

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING held City Hall, Bendigo. Monday 22nd. June 1981 at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Bendigo - R. Robins, A. Broadbent, H. Wilson, R. Broadbent, P. Brennan,
B. Gamboni, G. Gamboni, G. Kean & K. Fitzgibbon.

Sth. Bendigo - M. Jackman, Joan Hird, J. Scott, J. Moncrieff.

Wedderburn - Geoff Burnside, C. Taylor.

Ballarat - G. Poulton, G. Burford.

Euroa - N. Hills, G. Belcher.

Murrabit - H. Webb, T. Kelly.

R. Robins occupied the Chair, opened meeting and welcomed 21 members present.

MINUTES - of 1980 Annual Meeting were read and confirmed on the motion
of J. Scott & H. Webb. Carried.

APOLOGIES - were received from D. Oakes, E. Walker and L. Bartels on the
motion of J. Scott & A. Broadbent. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

- (1) Minister of Agriculture (Hon. T. Austin)
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 - (ii) Acknowledgement of deputation.
 - (iii) Reply regarding "B" Class Egg Price.
 - (iv) Copy of Egg Marketing Report.
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- (4) Comm. of Inquiry into N.S.W. Egg Industry - reply to submission.
- (5) F.C.P.F.A. - (i) re cost of production
(ii) Notice of Annual Meeting 23-24 March.
(iii) Minutes of Annual Meeting.
(iv) Bulletin re N.S.W. Inquiry.
- (6) Euroa & District C.E.P.A. re Inquiry.
- (7) Suppliers Organisation (Qld) 2 bulletins.
- (8) Form Focus 80's and 2 Egg Producers.

Moved G. Kean & H. Wilson that correspondence be received. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts	\$ 2,059.24
Expenditure	1,401.80
Bank Balance 20/6/81	2,256.30

Investments

Sandhurst Trustees	\$ 2,400.00
C'wealth Bank Interest Bearing Deposits	1,600.00

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that financial report be accepted
and adopted. Carried.

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded Geoff Burnside that lost cheque for F.C.P.F.A.
subscription be cancelled, and new cheque be sent. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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There were also changes in the Board distribution of eggs. Distributors can
now buy direct from approved producers.
Distributors pay producers direct. These producers are supposed to maintain
a 62% rate of lay.

A. BROADBENT reported on notification from F. Wrigley re no cut of quotas in July because of shortage of eggs, bringing eggs in from S.A. And N.S.W. He stated at last weeks Board meeting the 2 men from N.S.W. Inquiry were present. Sales up 5% on last year.

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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

Moved J. Scott, seconded J. Heard that we invest \$1,000.00 on short term interest bearing deposit at the Commonwealth Bank.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS

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Notice of Motion

Moved M. Jackman, seconded A. Broadbent.

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(2) "Egg Marketing Inquiry be discussed." Left to General Business.

(3) "Opposition to all Board charges being tied to hen levy."

Moved M. Jackman, seconded G. Poulton that we don't support the concept of all inclusive hen levy being included in hen numbers or quota. Carried.

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Board have decided no cuts in July.

DISCUSSION ON EGG MARKETING INQUIRY

Recommendations from Euroa C.E.P.A. on Retention of V.E.B. Quotas, and that Quotas remain transferable and negotiable between vendor and purchaser, were supported by meeting:-

Recommendations of Executive re Inquiry

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Because of the desructive and contradictory nature of the report, country producers, represented by the C.E.P.A., want the report shelved indefinitely.

Definately against levy on quota and or per hen. (page 3).

If further action taken on report finding, we write to C.E.M.A. and Mr. Niv opposing this.

Board premises at Keysborough should be retained.

Moved H. Webb, seconded G. Burford that in paragraph 3 (and was dominated by one man) be deleted. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded A. Broadbent that after industry meeting on June 30th. we take further action on recommendations made by Mr. Austin to the Federal Government. These recommendations involve the exemption from controls of small flocks, and the use of Commonwealth levy funds for financing the operations of the Board. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Report on Egg Marketing Inquiry in Victoria was discussed. Suggested that we return to era prior Ian Smith, better inspection by Federal Inspectors, cut Board costs, improve quality, and possibly a better form of cost of production be introduced. The statement that 25% of all eggs is sold outside the Board - not accurate.

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded M. Jackman that Secretary's allowance be \$200.00. Carried.

Delegates to Industry meeting on June 30th:-

R. Robins, J. Scott, L. Bartels, A. Broadbent, G. Belcher.

Meeting closed.

J. D. Parker 19/11/81