

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive meeting held at the R.S.L. Hall, Kangaroo Flat on 7th April, 1986.

PRESENT: R. Robins, (Chairman), M. Oakes, H. Wilson, G. Kean, D. Oakes, G. Robertson, K. Fitzgibbon.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION ON BOARD.

R. Robins, nominated by D. Oakes,
G. Robertson, nominated by R. Robins.
D. Oakes, nominated by G. Robertson.

Moved G. Kean, seconded H. Wilson that Secretary write to Minister submitting our nominations in order of preference (1) R. Robins, (2) G. Robertson, (3) D. Oakes. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to ring Minister's Secretary to arrange a deputation to the Minister as soon as possible.

DOCKAGE DISCUSSION:

Specific issues - Dockage - only deferred for further 12 months. Major decision being pushed through by present Board, this should be deferred because new Board will be announced on 1st July, 1986; particularly the closure of country depots and diverting of country eggs to Keysborough.

Country representation needed on the Board.

Expertise on present Board is not producing the good. Some of these people need looking at.

PUBLIC REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Secretary to write to Mr. David Ali, Secretary of Public Bodies Review Committee requesting an interim report on the findings of the evidence received in relation to the operations of the Victorian Egg Marketing Board early in March this year.

Copy of letter to be sent to Bernie Dunn.

Letter from Don Foster to R. Robins, was read out, Mr. Foster seeking to attend our April meeting. Decision was No. R. Robins to notify.

Secretary to write to Board seeking meeting with whole Board as soon as possible.

Meeting closed.

Bob Robins

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COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (CENTRAL COUNCIL)

Minutes of Executive meeting held on 18th November, 1985.

Meeting called to discuss "Marketing of Primary Products and Egg Industry Stabilization (Amendment) Act, 1983".

Decision that Secretary write to Bernie Dunne, David Kennedy and Bruce Reid with the following comments:-

- (1) We would like to see provision in the Act for a buy back scheme such as in N.S.W., where the Board takes back quota for a certain period of say 2 - 4 weeks.
This would provide for farmers affected by an outbreak of disease, heat wave or other similar disasters.
- (2) A standard contract should be issued for all farmers with no special treatment according to size of farm.
- (3) Penalties for overquota birds need to be heavy and be strongly policed.
- (4) That there should only be one nominee for each company and/or subsidiary of a company. The danger being that the 40,000 bird limit could be exploited. The 40,000 limit must be retained if family type farms are to remain viable.

Members also discussed the matter of dockage, it was decided to write to the Board opposing their recommendation to phase out dockage subsidies. Letter to state that we represent the majority of country egg producers in this state and the recommendation to phase out dockage subsidies is further discrimination against our members and all producers outside the metropolitan area. We believe that industry costs should be shared by all sections of the industry.

It was also decided to write to David Kennedy on the same matter asking him to arrange a meeting for us with the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Evan Walker.

Meeting closed.

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE Held at the R.S.L. Hall, Kangaroo Flat on Wednesday 19th June, 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: D. Oakes (Chairman), R. Robins, H. Wilson, R. Broadbent, A. Broadbent, M. Oakes, J. Heard, G. Robertson, K. Fitzgibbon, and L. Bartels (Murrabit).

The President welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

APOLOGIES:

WERE RECEIVED FROM J. Belcher (Euroa) and H. Webb (Murrabit) on the motion of H. Wilson, and A. Broadbent. Carried.

MINUTES: of the previous Annual Conference were read and confirmed on the motion of L. Bartel and R. Broadbent. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (This was discussed as listed)

1. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:- Requesting nominations for the position of Producer Member on V.E.B.
2. KEN WRIGHT, M.L.C.: (i) Reply to letter re recommendations of Review Committee - Intensive Livestock Industries.
(ii) Copy of letter from Minister re above.
(iii) Thanks for congratulatory letter.
(iv) List of National Party's Parliamentary Spokesman.
3. MICHAEL JOHN, M.L.A.:- (i) Thanks for congratulatory letter.
(ii) Asking for meeting with Executive.
4. EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA:-
(i) Copy of notes of meeting with Producer Organisations on 20th February, 1985.
(ii) Proposal for discussion at Producers Organisations meeting.
(iii) Invitation to Board meeting to be held in Bendigo on 19/6/85.
(iv) 1983-84 Report.
(v) Letter cancelling meeting with Board on 19/6/85.
5. COLIBAN WATER INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE:
(i) Expressing concern for increasing cost of water in Coliban System.
Enclosing copies of letter from Minister of Water Supply re charges; letter from Secretary of Coliban Water Investigation Committee and minutes of meeting held on 11th December, 1984.
6. POULTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:- Report of the Intensive Animal Review Cttee.
7. VICTORIAN FARMERS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION:
Query re submission on Egg Industry matters.
8. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:-
(i) Diagnostic Centre, Bendigo - new procedure for meetings held at that venue.
(ii) Poultry Newsletters for December, '84 and January, '85.
(iii) Annual Report.
(iv) 26th Victorian Random Sample Laying Test, 83-84.

9. AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF EGG PRODUCERS:

- (i) Regarding Animal Welfare in the Rural Sector - copy of Senator George's speech.
- (ii) Copies of letters from Rural Research.
- (iii) Assets Test Information.
- (iv) Taxation Policy Assesment.
- (v) Rural Industry Research Fund proposals.
- (vi) Fact Sheet on Unleaded Petrol.
- (vii) Information papers on animal welfare.
- (viii) Information on 1985 Australian Agricultural Year Book.
- (ix) Letter to Mr. Starick (copy) from John Kerin (Minister of Agriculture) seeking representatives for the Research Council Selection Committee.

10. SOUTH QUEENSLAND COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ORGANISATION:

- (i) D.P.I. Poultry Services, Standards and costs -
 - Part 1 - Composite Data.
 - Part 2 - Consultant's Report.
- (ii) Newsletters from February, March and April, 1985.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded L. Bartel that correspondence as read be received. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:-

M. Jackman reported the following:-

Expenditure	\$2977.74	
Income	\$3807.89	
Balance	\$ 830.15	
Sandhurst Trustees	\$2000.00	1.11.85
	\$4000.00	30.11.85
	\$3970.54	30 days
Commonwealth Bank	\$2000.00	30.12.85
	\$ 830.15	Balance
Total	\$2800.69	

Moved R. Broadbent, seconded H. Wilson that the Treasurer's Report be received and that further accounts to be paid as presented. Carried.

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded G. Robertson that car allowance for delegates to Melbourne meetings be \$30.00 and if travelling by train it to be 1st Class. Delegates to be paid \$30.00 per day. Carried.

Moved R. Broadbent, seconded R. Robins that Incorporated Branches travelling allowance be 10c per kilometer each way. Carried.

REPORTS:

L. Bartel reported that things were fairly quiet at Murrabit Branch with only 3 members.

CO-OP REPORT - M. Jackman reported that the Cop-op had had a successful year financially - Annual meeting on Friday 21st June, 1985. There is a problem with cash sales, these should not amount to more than 10% of total sales, could be a worry to remain a Co-operative.

D. Oakes reported on recent outbreak of fowl plague, along with R. Robins he met with the Department of Agriculture. The Department didn't seem to know the whereabouts of farms in the area. Also the Department didn't seem to have any policy of handling an outbreak of this kind.

Moved R. Robins, seconded G. Robertson that reports be received.

Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

D. Oakes stated that after 38 years as President, that he had decided to retire. During his term of office he had negotiated with all Board Chairmen in that time. We have had a lot of battles in that time. Many important things have happened in the industry over the last few years, the main benefits to producers would have been Demand Supply Management and the forming of the Co-Operative.

R. Robins was nominated and duly elected as President. He took the Chair and congratulated Dennis on his tremendous efforts for the Association and the industry during his 38 years of office; this was carried with acclamation.

SECRETARY	- K. Fitzgibbon.
ASS. SECRETARY	- A. Broadbent.
VICE PRESIDENTS	- G. Robertson and H. Wilson.
TREASURER	- M. Jackman.
ASS. TREASURER	- M. Oakes.
AUDITORS	- J. Moncrieff and J. Heard.
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	- R. Broadbent and G. Kean, with D. Oakes senior advisor.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:

1. BOARD'S 5 YEAR PLAN.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded A. Broadbent that the Secretary write to the Board and state the following:-

We are opposed to many aspects of this plan -

- (i) We are concerned at levy being based on quota, this would discriminate against small producers who could have trouble keeping their quota constant.
 - (ii) We oppose all Board Administration and Marketing costs as a quota levy.
 - (iii) We oppose issuing of extra quota for products to be paid for at less than cost of production.
 - (iv) We are strongly opposed to the Board setting the Wholesale Price of eggs and allowing distributors and P.A.'s to compete for customers.
 - (v) We are opposed to option to develop farm brands for marketing.
 - (vi) We are opposed to extra grades to eggs being marketed particularly the 70 gram and free range egg.
 - (vii) We believe that Board should give the points system a chance to work before lumbering producers with impossible standards and increased costs.
- Also Secretary to request meeting with Board in Bendigo in July.

Carried.

A copy of letter to Board to be sent to each member and well as Secretary.

2. INCORPORATION.

Moved R. Broadbent, seconded G. Robertson that the Commercial Egg Producers' Association become Incorporated and adopt the set of Model Rules as accepted by our Executive under the Associations Incorporated Act, 1981. Carried.

3. FUTURE FORMAT OF CONFERENCE.

It was decided that Association hold evening meetings at this stage.

4. PERMIT WHEAT.

The main problem is members having trouble getting growers to sign permits.

5. REPORT ON A.C.E.P. MEETING.

D. Okaes gave a report on A.C.E.P. meeting held in Melbourne on 29th & 30th April, 1985. He was worried about the high running costs of A.C.E.P., the proposed budget for 1985-86 of \$53,220.00; with N.F.F. Membership of \$17,105.00. At this stage we have not received our account for membership.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF V.F.G.A.

Our policy is to keep our own identity, but have no objection to members joining the V.F.G.A. privately.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Moved G. Robertson, seconded A. Broadbent that Secretary's honorarium be \$300.00. Carried.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded A. Broadbent that G. Robertson and J. Heard be our delegates on the Coliban Water Investigation Committee. Carried.

Poultry Advisory Research Council delegates - D. Oakes and R. Robins.

The Secretary was instructed to write to R.Guy at Crystal Egg Co., complaining about the poor service there in recent times.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Moved M. Jackman "That to become an Associate Member of Commercial Egg Producers' Association a person must have a rural interest."
