

June 1983

CENTRAL COUNCIL

11/7/83

Minutes of the ANNUAL CONFERENCE held at the City Hall, Bendigo on Friday 17th June, 1983 at 1 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bendigo - A. Broadbent, R. Robins, K. Fitzgibbon.
South Bendigo - J. Scott, D. Oakes, M. Jackman, M. Oakes, G. Robertson.
Murrabit - H. Webb, L. Bartel.
Euroa - J. Belcher.

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

APOLOGIES - were received from E. Walker, Wedderburn; H. Wilson and R. Broadbent, Bendigo; and Joan Heard, South Bendigo; on the motion of J. Scott and L. Bartel. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Minister of Agriculture (Mr. E. Kent) -
 - (i) answer to letter re Wheat, meatmeal and Egg Marketing Board.
 - (ii) requesting nominations for Egg Marketing Board.
 - (iii) requesting nomination for Chairman of Egg Marketing Board.
 - (iv) thanks for nomination of D. Foster for Chairman of V.E.B.
 - (v) notification of the complete new Board.
 - (vi) Extension of time on discussion Paper on Egg Industry Stabilization Bill.
- (2) David Kennedy, M.L.A., enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Kent re transfer of hen quotas.
 - (ii) regarding eggs used by Vic Rail.
- (3) John Brumby, M.L.C., - 2 letters re diesel fuel rebate scheme.
- (4) Victorian Egg Marketing Board -
 - (i) free range eggs.
 - (ii) Tee Shirt sales.
 - (iii) Class "A" Premium.
 - (iv) Increase in Board charges.
 - (v) Welfare workshop in Hobart.
 - (vi) reply to letter from Half Yearly conference.
 - (vii) notification of Industry meeting 17th February, 1983.
 - (viii) re brown eggs.
 - (ix) tenderizing spent hens.
 - (x) Guidelines for brown eggs.
 - (xi) notification of industry meeting 6th April, 1983.
 - (xii) meeting with Board 22nd March, 1983.
 - (xiii) reply from Egg Board re query on brown eggs.
 - (xiv) Review of dockage.
 - (xv) Seasonal price changes.
 - (xvi) Future of the poultry Farmer Journal.
 - (xvii) Producer meeting with Board on 26th May, 1983.
 - (xviii) Minutes of meeting on 26th May, 1983.
 - (xvix) re availability of Tri-post one dozen cartons.
 - (xx) Invitation to launching of new Corporate Name for V.E.B.
- (5) Department of Agriculture -
 - (i) Re promotion of Mr. Ray Evans to Melbourne.
 - (ii) Poultry Newsletter.
- (6) Poultry Farmer Licensing Committee -
 - (i) Re alleged illegal transfer of hen quotas.
 - (ii) 2 letters regarding Spring quota cuts.
- (7) Victorian Farmers and Graziers Association - notification of Annual Conference and agenda for same.

- (8) Crystal Egg Company - several letters regarding increases in grading charges.
- (9) K. & L. Thomas Hatchery - requesting opportunity to address Executive re replacement of laying stock.
- (10) Industrial Relations Commission - forwarding certificate of Recognition for Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria.
- (11) S.E.C. - re insulating for controlled environment.
- (12) University of New England (Australian Rural Adjustment Unit) re conference on the Balderstone Report on Australian Agricultural Policy.
- (13) Australian Council of Egg Producers - letters, minutes and information.
- (14) Various brochures.

Moved J. Scott, seconded R. Robins that the correspondence from the Australian Council of Egg Producers be circulated around the Branches and the Executive for perusal. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded L. Bartel that on the "dockage review" that the Executive take note of arguments put forward and build up a case to oppose the proposed paper. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that a letter be sent to V.E.B. asking what is the quantities of egg pulped and percentage of 60's and above being pulped, for each fortnight over the last three months. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded M. Jackman that the Regulations or Act for poultry processing plants be photocopied and distributed to the Executive and each Branch. Carried.

Moved L. Bartel, seconded A. Broadbent that correspondence be received. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded R. Robins that our Association supports using Peter Russell Clarke for promotion of eggs on an Australia wide basis, also not happy with the V.E.B. for failing to make use of Cliff Young in promotion work. Carried.

MINUTES:

Moved M. Jackman, seconded L. Bartel that the minutes of previous conference as circulated be received and adopted. Carried.

The Conference then adjourned and the President welcomed Mr. D. Kennedy, who spent over an hour with us discussing the pros and cons of the proposed Egg Industry Stabilization Paper.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

M. Jackman submitted the following report -

Expenditure	\$1,727.40
Income	3,400.86
Sandhurst Trustees	4,000.00
C'wealth Bank Investment	3,000.00
C'wealth Bank cash	2,194.19

Moved L. Bartel, seconded J. Belcher that Treasurer's Report be received and accounts be passed for payment when presented. Carried.

Moved J. Scott, seconded A. Broadbent that all delegates be paid daily attendance expenses of \$20.00, also Euroa and Murrabit delegates be paid car allowance. Carried.