

Meeting Minutes

Pa. Egg Marketing Assn.

President Ben Burkholder opened the meeting by having members introduce their guests who represented poultry intergrators.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived but the treasurers report was presented, and accepted. Authorization was granted to transfer promotional funds temporarily to bolster the account balance until 1969 dues are collected.

President Ben Burkholder explained that there may be a time when the Pennsylvania industry will be interested in taking advantage of the Commodities Act. Before action can take place, basic rules must be established, and in order to provide this information a committee made up of Sam Berenson chairman, John Wenger, Tom Smith, and R. W. Sauder were named. President Burkholder expects this committee to go into action soon, as there is a great deal of information to be prepared.

K. M. Souders gave a special report on his attendance at a meeting in Las Vegas. He stated that a Mr. Stein from Maine was chairman of the meeting, and charged the group with the facts that something must be done about the supply of poultry and eggs, and bankers must be alerted to check more closely before making loans for industry expansion. "Mr. Stein suggested that, the Wall Street Journal and Bankers publications should be approached to carry the message".

"Further suggestions were that, fowl should be removed as a result of an option signed by a producer, or eggs must be removed, and should go to breakers"

"Organizations present were Neeme, Sweb, Neco, Western Egg Co., and a Mid Western group with a splendid representation from California."

"The objectives as set forth were 1—Communications, 2—Market Participation and Information, 3—Consumer Information, 4—Legislation".

"In order to finance the activity of the new National organization, named UNITED EGG PRODUCERS, INC., it was estimated that five (5) cents per case from participants may be needed. There was a definite conclusion that, the new organization will go ahead, and attempt to avoid any situation that may cause market erosion, as well as develop an effecton long and short reporting system".

"Tom Smith of Cloisterdale Farms has been appointed to the Organizational Steering Committee of the new organization, and will plan to attend meetings and keep PEMA members informed. As a matter of fact, the group requested Tom Smith to represent PEMA at a Chicago meeting."

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that K. M. Souders will continue to represent PEMA at the National level

"John Wenger reported that the reorganization committee for Pennsylvania has a strong feeling that a united voice would assist the industry in legislative matters. It is estimated that a Board of Directors made up of three members, for a total of 25 - 30 members, from each supporting organization would decide the destiny of the industry, with one or two meeting annually". "In between-regular Board meetings Executive Committee meetings would be held at regular and special times to act in behalf of the in-

dustry. Some consideration is being given to a name change. An effort is being made to sell 400 tickets for the January banquet at \$50 each to raise funds for the Federation operation".

During a general discussion on such subjects as pricing, consumer education, research, and reorganization, a number of ideas were mentioned. It was concluded that unrest exists in the market place on values. Several mentioned the need for strong consumer education, much more research, and careful consideration of all factors in reorganization.

Can Reduce Farm Fires

Destructive farm fires can be reduced as much as 20 percent through proper handling of gasoline, kerosene and other flammable liquids, according to Thomas H. Williams, extension agricultural engineer at the University of Delaware.

Store small amounts of gasoline and kerosene in metal safety cans, says Williams. And make sure that all storage cans are in sound condition and free of leaks. Label all containers clearly to avoid tragic mistakes. Never store flammable liquids in glass jars or other breakable containers.

Allow gasoline engines to cool before refueling, he adds. And wipe away spilled gasoline before starting the engine. Gasoline engines should always be fueled out-of-doors where explosive vapors can't accumulate. It may also be advisable to store gasoline powered equipment in a building separate from barns and other farm structures.

Keep all electrical circuits in good repair in gasoline storage areas, cautions Williams. And remember to keep gasoline and kerosene away from heat and flame.

Be sure to enforce the no-smoking rule when handling

flammable liquids, he adds. And never use gasoline or kerosene to start fires or burn leaves.

When storing large amounts of gasoline above ground, keep all drums outside, at least 40 feet from the closest building.

For a Saturday dinner we had Stouffer's lobster Newburg on a Bays English muffin, boiled carrots, cottage cheese, prunes, a canned pear, and a glass of milk, all preceded by Heaven Hill on-the-rocks.

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