

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, held at the R.S.L. Hall, Kangaroo Flat on Monday 5th June, 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: 20 Members present. R. Robins (Chairman),

Bendigo: N. Robins, G. Kean, I. Dixon, B. Lillee, H. Wilson, D. Wilson, R. Broadbent, B. Roney, K. Fitzgibbon, B. Gamboni, G. Gamboni, N. Watkins.

South Bendigo: M. Oakes, M. Damagenic, G. Robertson, F. Birmingham, J. Birmingham, N. Larsen, M. Jackman.

Chairman R. Robins, welcomed Ivan McKenney, Field Services Manager from V.E.B. and invited him to address meeting.

Mr. McKenney reported on meeting at Board in Melbourne re new legislation. Instruction that legislation is to be in place as from July 1st. He pointed out that there are some grey areas in the legislation.

Main points are:-

- \* Vesting remains.
- \* 100,000 bird quota limit.
- \* 50 hens exempt, (but these eggs are not exempt from quality control)
- \* Quota tender pool is finished.
- \* Animal Welfare code is out.
- \* Offence to sell eggs either wholesale or retail of poor quality.
- \* Number of members on Board increased from 6 to 8.
- \* Licensing Cttee to be separate Committee - 4 members.
- \* They will employ separate staff, inspectors, etc.
- \* One producer and one Board member to be on Licensing Committee.
- \* Egg Prices Tribunal to be committee of 3 - one to represent producers, one with commercial expertise to be appointed by Minister and Professor Fels.
- \* Zero surplus.
- \* No cross subsidization will occur, this will reduce costs with no equalisation, but 2 extra on Board, new Licensing Committee of four people, plus Tribunal Committee, these extra costs will have to be met by Board.
- \* P.A's will be granted to anyone who is deemed eligible or it is necessary to have a P.A. in a given area.
- \* P.A.'s will be able to grade other producer's eggs.
- \* Any producer can manufacture their own egg products.

R. Robins thanked Mr. McKenney for his address and adjourned meeting.

Meeting resumed.

APOLOGIES: were received from D. Oakes, H. Webb, L. Bartels and J. Belcher on the motion of R. Lillee and M. Oakes.

Carried.

MINUTES: of the previous Annual Conference were read and confirmed on the motion of M. Jackman and H. Wilson.

Carried.

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

Moved R. Lillee, seconded N. Robins that correspondence be received.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

R. Robins reported that throughout the year we have seen a further decline in the orderly marketing of eggs. The big problem of producers this year is the new Egg Marketing Bill that has been put through the Victorian Parliament. If this Bill had been passed through Parliament in its original form, there would have been a complete collapse of orderly marketing of eggs in Victoria. With Labour and Liberal Parties both pushing for deregulation, producers are fortunate that the National Party were able to obtain a few amendments which could give us a workable marketing system.

Egg producers will now be in the minority on the new 8 man egg Board. We will now have a 4 man Licensing Committee with powers to employ their own inspectors. Also there is to be a 3 man Pricing Tribunal. All these people are appointed by the Minister for Agriculture and paid for by producers.

Throughout the year our Association set up a Committee to do a feasibility study into a Co-operative egg grading floor. Some members and our Association have contributed \$40,000 to purchase the egg grader that was used at Keysborough. The project at present is in limbo because of industry uncertainty.

R. Robins also mentioned that the VFF proposed amalgamation with C.E.P.A. He closed his report thanking all those for their support over the past year in particular D. Oakes and others for attending deputations etc.

Moved M. Oakes, seconded G. Gamboni that report be received.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

M. Jackman submitted the following report:-

Total Receipts for past 12 months \$9,589.54

Total Expenses \$7,023.00

Assets as at 31st May, 1989

Bank Balance	\$5,164.33
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$6,000.00
Sandhurst Trustees (Common Fund)	\$2,000.00
Share in Egg Grader	\$5,000.00
Sandhurst Trustees 30 Day Acc.	\$3,500.00

Total Assets	\$21,664.33
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Moved G. Robertson, seconded G. Kean that Treasurer's Report be received and outstanding accounts be paid when presented.

Carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:EUROA BRANCH

(1) "To follow Canadian Egg Industry Policy to pulp underweights and 43 gram eggs and 49 grams that are not sold to hamburger outlets."

(With price of pulp in future, P.A.'s would be selling 49s at good price (due to new Bill), shortage of 43s and 49s at the moment.)

BENDIGO - SOUTH BENDIGO BRANCHES

(2) "Selling eggs by bulk weight."

(With minimum weight of eggs we are giving away 3 grams per egg on all egg grades)

Not at this time, maybe in the future.

There was discussion on the following 3 agenda items but no decisions reached.

(3) "State of the Industry."

(4) "Outcome of Legislation."

(5) "How to survive in the 1990's."

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The following were duly elected to hold respective positions for the next twelve months on the motion of R. Lillee and B. Gamboni.

Carried.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Lillee that Association take no further action with Grading Machine at this stage.

Carried.

Moved I. Dixon, seconded N. Robins that Secretary write to Politicians expressing Association's thanks for their efforts in regard to the new Egg Industry Legislation, letter to be sent to D. Kennedy, M. John, R. Best and colleagues.

Carried.

There was discussion on need for a price rise for eggs, it was decided to await new legislation being released and new Board appointed then write to Board requesting a review of egg prices.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded M. Damagenic that we request a price rise in eggs as soon as it is made known that the new legislation is in operation.

Carried.

Meeting closed at 11.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:



DATE:

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LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE

5th June, 1988.

1. DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET:  
Re Victorian Egg Marketing.
2. MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS:
  - (a) Thanks for letter dated 22nd July, 1988.
  - (b) Thanks for copy of letter to Victorian Egg Marketing Board dated 11th April, 1989.
  - (c) Copy of Ministerial Statement on Egg Marketing.
3. BILL McGRATH, M.L.A., DEP. LEADER, NATIONAL PARTY:  
Copy of Egg Industry Bill 1989.
4. DAVID KENNEDY, M.L.A.:  
Thanks for copy of letter sent to Minister and confirming his strong support for egg industry in Bendigo Region.
5. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS:
  - (a) Advising appointments made to the Egg Board for term ending 30th June, 1989.
  - (b) Thanks for letter 22nd July, 1988, re egg marketing.
  - (c) requesting nominations for Victorian Egg Marketing Board, term of office for all members expires 30th June, 1989.
  - (d) Veterinarians to discuss late broiler death syndrome at WPSA meeting on 20th April, 1989.
  - (e) 29th Victorian Random sample laying test 1986-88.
6. EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA:
  - (a) Submitting list of approved Distributors for both Metropolitan and Country areas.
  - (b) Monthly newsletters from June, 1988 to March, 1989.
  - (c) Annual Report 1987-1988.
7. CRYSTAL EGG COMPANY:
  - (a) Requesting meeting with C.E.P.A. to discuss Egg Industry Bill.
  - (b) Minutes of meeting to discuss Egg Industry Bill.
8. VICTORIAN FARMERS FEDERATION:  
Egg Producers Survival Kit.
9. WORLD POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:  
Notice of meeting on 1st June, 1989 to be held at Egg Farmers of Victoria Auditorium, Keysborough.
10. POULTRY RESEARCH COUNCIL:  
Newsletter.

11. JACQUES MARTIN HEWITT INTERNATIONAL:  
Economic Statement.
12. NATIONAL MUTUAL:  
Industry Updates (Superannuation).
13. AGRIMARK NEWS:  
Newsletter.
14. AUSTRALIAN EGG MARKETING COUNCIL:  
8th Annual Egg Industry Conference.
15. NATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE SURVEY:  
Report dated August, 1988.
16. THE POLICY CONSULTANTS:  
Profile of Counsultancy.
17. 1988-89 AGRICULTURAL CATALOGUE: