

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE - held at the City Hall, Bendigo on Friday 3rd
December, 1982 at 1 p.m.

PRESENT:- Delegates from

Bendigo - A Broadbent, R. Robins and K. Fitzgibbon.

South Bendigo - D. Oakes, J. Scott and M. Jackman.

Wedderburn - E. Walker, G. Taylor.

Also present were - M. Oakes, Ian Nixon, D. Grotto, V. Scott and G. Robertson.

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

MINUTES: - Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that minutes as circulated be
taken as read and confirmed. Carried.

APOLOGIES:- were received from G. Belcher, R. Broadbent, H. Webb and L. Bartels
on the motion of J. Scott and G. Taylor. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) V.E.B. (i) Income and Expenditure statements.
(ii) Agricultural Show competition.
(iii) Answer to queries lodged after last conference.
(iv) re moratorium - producer agent contracts.
(v) Notice of industry meeting with the Board.
(vi) Notice of welfare workshop in Hobart in April, 1983.
- (2) Minister of Agriculture (i) Appointments to V.E.B.
(ii) Re availability of wheat.
(iii) Re movement of hen quotas.
- (3) J. Bourchier, M.P., re wheat and meatmeal.
- (4) David Kennedy, M.L.A., 2 letters acknowledging correspondence.
- (5) Industry Relations Commission forwarding various letters regarding our
application to be recognised as an association.
- (6) Poultry Research Advisory Commission (i) proposal for the optimum
production cycle of laying hens.
(ii) Improvements in the nutritional value of triticale by plant breeding.
(iii) Quality of eggs.
(iv) Beak trimming and stocking indensity.
- (7) Australian Council of Egg Products - notice and agenda of meeting Oct 8th '82.
- (8) F.C.P.F.A. - applying of affiliation fees for 1982/83 (\$300).
- (9) World Poultry Science Ass. - re research funding throughout Australia.
- (10) National Farmers' Federation - Agrow Australia promotion and community
awareness campaign.
- (11) A.C.E.P. re drought assistance.
- (12) Department of Agriculture re internal and shell quality of eggs.
- (13) K. & L. Thomas re deputation with our Association.
- (14) Crystal Egg Company re agreement with local egg producers.
- (15) Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches C.E.P.A. - agenda items for conference.
- (16) V.E.B. - copy of letter sent to Mr. Kent by the Board, re Barters operations
in Victoria.
- (17) N.S.W. Egg Marketing Board re Barters operations in Victoria.
- (18) various newsletters and brochures were tabled for members inspection.

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded M. Jackman that a note of thanks be sent to Mr. J.
Bourchier for his work in the interests of our industry, also include copy of
letter from Mr. Carter to Minister of Agriculture. Carried.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that Secretary contact V.E.B. requesting
details of report on experiment on brown eggs (was it a fair trial compared
against other eggs). Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to write to A. Harrison (V.E.B.) informing him that our spokesman on the animal welfare situation is Mr. Peter Farley of the Poultry Advisory Council.

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received. Carried.

At this stage the meeting adjourned and the President welcomed Mr. David Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy then addressed the meeting, he stated the Government is concerned with the future of the family farm. Minister of Agriculture Mr. Kent has stated that quotas will remain and farm packing is to be discontinued. Wheat - poor harvest, the Minister is monitoring the situation of wheat in regard to poultry. Future hen levy legislation will be introduced in the second half of next year, before then a discussion paper will be forwarded to our Association for our thoughts before a final decision is made.

Mr. Kennedy was asking for figures of the number of producers over 100,000 hens. He told those present that he would investigate back door purchasing of quotas, Bartters eggs being used at the Bendigo Railway Station and Gillies Bros., and that locally grown grain should be held for home mixers. He agreed that a cost of production Committee is needed.

The meeting then resumed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:- M. Jackman reported that as at 2nd December, 1982 the
Total Receipts \$1430.71 Total Expenditure \$ 18892.70 Balance \$467.74.
Investments - Snadhurst Trustees \$4000.00, C'wealth Bank \$2600.00.

Moved J. Scott, seconded E. Walker that financial report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Moved R. Robins, seconded M. Oakes that accounts be passed for payment when presented, and invest excess money when available. Carried.

REPORTS:-

R. Robins reported that he had been in contact with Peter Carpenter, V.F.U., and was waiting on cost of production figures.

D. Oakes - Poultry Advisory Council report, wheat \$185.00 per tonne, will rise \$1.50 per tonne per month till March, keeping in line with the exchange rate and the world price. Random Sample-to meet next month may abandon it.

Wheat harvest - expecting 240,000 tonnes and 70,000 tonnes of barley.

Animal welfare - more action against cages expected. Suggested by feed manufacturers that yolk colour be dropped by 2 points.

Triticale being brought from Queensland, same price as wheat.

A. Broadbent reported that he had been talking to D. Foster of V.E.B. - still too many 50's and 55's, 6 cents levy will be introduced at the end of December for 8 weeks.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

(1) "New Grading Standards - inline washers"

Moved J. Scott, seconded A. Broadbent that if no answer is received by the Bendigo Branch re the new grading chart, Secretary to take further action. Carried.

It was decided that the Secretary write to the Board requesting that any dry cleaned eggs should not be down graded, and any wet cleaned eggs should be considered "B" class.

(2) "Image of Board Eggs - still wanting Bartter's."

Moved J. Scott, seconded E. Walker that we once again protest against the 28 day used by date stamping, we believe that from 1st September, to 1st April the used by date should be 21 days. Carried.

Through our investigations large stores and supermarkets are not holding eggs in coal storage, the Secretary to write to Board requesting strict policing by Board inspectors be carried out in this matter.

(3) "Distillate Rebate - small users."

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott, that we write to Mr. J. Bouchier and request of the Government that legislation be amended to put all primary producers on the same footing as domestic users, re removal of \$100 threshold. Carried.

(4) "Agriculture Department Offices for Northern Region."

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded M. Oakes that we write to the Department of Agriculture requesting that a Poultry Officer be available at Centre at Epsom, and this is need for our industry. Carried.

(5) "Board's pricing policy"

Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that we query the V.E.B. re their pricing policy and off invoice discounting, is it working, are they selling extra eggs over 10-12 week period? Carried.

(6) "Quota transfers and Farm Packing."

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that a letter be sent to the review Committee with copies to the Minister and D. Kennedy pointing out the danger of bonafide selling of poultry farms, quota being removed from the farm then farm being sold back to owner, quotas ending up in other areas with large producers. Carried.

It was suggested in the event of large interstate traders such as Bartter's, we are objecting to any Victorian Quotas being allocated on their past record.

(7) "Discussion on cost of production".

This was to be investigated by local member Mr. D. Kennedy.

(8) "Importation of grain if drought continues for home mixers - quarantine."

D. Oakes to investigate the amount needed and inform the wheat Board.

Meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

J. D. Oakes

24/11/83

Chairman,

Date

Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

CENTRAL COUNCIL

RANCHES:—
BENDIGO
SOUTH BENDIGO
BALLARAT
EDDERBURN
MURRABIT
MURROA

BUSINESS PAPER FOR HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE

to be held at the City Hall, Bendigo
on Friday 3rd December, 1982, at 1 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

President's Welcome
Apologies
Minutes
Correspondence
Reports
Branch Resolutions
General Business

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

From Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches:-

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K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Co-op, Stanley Street, Bendigo on 7th September, 1982.

PRESENT:- D. Oakes, M. Jackman, J. Scott, A. Broadbent, R. Robins and K. Fitzgibbon.

CORRESPONDENCE:- (1) Income and Expenditure Statements from V.E.B.
(2) Agenda for Producer meeting with the Board on 23/9/82.
(3) Egg Pulp.
(4) Crystal Egg Co. - copy of agreement with Producers.
(5) Crystal Egg Co. - early Friday closing.

Don Foster to attend next combined meeting on 13th September, 1982.
Topics to be raised - egg pulp price, additional grades 40's and 70's, brown eggs, interstate eggs, 11 cents Board levy, Hen Quotas, staff at Keysborough (153).

Secretary to write to Minister of Agriculture thanking him for curtailing any further issuing of P.A.'s and asking could we be advised if and when any further legislation re Egg Board or the egg industry is proposed.
Copy of letter to be sent to David Kenney.

Secretary to write to V.E.B. notifying that there will be 4 members present at the Producer meeting on 23rd September, 1982, and request half hour question time and that all V.E.B. members be present.

It was decided that Central Council Half Yearly conference be held on 3rd December, 1982.

Meeting closed.

Chairman,

Date

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CENTRAL COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Co-op, Stanley Street, Bendigo on 27th July, 1982.

PRESENT:- D. Oakes, M. Jackman, R. Robins, J. Scott, H. Wilson, R. Broadbent, A. Broadbent and K. Fitzgibbon.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded A. Broadbent that we pay this years Affiliation Fee to the F.C.P.F.A., pointing out that we would like to remain a members of this Association but we think expenses are getting out of hand and suggest that there be less meetings, much of the business could be conducted by phone hook-up and correspondence, thus reducing expenses incurred. Carried.

CRYSTAL EGG CO - retention of Grading Floor in Bendigo.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded A. Broadbent that we invite Crystal Industries to submit a written proposal for our consideration, along the lines that were suggested at recent meeting on 20th July, 1982 with members of Crystal Egg Co. Carried.

Industrial Relations Board

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that at our Executive Meeting on 27th July, 1982 it was resolved that this Association notify the 5 Associations as directed and attach copy of application and statutory declaration with each letter. Carried.

Secretary to send Association's Policy on the egg industry in Victoria to Minister of Agriculture E. Kent, Board Member Mr. Don Foster, and local M.L.A. Mr. David Kennedy.

Meeting closed.

Chairman,

Date