Moncrieff, K. Fitzgibbon.

APOLOGY from A. Hudson.

CORRESPONDENCE:- letter from Mr. I. Smith, Minister of Agriculture, re
quotas.

It was decided that we reply to Mr. Smith stating that we support the
original submission from the Victorian Egg Industry, and request that
our Association would like to meet the Government's Agricultural Rural
Committee to put our case before them (similar to our original submission).

The Secretary was also requested to write to Mr. C. Burgin, convenor of
the Rural Committee of the Liberal Party asking to meet his Committee
re future of D.S.M. legislation - at his convenience. Could he advise
us of names of members and their addresses of this Committee.

J. Scott to attend F.C.P.F.A. meeting in Tasmania.

Meeting closed.

Chairman,

Date