

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE - Thursday 19th November, 1981 at 10.30 a.m.
- REPORT

PRESENT:

Bendigo - H. Wilson, R. Robins, K. Fitzgibbon, A. Broadbent, R. Broadbent.
South Bendigo - D. Oakes, Joan Heard, J. Scott, M. Jackman.
Murrabit - H. Webb and L. Bartels.
Euroa - J. Belcher.

The President D. Oakes opened the Conference and welcomed those present, members then discussed points to be raised with meeting with Board members at Shamrock Hotel at 11.30, the meeting then adjourned.
Meeting resumed at 3 p.m.

APOLOGIES - an apology was received from E. Walker (Wedderburn) on the motion of H. Wilson and R. Robins. Carried.

MINUTES - of the previous conference were read and confirmed on the motion of H. Webb, and J. Scott. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE :-

- (1) Minister of Agriculture (i) Egg Board appointments.
(ii) re Committee of Inquiry.
(iii) notification of meeting re Comm. of Inquiry.
 - (2) J. Bouchier forwarding copy of letter from Minister of Primary Industry.
 - (3) M. Whiting (Dep. leader of Nat. Party) re daylight saving.
 - (4) V.E.B. (i) notice of Board meeting in Bendigo on 19th November, 1981.
(ii) Reduced price for useless eggs for pet food.
(iii) Results of egg quality Competition at Royal Melbourne Show.
(iv) Discussion points for Board meeting.
(v) reply re eggs supplied to Safeway.
 - (5) F.C.P.F.A. (i) information re Poultry Genetic Conservation Programme.
(ii) minutes of sub-Committee meeting on cost of production.
(iii) minutes of meeting 28th September, 1981.
(iv) re insurance for mortality and Exotic disease in poultry.
 - (6) United Farmers & Stockowners of S.A. Inc. re cost of production proposal.
 - (7) C.E.M.A. RE COMPARISON OF EGG PRICES AND RETURNS TO PRODUCERS.
 - (8) various newsletters and brochures were tabled for members to look at.
- Moved A. Broadbent, seconded H. Wilson that correspondence be received. Carried.

R. Robins, D. Oakes, A. Broadbent were available as delegates to meet with Mr. T. Austin (Minister of Agriculture) on 25th November, 1981.

TREASURER'S REPORT M. Jackman reported that as at 18th November, 1981

the total receipts	\$ 812.51
Expenditure	1015.30
Bank Balance	<u>\$1053.51</u>

Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that insurance cover on Association delegates for meetings etc., be continued. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded R. Robins that the Executive be given power to pay Affiliation Fee for F.C.P.F.A. of \$300 when they see fit. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded H. Wilson that the future investment of Association money be left to Treasurer. Carried.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried.

Moved R. Robins, seconded A. Broadbent that Treasurer's accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

(1) "19% quota cut at one time, makes it difficult for farmers to comply with. Moved L. Bartels, seconded J. Scott that secretary write to V.E.B. complaining at 19% cut at one time. Carried.

(2) "Surplus egg pulp to be manufactured into egg meal." Moved A. Broadbent, seconded Joan Heard that Secretary write to V.E.B. suggesting that this be investigated. Carried.

(3) "Sales Men on V.E.B. not carrying out their job properly, they need to promote egg products etc." ~~The~~ The secretary was instructed to write to V.E.B. that high paid salesman should make more effort to sell excess eggs.

(4) "Concern about reliability of Crystal because our eggs are being pulped." It was decided to include this matter with others in letter to Board.

(5) "Does anyone know how efficient the big '7' are." It was suggested that big mammoth farms do not give the return to capital compared to medium family farms.

(6) "Safeway discounting eggs at 20 cents per dozen," The V.E.B. informed us that Safeway were footing the bill.

Moved H. Webb, seconded L. Bartels that we inform the V.E.B. that we were happy to meet with them and appreciate the time given to our Association at the Board meeting. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded J. Belcher that extra 1 cent per dozen grading charge, that Secretary write to V.E.B. asking that there be ~~an~~ an increase in the price of eggs to cover this charge. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-NOTICES OF MOTION - CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Moved M. Jackman, (Clause 3) that the figure 500 laying hens be changed to 250 commercial laying hens at the time of holding office and excluding paid Secretary. Seconded by L. Bartels. Carried.
- (2) Moved M. Jackman (Clause 7) that any new members must be the owner of 250 commercial laying hens. The words "any new member must be eligible to vote at V.E.B. elections" be deleted. Seconded by L. Bartels. Carried.
- (3) Moved R. Broadbent (Clause 21) that Primary Producers who are not Commercial Egg Producers as previously defined may be eligible for membership in that Branch as Associate Members - such members not to have voting ~~power~~ power in Branch affairs. Seconded J. Scott Carried.
These clauses now become part of our Constitution.

J. Belcher, Euroa reported that large producer J. Fowler is putting in his own grading machine to start grading next January. This means the floor will close and other producers will have to make their own arrangements.

Meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.

J. D. Baker

Chairman.

Date. 18/6/82

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BUSINESS PAPER

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General Business

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:

From Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches

- (1) 1% quota cut at one time, makes it difficult for farmers to comply with.
- (2) Surplus egg pulp to be manufactured into egg meal.
- (3) Sales Men on V.E.B. not carrying out their job properly, they need to promote egg products etc.

Murrabit Branch

- (4) Concern about reliability of Crystal because our eggs are being pulped, we wonder how long it will be before our quotas are cut because Board isn't selling our product. Orderly Marketing under these conditions does not exist, other Producers could argue that our product is not required, therefore we are not required. Where is the job satisfaction in seeing our eggs pulped.
- (5) Does anyone know how efficient the big '7' are.
- (6) Safeway last week were selling eggs at 20 cents per dozen discount, because the Used By date was 4/11/81, the sale of these eggs was 3/11/81. Who is footing the bill Safeway or Producers.

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Our Association will be meeting with the Board at 11.30 a.m. at Shamrock Hotel on same day.

K. Fitzgibbon,
Secretary