

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - REPORT

held City Hall, Bendigo
20th June, 1980 at 12.30 p.m.

PRESENT :

Bendigo - R. Robins, A. Hudson, H. Wilson, K. Fitzgibbon.
South Bendigo - D. Oakes, J. Moncrieff, M. Jackman, J. Scott.
Wedderburn - E. Walker.
Murrabit - L. Bartels, H. Webb.
Euroa - J. Belcher, S. Colyhorne.

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

MINUTES - of 1979 Annual Conference were read and confirmed on the motion of E. Walker and L. Bartels. Carried.
Half Yearly Conference minutes were also read.

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- (7) Ctte. of Inquiry into Egg Marketing in Victoria - (E. Barbican)
(i) Thanking C.E.P.A. for submission.
(ii) Notification of appointment time.
- (8) V.E.B. - (i) Notice of Industry meeting 7/5/1980.
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(iii) Yolk Colour.
- (9) F.C.P.F.A. - (i) Egg Industry Inquiry.
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Moved H. Webb, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received. Carried.

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BOARD REPORT:- A. Hudson reported - marketing, equalisation position sound, Sales good; accumulative Sales figure 9% above last year. This position is due not to the new Board Members but to the efforts made by the previous members. Receivables, just barely keeping up to the demand. Barter is sending some large eggs back into Victoria, because of the big difference in price.

The dropping of price for 50 grade eggs has now worked and we are low on these. The "Use By" date stamping on cartons has been extended from 21 to 28 days. Members present felt this was too long for small shops.

Farm packing - Board's policy is unlimited demand of farm packing, they are not worried about the future of Country Grading Floors.

Crystal Egg Floor - negotiations still taking place with the V.E.B. over possible take over.

Farm Pulp - Farms paid 80 cents per kilo, this is a loss operation at the moment, as it is sold to Pet Food operators at 36 cents per kilo.

C.B.M.A.A. - Total amount of hen levy will not be needed this year, somewhere between 40 to 50 cents per bird will be returned to Producers in August or September. Next year although the Commonwealth Levy will be \$1.95 the States will not use all of the levy.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded H. Webb that the Board be requested to notify Producers of any deviation from the correct yolk colour immediately it has been detected. Carried.

Co-op Report:- M. Jackman reported they had completed a successful year, Annual Meeting tonight at Kangaroo Flat.

R. Robins reported meatmeal could be short again with V.I.M.A. \$355 per tonne, Borthwicks \$353, Pridhams \$363; cost of Production is 88.04 cents per dozen eggs.

POULTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL:- D. Oakes reported that the main problem is meatmeal, we have been trying for 3 years with not much progress, he read out letters to Meatmeal Association querying delegates from that Association, also letter to the Wheat Board querying the regular price increases of wheat.

J. Belcher, Euroa reported the Grading Floor at Euroa is working a 4 day week.

E. Walker, Wedderburn, reported that they were meeting every 2nd month.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

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

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

(1) "Future of Eaglehawk Branch C.E.P.A."

Moved J. Scott, seconded R. Robins that Secretary write to N. Larson at Eaglehawk and inform him that any members who wish to remain members of the Co-op must apply to join either Bendigo or South Bendigo Branch. Carried.

(2) "Discuss Town and Country Planning Guidelines for the keeping of poultry"

It was decided to wait until the Government comes up with something definite. it will be discussed at the Poultry Advisory Council

(3) "Policy regarding our attitude towards animal welfare publicity"

Moved H. Webb, seconded M. Jackman that if an approach is made to a poultry farmer in our area, regarding the filming of poultry, he get in touch with our Executive which will take further action. Carried.

(4) "Association's policy towards future of farm packing"
Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that the Association opposes farm packing and requests that packed to order be restricted to 50% of their sales. Carried.

(5) "Policy on State Hen Tax to cover all Board costs."
Moved R. Robins, seconded J. Scott that this Association opposes State Hen Tax which would be based on our total quota. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded H. Webb that this Association opposes the State Hen Tax which would be based on hen numbers. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

Moved H. Webb, seconded M. Jackman that car expenses on C.E.P.A. business be rated at 7 cents a kilometre total distance. Carried.

Moved A. Hudson, seconded H. Webb that R. Robins and J. Scott be deputy delegates on the Poultry Advisory Council. Carried.

All present agreed that we hold a dinner or evening in appreciation of A. Hudson's efforts for the Poultry Industry.

Moved R. Robins, seconded E. Walker that we hold our Annual Meeting in May or June, and further meetings be held if and when requested. Carried.

Moved E. Walker, seconded J. Scott that Secretary write to the V.E.B. AND ASK THEM TO REVIEW the situation of "B" quality eggs we believe that from 1st April to 1st September farms without cool rooms but whose eggs comply with all other aspects of Export Quality should be admitted to the scheme for that period. Carried.

Meeting closed at 6.05 p.m.

Chairman,

Date