

Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

CENTRAL COUNCIL

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Hall, Bendigo

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From Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches

- (1) Discussion on shell quality - How do we halt deterioration in quality without losing production.
- (2) Discussion of new print out of egg receivals and the change in Pay-out.
- (3) The 19% flock reduction in one hit.
- (4) Farm packing - What checks are carried out regarding yolk colour, scale accuracy, legibility of stamp etc.
- (5) Four week use by date in summer.

From Murrabit Branch

- (6) Discuss, Is quality suffering in favor of automation i.e. on large farms?
- (7) With the Gippsland trial of the premium price for brown eggs, who gets the premium price?

Executive C.E.P.A.

- (8) Request Department of Agriculture to research into cracked eggs and haugh unit testing.
- (9) That V.E.B. be requested to forward correspondence through correct channels.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS

President	Dennis Oakes.
Secretary	Kevin Fitzgibbon.

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL CONFERENCE held at the City Hall, Bendigo on Friday 18th June, 1982.

PRESENT:

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

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

Wedderburn - E. Walker, G. Taylor.

Murrabit - H. Webb, L. Bartels.

The President D. Oakes welcomed those present and declared the Conference open.

APOLOGIES - were received from Mr. D. Kennedy, M.L.A., J. Belcher, Joan Heard, H. Wilson and R. Broadbent on the motion of A. Broadbent and J. Scott.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Minister of Agriculture (Hon. T. Austin) requesting nominations for V.E.B.
- (2) Minister of Agriculture (Hon. E. Kent) acknowledgement of deputation.
 - (ii) re appointments to the Board.
- (3) Department of Primary Industry acknowledging submission to Working Group.
- (4) V.E.B. (i) Australian Egg Industry Review Day, (2 letters).
 - (ii) re quotas and other matters.
 - (iii) re Hen Quota Legislation.
- (5) Consumer Affairs Council requesting views on Inquiry into Egg Marketing in Victoria.
- (6) United States Department of Agriculture - notification of 58th Annual Pacific Egg and Poultry International Exposition and Convention.
- (7) Livestock and Grain Producers' Association of N.S.W., asking for support re N.S.W. Egg Industry Inquiry.
- (8) United Farmers & Stockowners of S.A. Inc. - cost of production, and proposed change of name of F.C.P.F.A. to the Council of Egg Producer Associations of Australia.
- (9) F.C.P.F.A. (i) Minutes of meetings held on 27th & 28th September, 1981.
 - (ii) Agenda and Memorandum for meeting on 30th April, 1928.
- (10) C.E.M.A.A. (i) Average prices of production - all states - (2 letters).
 - (ii) Copy of letter from Poultry Industry Insurances re exotic diseases.
 - (iii) Notice of closed session workshop 27th April, 1982.
- (11) Australian Rural Adjustment Unit re National Workshop "Rural Finance - After Campbell.
- (12) South Bendigo Branch C.E.P.A., submitting nominations for President and Secretary.
- (13) Various brochures.

Moved E. Walker, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received. Carried.

REPORTS: A. Broadbent reported on meeting with Board on 25th May, 1982; financially the Board are in a mess, their sales were 11½% behind production, they are losing \$100,000 per week, big eggs are the problem. There will be a return of 16% on quota back to Producers in February, after loss of 19% in August. Egg pulp price up to 12c per kilo soon making it \$2.02. Chopped egg sales to Caterers 3/4 tonne per week.

D. Oakes reported on meeting with Dr. P. Gilchrist on farm-gate price of eggs, cost of production and retention of quotas.

RECOGNITION AS AN ASSOCIATION: After discussion, it was resolved that our Association seek recognition with the Industrial Relations Board and that Mr. J. D. Oakes be our representative if and when required for any negotiations in the future.

J.Scott reported on meeting with Minister of Agriculture Hon. E. Kent - Mr. Kent supports D.S.M., is against further expansion of farm packing, supported the concept of family farm and he would welcome us back at any time.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:

(1 & 8) "Discussion on shell quality - How do we halt deterioration in quality without losing production." "Request Department of Agriculture to research into cracked eggs and haugh unit testing."

Moved H. Webb, seconded G. Taylor that we request the Department of Agriculture to carry out further tests and experiments in the near future and inform us as soon as possible. Carried.

(2) "Discussion of new print out of egg receivals and the change in Pay-out".

Moved J. Scott, seconded E. Walker that we advise the V.E.B. that we are not happy with the present print out and suggest that they return to old grading print out showing clearly all deductions. Carried.

(3) "The 19% flock reduction in one hit".

Moved J. Scott, seconded H. Webb that our present policy continue that instead of one cut of 19% we suggest 2 and possibly 3 cuts during the 6 month period not commencing before August. Carried.

(4) "Farm packing - what checks are carried out regarding yolk colour, scale accuracy, legibility of stamp. etc."

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded H. Webb that there be more stringent control of quality on farm packed eggs. i.e. weight, yolk colour, shell quality and internal quality, with particular attention of farm to distributor channels. Carried.

(5) "Four week "Use By" date in summer."

Moved by K. Fitzgibbon, seconded J. Scott that the 4 week "Use By" date stamp is too long in summer months, we recommend that 3 weeks would be more suitable. Carried.

(6) "Discuss, Is quality suffering in favor of automation i.e. on large⁴ farms?"

Moved H. Webb, seconded J. Scott that the Executive document what we consider to be acceptable quality standard, and press for these to be implemented where and when considered necessary. Carried.

(7) "With the Gippsland trial of the premium price for brown eggs, who gets the premium price?"

Moved R. Robins, seconded H. Webb that we write to the V.E.B. re the Gippsland trial of the premium^{price} for brown eggs, asking who gets the premium price and suggest that because of implications and complications that this plan be discontinued. Carried.

(9) "That V.E.B. be requested to forward correspondence through correct channels."

After discussion it was decided that we write to V.E.B. requesting that all correspondence concerning this Association for all deputations and meetings, be sent to the Secretary, and we also request a meeting with all members of the Board and minutes to be taken.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hen Quota Legislation

H. Webb suggested that the Executive draw up a policy after our discussion today, and then the Association have a look at it.

- (1) We think there should be some value on quotas, they should be negotiable and the price of quota not to be included in cost of production.
- (2) Quota not to be tended for.
- (3) Batches of 1,000 birds is too many for smaller farmers to buy in one time.
- (4) Sales of quotas be restricted to a set sized farm to help the small farms come up to a viable size.
- (5) All sales to be registered, price etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Receipts	\$2,568.13
Expenditure	\$1,303.70
Income	\$1,264.43
Sandhurst Trustees @ 15%	\$4,000.00
Commonwealth Bank @ 13%	\$2,600.00
Short Term Deposits	\$6,600.00

An account from F.C.P.F.A. for Affiliation Fee of \$300.00000000

This account was left to the discretion of the Executive as to whether our Association remain affiliated with the F.C.P.F.A. or not.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded L. Bartels that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and account be passed for payment, when money is available. Carried.

Executive to make recommendation re car expenses.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

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

Moved L. Bartels, seconded A. Broadbent that Secretary have power to have more C.E.P.A. Letterheads printed. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded A. Broadbent that M. Jackman contact J. Moncrieff about joining the Animal Welfare Association and this Association to pay Affiliation Fee. Carried.

Meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

Date

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

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Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Co-op, Stanley Street, Bendigo on Thursday 29th April, 1982.

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

Nominations for V.E.B. - A. Broadbent, J. Scott, R. Robins and D. Foster who is the present Chairman of F.C.P.F.A.

It was also decided to write to the Minister suggesting that Mr. Don Bain would be an ideal representative on the V.E.B. because of his vast marketing experience etc.

A letter to be sent to the Minister of Agriculture requesting a deputation from our Organisation to discuss the future of the poultry industry and the family farm.

It was decided that the Annual Conference of Central Council to be held on Friday 18th June at 1 p.m. in the Bendigo City Hall. Secretary to write to Branches for nominations and Agenda Items.

Discussion on F.C.P.F.A. fees to be left until Annual Conference.

Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that we endorse D. Oakes' action in supporting Ian Dixon's application for his father's hen quota. Carried.

Agenda Items

(1) Request Department of Agriculture to research into cracked eggs and haugh unit testing.

(2) That V.E.B. be requested to forward correspondence through correct channels.

Meeting closed.

Chairman
Date