

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: held at the R.S.L. Hall, Kangaroo Flat, on Wednesday 20th May, 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: R. Robins (Chairman), G. Keene, M. Jackman, G. Robertson, M. Oakes, H. Webb, D. Oakes, G. Belcher and K. Fitzgibbon.

APOLOGIES: were received from H. Wilson, T. Kelly and L. Bartels on the motion of G. Robertson and D. Oakes. Carried.

MINUTES: of the previous Annual Conference were read and confirmed on the motion of G. Robertson and D. Oakes. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: as per attached list was read and dealt with as required. Carried.

PUBLIC BODIES REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The Secretary was instructed to ring David Ali seeking permission to submit another submission.

Pricing of eggs: Moved D. Oakes, seconded H. Webb that the Board as a marketing board is in the best position to set the price of eggs. With the aid of a system similar to that set up in W.A., working on cost of production to set price changes. Carried.

Deregulation: We support the Quota System and the egg board, and we are against any deregulation of either.

Producers have suffered the 12 cents per dozen drop in price; but eggs in some supermarkets have actually risen in price.

We believe that consumers have not received these benefits.

Suggested rise in the price of eggs to be in line with C.P.I.

Moved G. Robertson, seconded G. Belcher that correspondence be received. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Moved G. Kean, seconded D. Oakes that office bearers of last year be re-elected. Carried.

President	- R. Robins
Vice Presidents	- G. Robertson, H. Wilson
Secretary	- K. Fitzgibbon
Assistant Secretary	- R. Broadbent
Treasurer	- M. Jackman
Assistant Treasurer	- M. Oakes
Auditors	- J. Moncrieff, J. Heard
Executive Members	- G. Kean, G. Guinness, H. Webb.
Senior Advisor	- D. Oakes

SECRETARY'S ALLOWANCE:

Moved G. Kean, seconded D. Oakes that Secretary's allowance be \$300.00 and expenses of \$29.50 be paid. Carried.

FELS REPORT:

Points to be included in submission. Established producers who have no money owing on their farms are able to survive, but those who have borrowed money are in trouble.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

Raw Robins

DATE:

6-6-88

TREASURER'S REPORT:

M. Jackman submitted the following report:

Expenditure	\$1919.19
Receipts	\$3094.48
Bank Balance	\$3095.66
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$4000.00
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$2000.00
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$2000.00
Sandhurst Trustees 30 Day A/c.	\$3748.01
Commonwealth Bank Term Dep.	\$2000.00
Bank Balance	\$3095.66
Total Assets	\$16843.67

Moved G. Kean, seconded G. Robertson that the Treasurer's Report be received and accounts for - Heater R.S.L. Hall \$306.00; Coliban Investigation Committee \$12.50 be passed for payment and any accounts be paid as presented. Carried.

REPORTS:

R. Robins reported on Action Committee meeting which was addressed by Prof. Neville Norman, who stated that the Fels model farm would not be viable. They would be putting in a further submission to Prof. Fels.

R. Robins also reported on the Dockage situation, he stated that C.E.P.A. has invited Gordon Hudson to a meeting on 1st June, 1987 to inform us on cartage figure etc.

Moved G. Robertson, seconded D. Oakes that reports be received.

Carried.

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LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: (1) Thanking Association for letter re Prof Fels report.
(2) Informing us that he has written to Prof. Fels on our behalf.
(3) Copy of letter received from Prof. Fels.
(4) Reply to letter re Keysborough being only prescribed place for receipt of eggs.
2. PREMIER OF VICTORIA: (1) Acknowledging receipt of letter re dockage.
(2) Answering letter re dockage.
3. N.S.W. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Reply to letter re unlicensed egg producer Mr. C. L. Peek.
4. MR. KERIN, MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY: Information re Government action for Rural Australia.
5. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS: (1) Notification of appointments to Victorian Egg Marketing Board to 30/6/87.
(2) Requesting list of names for Victorian Egg Marketing Board from 30/6/87.
(3) Information re induced laying clause.
6. BERNIE DUNN, M.P. (1) Information re dockage.
(2) Information re Fels report.
7. DAVID KENNEDY, M.L.A.: (1) Forwarding reply from Premier's Dept. re dockage.
(2) Re proposed regulation to prescribe Keysborough as the only prescribed place for the receipt of eggs.
8. TOM AUSTIN, M.L.A.: Re proposed regulation to prescribe Keysborough.
9. EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA: (1) Document on dockage.
(2) New method for payment of Administration and Marketing costs.
(3) Premium price for brown eggs.
(4) Egg Price reduction effective re Fels report.
(5) Payment to Producers by Direct Bank Transfer.
(6) Opportunity for exports to Japan in 1987.
(7) Introduction of Brown Eggs.
(8) Exports to Japan in 1987.
(9) Quota levy on 18 week old birds.
(10) Induced laying clause.
(11) Invitation to Egg Board meeting in Bendigo on 20th May, 1987.

- (12) Malcolm Peacock - report on investigation re New Zealand Egg Industry
- (13) Peter Carpenter - re report on leviable age of birds.
- (14) Report on the profitability of egg production in NSW 1985/86.
- (15) John O'Connor - address to Sixth Australasian Poultry and Stockfeed Convention. Melbourne, 22-27 September, 1985.
- (16) Various newsletters.
10. VICTORIAN FARMERS FEDERATION: Re animal activist group operating in Victoria.
11. MCDONALD, SCOTT & WATERS: Re Egg Transport Subsidies.
12. POULTRY RESEARCH COUNCIL: (1) Inviting applications to conduct research related to egg industry in 1987-88 financial year.
(2) Five Year, Research and Development Plan.
13. VICTORIAN FARMERS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION: (1) re vacancy on Executive Cttee. of VFF, Egg Producers Group.
(2) Notice of meeting regarding action following Fels report.
(3) Re the Egg Industry Fighting Fund.
14. PRICES COMMISSIONER OF VICTORIA: Prof. Fels' report.
15. PUBLIC BODIES REVIEW COMMITTEE: (1) Notice of public hearing on Monday 17th November, 1986 in Melbourne.
(2) Transcript of evidence given at Public Bodies Review Cttee. meeting.
(3) Minutes of Evidence given at Public Bodies Hearing at Bendigo on 5th March, 1986.
16. PETERSEN, WESTBROOK AND ASSOCIATES: Forwarding notice of Registration of the Name for the Incorporation of the Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria.
17. THE AUSTRALIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION LTD.: Re animal welfare.
18. NATIONAL MUTUAL & JACQUES MARTIN: Superannuation information material.
19. AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS: Re Agricultural Census.
20. SOUTH QUEENSLAND COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ORGANISATION: Forwarding 'Eggsplain' monthly publications.
21. DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY: Forwarding Annual Report of Poultry Research Council.
22. TRADE PRACTICES COMMISSION: Guidelines for the Merger Provisions of The Trade Practices Act, 1974.
23. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NEW SOUTH WALES: On the Profitability of Egg Production in N.S.W.