

MINUTE of MEETING of COMMITTEE of
WARE POTATO DIVISION of THE SCOTTISH
POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held in the
GOLDEN LION HOTEL, STIRLING, at
2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 19th NOVEMBER,
1970.

PRESENT:- Messrs. A.D. Williamson, I.P. Fulton, J. Robertson, N. Law,
J. Aitken, T. McClung and G.G. Donald, along with Mr. P.
David Hunter, the Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs.
A.W. Adair A.K. Mathie and P. McDougall.

MINUTES. The Minute of Meeting of the Committee of the Ware Potato
Division held on 22nd October, 1970 was taken as read and approved.
Arising out of the previous Minute the Secretary reported on enquiries
which he had made concerning alterations in legislation to permit
the changeover to metric measures. After a discussion Mr. Fulton
was instructed at the next meeting of the Potato Trades Consortium
to state that the Association did not think that there was any
need to urge the Authorities to alter the legislation provided
it was made clear to the Authorities that the Trade must have at
least one year's prior notice of a changeover being enforced.

MARKET REPORTS. It was resolved to hold a meeting of the Glasgow
Ware Price Committee at 11.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th November,
at S.C.W.S. Dining Rooms, 261 Wallace Street, Glasgow. The Secretary
was instructed to invite all members of the Ware Division to attend
the Sub-Committee Meeting. It was further resolved that the membership
of the Sub-Committee would be established following the meeting
on 25th November.

J.C.C. MEETING. Mr. A.D. Williamson reported on the meeting of
the Joint Consultative Committee of the Potato Marketing Board
held in London on 23rd October, 1970. Following this report there
was discussion as to whether the Association should make an approach
to the Potato Marketing Board to request that they reduce their
price for Stockfeed. It was resolved to take no action regarding
this matter. The Secretary read to the meeting a letter which he
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had received from the Potato Marketing Board regarding loading instructions for "Tops" purchased under their Buying Programme. The Secretary also read to the meeting a letter from the Potato Marketing Board stating that they had been informed that McCain International Limited had decided that contracts for Pentland Dell and Majestic would be sought in preference to Pentland Crown for the 1971 crop.

POTATO TRADES CONSORTIUM. Mr. Ian P. Fulton reported on the meeting of the Potato Trades Consortium held in London on 28th October, 1970.

MEMBERSHIP. The Secretary reported that there were then 112 members of the Ware Division.

SEED DIVISION. The Secretary gave a brief report on the meeting of the Committee of the Seed Potato Division held in Perth on 12th November, 1970. Consideration was given to the co-opting on to the Ware Committee of a member of the Seed Committee. It was resolved that Mr. Tom McClung, who was on both Committees, would provide sufficient liaison and that, therefore, there was no need for a co-opted Member on the Ware Division Committee.

BRITISH RAILWAYS. The Secretary reported that he understood that although British Railways had this year relaxed their Regulations with regard to the granting of credit for freight charges they had indicated that they would enforce the Regulations rigidly next year.

E.C.E. WARE POTATO STANDARDS. The meeting considered the European Standard for Ware Potatoes. After a full discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food stating that the quality requirements laid down by the Potato Marketing Board for Standard Grade Potatoes was very much better than that laid down by E.C.E., riddle sizes should be 40 mm. rather than 35 mm. except for long varieties which should be defined by variety/

variety, in the definition of Common Scab the reference should be to 10% of the surface area rather than one-quarter of the surface as stated in the E.C.E. Regulations, the over-all tolerance should be 5% and not 6% and it should be sufficient to state on the label the name or code mark of the Packer without any reference to the Despatcher.

DIVISION DANCE. It was agreed in principle that the Division should hold a Dinner/Dance during March, 1971. The Secretary was instructed to obtain prices from various Hotels in Glasgow, for a function with a maximum attendance of 100.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. It was reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Glasgow & West of Scotland Benevolent Society was to be held during December, 1970, when it was anticipated that the Rules of the Society would be altered to open membership to all members of the Association.

ENGLISH CERTIFICATION SCHEME. It was resolved that at the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee there should be discussion regarding the abolition of 'H' Grade in the English Certification Scheme.

CIRCULAR. The Secretary was instructed to send out to the members of the Division a circular letter giving details of the subjects which were discussed at the Committee Meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was resolved that the next meeting of the Committee should be held in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th December, 1970.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.