

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL OF THE SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION held in the GOLDEN LION
HOTEL, STIRLING, at 2 p.m. on THURSDAY,
23rd JANUARY, 1971.

PRESENT: Messrs. I.P. Fulton, A.D. Williamson, J. Fordyce, G.C. Donald,
D.H. Lindsay, W. Gray, G. Luke and J. Robertson, along with Mr. P. David
Hunter, the Secretary.

MINUTES. The Minute of Meeting of the Advisory Council of 22nd October,
1970 was taken as read and approved.

Arising out of the previous Minute the Secretary reported that Mr.
R.L. Peacock had intimated his acceptance of appointment as Auditor
of the Association.

The Secretary reported that he was proposing to issue Subscription
Notices to Members as soon as the Post Office Workers returned to
work.

The Secretary reported that he had received an estimate for £22:10/-
for printing 200 copies of the Association's Constitution for issue
to members. It was resolved that the Secretary should delay having
the Constitution printed in view of the possibility of having to amend
the Constitution when it is reviewed by the Council following the year's
working.

Also arising out of the previous Minute it was resolved that the Association
should not have formal Rules to be applied to Arbitrations affecting
Association Members. The Secretary was, however, instructed to
draft "Recommendations regarding Arbitration Procedure" for the
guidance of Arbiters. It was also resolved to delay for a further
period the revision of the Conditions of Sale and Conditions of
Purchase recommended by the Scottish Potato Trade Executive.

STATISTICS. The Secretary reported that the capital transferred
to the Association from the former constituent Associations of
the Scottish Potato Trade Executive amounted to approximately £2,600
which would produce a yield of approximately £200 per annum. The
Secretary also stated that approximately £100 would be transferred
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to the Association from the Scottish Potato Export Group. It was resolved to note formally the receipt of funds from the Scottish Potato Export Group in order that the sum received may be utilised in connection with exports when the occasions arises in the future. The Secretary reported that the membership of the Association was as follows:-

<u>Seed Potato Division</u>	- Full Members	69
	Associate Members	<u>7</u>
		<u>76</u>
<u>Ware Potato Division</u>	- Full Members	112
	Associate Members	<u>11</u>
		<u>123</u>

The Secretary stated that in a full year the Subscription income would be just under £2000. He added that it would appear that the income of the Association from Subscriptions and interest on Capital should be sufficient to enable the Subscription level to be retained at £10 for Full Members and £5 for Associate Members. It was, however, acknowledged that in the first year of the Association the expenses would be higher than those of a normal year.

SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE EXECUTIVE. The Secretary reported that the Account of his expenses for the year to 30th November, 1970 was with the Auditors. It was resolved that the Secretary's salary for the period of the Account was fixed at £350.

EXPORT COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported to the Council that Mr. Ian Barr had intimated that although he was happy to remain on the Export Sub-Committee of the Association he did not wish to accept appointment as its Convener. Mr. George Lake was appointed Convener of the Export Committee. Messrs. G. Cyle and W. Gray were appointed additional Members of the Export Committee.

FREIGHT TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION./

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P.M.B. LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS. It was explained to the meeting that as a result of discussions at a meeting of the Scottish Advisory Committee in 1970 the Potato Marketing Board were awaiting from the Association observations regarding the Board's Regulations concerning the licensing of Potato Merchants. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board stating that in general the Licensing Conditions were reasonable provided they were enforced. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Potato Marketing Board if, in view of the many merchanting transactions carried through by Unlicensed Dealers, they considered their statistics concerning potato sales on which the guarantee was based were accurate. The Secretary was also instructed to add that the Licensing Conditions should make a minimum annual turnover of 500 tons of potatoes a requirement for the holding of a Potato Merchant's Licence.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES ACT. Mr. Fulton reported that there were two cases in England being prosecuted in respect of sales of potatoes in 56lb. containers which did not have the weight marked on the container. He added that the National Federation of Fruit & Vegetable Potato Merchants were proposing to give financial assistance in respect of an appeal in these cases in the event of conviction at the Lower Court.

GUARANTEE ARRANGEMENTS./

GUARANTEE ARRANGEMENTS. The Secretary stated that he had received from a member of the Association a request that the Association consider making an approach to the Potato Marketing Board to request a reduction in the sale price of stockfeed potatoes and an increase in the rate of compensation paid by the Board for potatoes which deteriorate after being contracted to the Board. Mr. Fulton stated that this had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee of the Potato Marketing Board and that he considered that there was no likelihood of any reduction in the sale price of stockfeed potatoes but that he expected the compensation would be increased to £15:10/- per ton in the near future. The Council resolved to take no action regarding this matter at the present time. The Secretary was, however, instructed to write to the Potato Marketing Board to draw to their attention the potential hazard which is likely to arise from rotting potatoes during the forthcoming Summer. The Secretary was instructed to request that the Board bring forward the date on which surplus potatoes on contract to the Board may be dumped. He was also instructed to urge the Potato Marketing Board to take steps to minimise the nuisance and spread of disease by issuing advice to Producers.

Mr. Fulton expressed the opinion that there must be a reduction in the national acreage of potatoes planted. It was too late to make any further reduction in the 1971 acreage which appeared likely again to produce a surplus. It was resolved that the Association should ask the Ministry of Agriculture to take steps now with a view to reducing the national acreage from 1972 to a maximum of 500,000 acres.

1971 MEMBERS VISIT. The Secretary was instructed to make enquiries with Association Members to ascertain the number of Members who would be likely to wish to participate in a visit to Europe in September, 1971 for four to five days. If it appeared that there was/

was sufficient interest to justify the Association arranging such a trip the Secretary was instructed to obtain details for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

WARE DIVISION DANCE. The Secretary reported that the Ware Potato Division were making arrangements to hold a Dinner/Dance in St. Enoch Hotel, Glasgow on 12th March, 1971. All Association Members will be invited to attend the Dinner/Dance.

GOLF OUTING. It was resolved to leave it to the Seed Potato Division to make arrangements for the Annual Potato Merchants' Golf Outing at Gleneagles.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ACT. Mr. Robertson reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Food, Drink and Tobacco Industry Training Board. He recommended to Members of the Council the "Training for Profit" Scheme introduced by the Training Board. The Secretary was instructed to send out a circular to Members of the Association drawing their attention to this Training Scheme.

ASSOCIATION SYMBOL. The Secretary was instructed to advise Members of the Association that a printing block of the Association's Symbol was available to them if they wished to display the Association Symbol on their stationery. The Secretary was instructed to make a charge of 10/- for the use of the block or £1 for an outright purchase.

MEETING DATE. The Secretary was instructed to make arrangements for the next meeting of the Advisory Council to be held in Stirling at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 1st April, 1971.

B.U.P.A. The Secretary reported on a meeting which he had had with a representative of the British United Provident Association Limited. It was resolved that provided sufficient support was forthcoming the Association should form a B.U.P.A. Group. The Secretary was instructed to send out a circular to the Association Members to ascertain how many Members would be interested in joining such a Group.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

