

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Hall, Bendigo

Monday June 22nd. 1981 6.15p.m.

BUSINESS PAPER

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BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

From Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches

1. Discussion on constitution, and Branch membership eligibility, clauses 3,7,21.
2. Egg Marketing Inquiry be discussed.
3. Opposition to all Board charges being tied to hen levy.

From Murrabit Branch

4. Retention of D.S.M. and quotas.
5. Better grower representation on V.E.B.
6. Advertising of products re V.E.B.
7. Reconsideration of quota cuts in July.

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SECRETARY

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A. Broadbent reported that he attended the Liberal Party meeting with Ian Smith as guest speaker. He put the question on decentralisation re the Poultry Industry, was given an evasive answer.

R. Robins attended a lecture in Melbourne, P. Carter spoke on 18% cut, production is up 7% over the last 12 months.

The 4 week "Used By" date stamping is under review, they also spoke on proposed new products.

F. Wrigley is still talking about pooling all charges into the hen levy. In N.S.W. they have problems with the Board in that State and there is a possible inquiry.

Deputation to Minister of Agriculture on Thursday 17th March at 2.30 p.m. and Deputation to V.E.B. on 19th March at 11 a.m.

Points for discussion

30 cents per dozen penalty on "B" class eggs, 1 cent per dozen on case lots in lieu of trolleys, costing small country producers \$9.30 per case.

8 months of year "B" class eggs should be okay if they come up to other qualifications, compared to large farms using in line washers for all eggs. Rumours of finding black rot in the eggs caused by washing machines.

Producers who have abided by the rules of the V.E.B. and have been penalised for this. Large Metropolitan producers put in machinery to go interstate, then the Board changes the rules to suit.

Young country people with families cant sell quota and cant afford to increase it, this will finish them. Why not help them?

The fact that small producers held onto their quota proves that their hens were necessary to supplement their overall farm.

If people are forced out, this quota is handed back to the Board, the large producers will have most of this for nothing.

The Board is running itself into the ground by applying these pressures. We are in favour of a marketing board but this Board seems intent on wrecking the V.E.B., so that it may be disbanded, by making producers dissatisfied with their operation.

2½ dozen fillers - Board charges 10½ cents each, Co-op can buy them for 7 cents each.

We are not happy with the present system of counting the birds, possible federal inspectors could counter evasion in all States. They are not beating the Board they are beating us.

18% cut is hard to believe, we have had 7 years of quotas and we are still having cuts.

Producers having no vote for the election of Board Members, this is not a true form of representation on the Board.

Some members are on the Board for their expertise, so they should attend all meetings, which is one per month, but this has not been happening.

We are strongly in favour continuation of the quota system in Victoria.

Meeting closed.

Chairman,