

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCER'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE held at the Diagnostic Centre, Epsom on Monday 18th June, 1984 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bendigo Branch - R. Robins, A. Broadbent, R. Broadbent, H. Wilson,
K. Fitzgibbon.
South Bendigo Branch - M. Jackman, D. Oakes, J. Heard, G. Robertson.
Murrabit Branch - L. Bartel, H. Webb.

The President D. Oakes declared the meeting open and welcome thos present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Minister of Agriculture -
 - (i) requesting cominations for position of Producer member.
 - (ii) acknowledgement of receipt of nominations.
 - (iii) Requesting nominations for Victorian Poultry Advisory Ctte.
- (2) Ministry of Transport -
Reply to letter re transport of chickens on buses.
- (3) J. Brumby, M.P. -
Accepting invitation to attend conference.
- (4) Egg Farmers of Victoria -
 - (i) use of egg powder tailings.
 - (ii) meeting in Bendigo on 12th June, 1984.
 - (iii) notification of discussion with Dr. Wegner of Germany re alternative cage systems.
 - (iv) Notice of Proposed Discussion Paper re new Quality Standards testing.
 - (v) Notifying us of proposed feed and farm costs review re egg prices.
 - (vi) Report of Primary Industry Ctte. meeting on 1st May, 1984.
 - (vii) Annual Report.
- (5) W.P.S.A. - copies of brochures re Poultry study tours to Europe and U.K.
- (6) Dow Chemical Australia Ltd. - re Styrofoam Brand Insulation.
- (7) A.C.E.P. -
 - (i) Agenda to various meetings over last 6 months.
 - (ii) 2 letters on A.C.E.P. funding.
 - (iii) Copies of replies re B.A.E. report etc.
 - (iv) Copy of A.C.E.P. budget 1984-85.
 - (v) Circulars and submission regarding animal welfare.
 - (vi) Suggesting we take action re N.S.W. over quota farms.
 - (vii) Notice of National newsletter.
 - (viii) Bill for subs.
 - (ix) Various circulars.

R, Robins nominated D. Oakes as our representative on Victorian Poultry Advisory Committee, also request the right to nominate a deputy if needed.
H. Wilson nominated R. Ronins as deputy representative.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board suggesting the possibility of marketing egg powder tailings in milk powder for calf feed.

The Secretary to inform the Board that our Association agrees that some form of cost of production needs to be taken into account when setting egg prices, also pointing out that Producers use varying types of grains at varying prices and this needs to be taken into consideration.

Funding of A.C.E.P.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded L. Bartel that Secretary contact A.C.E.P. informing them that we are not in favour of paying amount of \$8,500 per year. Carried.

Copies of A.C.E.P. National Newsletter to be sent to Joan Heard, Rae Broadbent and Kevin Fitzgibbon.

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

APOLOGIES - were received from G. Belcher (Euroa) and M. Oakes (South Bendigo) on the motion of M. Jackman and H. Wilson. Carried.

MINUTES: - were read and confirmed on the motion of G. Robertson and M. Jackman. (ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES) Carried.
Minutes of previous half yearly conference were read for information only.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Expenditure	\$2,070.85	
Income	\$2,850.11	
Sandhurst Trustees		\$4,000.00
Sandhurst Trustees 30 day notice		3,500.00
Interest		291.00
Commonwealth Bank Investment		2,000.00
Commonwealth Bank Cash		473.45
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	TOTAL	\$10,265.23
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Moved A. Broadbent, seconded H. Wilson that Treasurer's report be received and accounts be passed for payment as presented. Carried.

R. Robins reported on Board's visit to Crystal Grading Floor on 12th June, 1984. Producers unsure as to what is required with grading of eggs etc.

Moved H. Wilson, seconded G. Robertson that we write to Board inviting full Board to hold their meeting in Bendigo on 13th November, 1984 and meeting with our Association afterwards.
Also as 13th November is a long way off we would like to request a deputation with the whole Board in Melbourne as soon as it can be arranged to discuss the following urgent matters:- The Board's new 5 year plan; Rising Marketing costs; Sales; New Products; and suggesting that a correspondence programme be introduced informing all relevant groups on the Egg Industry in general. Those suggested to take part - media, consumer groups, members of Parlaiment and other interested groups.

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded H. Wilson that the Executive make a recommendation on the Incorporating of C.E.P.A. as soon as possible. Carried.

A. Broadbent reported that D. FOSTER had stated that N.S.W. situation not

going to deregulate, Hazlett had no responsibility to supply hens to rebel producers.

Licenses in Victoria - up to 500 hens \$20; over 500 \$50 per 2 years.

Moved Rae Broadbent, seconded J. Heard that reports be received. Carried.

Half Yearly Conference to C.E.P.A. to be held on Tuesday 13th November, 1984.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

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

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded M. Jackman that H. Wilson to added to Executive as Assistant Treasurer. Carried.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:

(1) "That a Correspondence Programme be introduced informing all relevant groups on the Egg Industry in general. Those suggested to take part - media, consumer groups, members of Parliament and other interested groups".

This to be kept in mind and discuss with Board.

(2) "Increase cost of Hen License - is this rise warranted?"
New charges have been introduced.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved R. Robins, seconded H. Webb that capitation fee be left at \$1.00. Carried.

PROPOSED EGG QUALITY TESTING:

It was decided to write to Board stating that we believe there will be extras costs involved in policing the scheme, with Inspectors needed every two weeks to take samples from the P.A.'s and farm packers. Who will be covering the cost of this extra requirement?

Conference closed at 6.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

J. D. Oakes
19 June 1985.