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COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, held at the R.S.L. Hall, Kangaroo Flat on Monday 6th June, 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: R. Robins (Chairman),
Bendigo: N. Robins, G. Kean, I. Dixon, B. Lillee, H. Wilson,
R. Broadbent, B. Roney, K. Fitzgibbon.
South Bendigo: D. Oakes, M. Oakes, M. Damagenic, G. Robertson, J. Heard,
M. Jackman.
Murrabit: T. Kelly, H. Webb, L. Bartels.

APOLOGIES: were received from G. Belcher and G. Burnside on the motion of
M. Oakes and M. Jackman. Carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: as per attached list was read and dealt with as required.
Plus a letter from Michael John re deputation to Tom Austin, Shadow Minister
for Agriculture.

Moved D. Oakes, seconded G. Robertson that Secretary write to Mr. Walker,
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs requesting that a representative be
appointed on the Egg Board, from producers from north of the divide. There
has been no Country representation on the Board for 10 years. Carried.

This letter to be sent certified mail and a copy sent to Mr. Cain and David
Kennedy.

Moved N. Robins, seconded H. Wilson that correspondence be received. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

R. Robins reported that the year had been more difficult than usual. We have
battled with The Public Bodies Review Committee Report, The Prices
Commissioner's Report into egg pricing and the problem with the Egg Board
changing egg grades to 7 gram steps which cost producers dearly. There is
also an inquiry into the Hen Quota System at the Federal level, through the
Agricultural Council.

There is no shortage of reports into the egg industry, but unfortunately with each report we see the producer losing more ground.

I was disappointed with The Public Bodies report in that there was nothing constructive in it and of the 80 odd recommendations that were put, nearly all were decided on Party Lines. This makes a farce of the whole report.

Regarding The Prices Commissioner's Report, we have had protest meetings in conjunction with the V.F.F. in an attempt to get Professor Fels to re-organise his 20,000 hen model farm into a practical and profitable working model. Prof. Fels is a consumer advocate and has played down farm expenses so low that the model farm is not viable.

Regarding the egg grade changes - The Egg Board has changed the grades to 6 Gram steps, this has helped producer's returns but we are still 4c to 5c below the August, 1986 price. This is still too low considering feed costs have risen around 25%.

I thank all members for their support over the year and I hope the industry will settle down and we will have a quieter year this coming year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

M. Jackman submitted the following report:-

Bank Balance	\$2486.27
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$6000.00
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$2000.00
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$3000.00
Sandhurst Trustees 30 Day Acc.	\$4894.61
Total Assets	<u>\$18380.88</u>

Moved R. Braodbent, seconded D. Oakes that Treasurer's Report be received and outstanding accounts be paid when presented. Carried.

Moved G. Kean, seconded D. Oakes that reports be received. Carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

(1) MINISTER'S RECOMMENDATION RE NEW LEGISLATION.

Recommendations

(1) The V.E.B. to retain the sale of all trolleys to supermarkets in Metropolitan area.

(2) We support seventh man on Board, if union member is put on Board he must have some marketing expertise.

(3) We are against the V.E.B. negotiating with P.A.'s re supermarket trolleys.

(4) Egg prices to be determined at 3 monthly intervals.
W.A. system be presented as an alternative system, (8,000 bird farm) it has worked satisfactorily for 15 years.

(2) DOCKAGE.

The Committee elected to investigate the proposed Co-op Egg Grading Floor has written to the V.E.B. re a licence for Bendigo and is awaiting their reply.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Moved B. Lillee, seconded L. Bartels that all existing positions of Executive be returned with the exception of G. Guinness who is to be replaced by Neil Robins as Executive Member. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved N. Robins, seconded M. Jackman that Secretary write to Mr. Bill Stanhope requesting him to organise a Seminar on the Poultry Industry in Bendigo to cater for Northern Victorian producers, also to ask for copies of all papers at Seminar to be held in Melbourne on 21st June, 1988. Carried.

Moved D. Oakes, seconded B. Lillee that costs of \$53.25 for repairs to electrical wiring for hot water service at R.S.L. Hall, Kangaroo Flat be paid. Carried.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

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LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE

6th June, 1988.

1. MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS:
 - (a) Copies of reports on V.E.B., Licensing and Licensing Review.
 - (b) Public Bodies Review Ctte report - requesting submission.
 - (c) Copy of Ministerial statement on Egg Marketing.
2. BERNIE DUNN, M.L.C.:
 - (a) Thanks for letter and copy of letter to Minister, re Public Bodies Review Ctte.
 - (b) Copy of Ministerial statement on Egg Marketing.
3. DAVID KENNEDY, M.L.A.:
 - (a) Copy of letter from Minister re submission on Public Bodies Review Ctte Report.
 - (b) Copy of Ministerial statement on Egg Marketing.
4. LAURIE McARTHUR, CONVENOR, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS CAUCUS CTTE:

David Kennedy to arrange meeting with Labour Party Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ctte.
5. MICHAEL JOHN, M.L.A.:

Thanks for copy of letter to Minister re Public Bodies Review Ctte report.
6. SHIRLEY WALTERS, SENATOR FOR TASMANIA:

Second reading of the Australian Heritage Commission, Amendment Bill, 1988.
7. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS:
 - (a) Copy of Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Annual Report to Parliament for 1986/87.
 - (b) Requesting panel of names for nomination for appointment to the Victorian Egg Marketing Board.
 - (c) Comments noted re Public Bodies Review Ctte report.
8. MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES & ENERGY:
 - (a) The Rural Scene - Government's third term opens with reforms
 - (b) Media Release - analysing impact of Industry Development Review.
 - (c) Copy of Australian Labour Party Primary Industry & Rural Policy.
 - (d) Copy of 'Policies for Growth'.
 - (e) Annual Report 1986-87.
 - (f) Joint Statement - Major Reforms for the Primary Industries and Resources Sector.

9. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:

- (a) Progress Bulletin re Federal Award Text Retrieval System.
- (b) Questionnaire re Federal Award Text Retrieval System.

10. EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA:

- (a) Annual Report 1986/87.
- (b) Commonwealth Hen Levies cease as from 1st July, 1987.
- (c) Permit Hens for Local Egg Products.
- (d) Re egg prices, Prof. Fels review and suggesting that Chairman of VEB be invited to next Branch meeting.
- (e) News Release - Victorian and NSW Governments form Joint Company.
- (f) Copy of letter to Aust. Council of Egg producers re likely future program of Good Food Products Aust. Pty. Ltd.
- (g) Moratorium of Farm Grading lifted, effective 1/12/87.
- (h) Victorian Egg Marketing Board Annual General Meeting to be held on 1st December, 1987.
- (i) Adjustment to Egg Prices, effective Monday 23/11/87.
- (j) Adjustmnet to Small Egg Grade Prices and Board Marketing and Administration Charge.
- (k) Export Contracts for 1988.
- (l) Egg Price Change effective Monday 14/12/87.
- (m) Copy of letter to Crystal Egg Company re having eggs washed at Grading floor.
- (n) Re "Further Certificate in Farming at TAFE colleges.
- (o) Seeking loan to construct 4,000 bird cage unit at Longerenong College.
- (p) Board Amdinistration and Marketing Charges in 1987/88.
- (q) Price Adjustment effective 29/2/88.
- (r) Answering letters re in-line Washing Machine, price adjustment, small eggs etc.
- (s) Export Permits.
- (t) Requesting comments or submissions re Impact Statement for changes to VEB regulations amending egg weight categories for First Quality eggs.
- (u) Marketing Brown Eggs.
- (v) 16% Seasonal Quota reduction for 1988/89.
- (w) Payment of Quota Contract Charges.
- (x) Copy of Press Release re Public Bodies Review Ctte report.
- (y) Government Statement on Egg Marketing.
- (z) Adjustment to Egg Prices, effective Monday 23/5/88.
- (1) Shell Thickness Standards.
- (2) Copies of Monthly Newsletters.

11. PUBLIC BODIES REVIEW COMMITTEE:

- (a) Public Hearing at Committee's Offices Thursday 22/10/87 re Vic. Egg Marketing Board, Licensing and Licensing Review.
- (b) Noting contents of correspondence - report to be tabled by 13/11/87.
- (c) Minutes of Evidence 22/10/87.
- (d) Copy of Egg and Poultry Report

12. PROFESSOR ALLAN FELS, PRICES COMMISSIONER - VICTORIA:L

- (a) Stating his intention to conduct a further review of Victorian Egg prices.
- (b) Copy of Review of Victorian Egg Prices, 25th March, 1988.

13. POULTRY RESEARCH COUNCIL:
 - (a) Outlining five year programme of Council.
 - (b) Programme for next Financial Year.
 - (c) Open Invitation to Victorian Egg Producers to informal gathering at Keysborough on 8th March, 1988 at 7.30 p.m.
14. N.S.W. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

The Profitability of Egg Production in N.S.W. in 1986-87.
15. EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION:

Copy of letter to Minister of Agriculture re Public Bodies Review Ctte Report.
16. C.E.P.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Copy of Submission for Protest Meeting 27th April, 1988.
17. INFORMATION AUSTRALIA GROUP:

Copy of special update for the Industrial Relations Index.
18. SOUTH QUEENSLAND C.E.P.A.:

Copy of July, 1987 'Egsplain'.
19. AUSTRALIAN EGG INDUSTRY CONFERENCE:
 - (a) Eighth Conference to be held in Brisbane 2nd June, 1988.
 - (b) Copy of Eggbeat.
20. MULTI-TECH PRECISION INDUSTRY CO. LTD.:

Introducing "MicroMist Cooling/Humidifying System".
21. AGRIMARK NEWS:

Copy of The Australian Agribusiness Newsletter.
22. JACQUES MARTIN:

Information re Regulations under the Occupational Superannuation Standards Act 1987.
23. MORESCOPE PTY. LTD.:

New edition of 'Australian Agriculture' published.
24. DOW CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:
 - (a) Advertising insulation products.
 - (b) Notice of meeting 14/6/88 re Energy Efficient Farming.
25. N.S.W. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

Report on European Layer Housing Systems.
26. FEDERAL INSIGHT:

Agriculture and Mining: future prospects.
27. DRYACIDE AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.:

Dryacide Treatment of Stored Grain for stockfeed.
28. BUTTERWORTHS:

Practical guide to the complex field of hazardous waste law and toxic tort law.
29. Various Journals and information.