

MINUTE of GENERAL MEETING of the  
SEED POTATO DIVISION of the SCOTTISH  
POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held in the  
STATION HOTEL, PERTH, at 7.30 p.m. on  
THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1972.

PRESENT: Messrs. J. Fordyce, G. Luke, A. D. Williamson, A. Bayne, B. McDiarmid,  
T. McClung, D. Maxwell, H. Crockatt, I. McKenzie, J. George, R. McLeish,  
J. Smillie, J. Stewart, J. Bryden, D. Peebles, D. Young, D. Miller, I. Barr,  
J. Henderson, McKenzie, McKenzie, G. Fenton, J. M. Barr, J. Laing,  
and Edwards.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. D.  
H. Lindsay, H. Fleming, W. Gray and G. Gyle.

The Convener, Mr. J. Fordyce, presented to the meeting the Committee's Report  
as follows:-

At the commencement of the year the funds of the  
Association amounted to £3248.97

Accounts for the period to 30th November, 1971 are  
submitted herewith.

They show receipts of	£2120.95	
from which there is to be deducted payments of	<u>1959.30</u>	
showing a surplus on the year's working of		<u>161.65</u>
making the total funds at the end of the period amount to		<u>£3410.62</u>

Seed Division.

The expenses attributable to the Seed Division are:-

Expenses of Meetings	£ 60.01	
Administration Expenses	373.09	
Secretary's Salary, etc.	<u>557.50</u>	£ 990.60

The income attributable to the Seed Division is as follows:-

Subscriptions	£ 765.00	
Investment Income (say one-half)	<u>90.43</u>	<u>855.43</u>

Disclosing a deficit in respect of the Seed Division of £ 135.17

Ware Division.

The income attributable to the Ware Division is as follows:-

Subscriptions	£1175.08	
Investment Income (say one-half)	<u>90.44</u>	
		<u>£1265.52</u>

The expenses attributable to the Ware Division are:-

Expenses of Meetings	£ 38.11	
Administration Expenses	373.09	
Secretary's Salary, etc.	<u>557.50</u>	<u>968.70</u>

Disclosing a surplus in respect of the Ware Division of £ 296.82

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The membership of the Association at the end of the period was:-

Seed Division	74 Full Members
	7 Associate Members
Ware Division	112 Full Members
	15 Associate Members

During the first period of the Association the following Association meetings have been held:-

Seed Division General Meetings	1
Ware Division General Meetings	1
Administrative Council Meetings	6
Seed Division Committee Meetings	10
Ware Division Committee Meetings	8
Market Reports Committee Meetings	9

In addition representatives of the Association have attended meetings with numerous other Organisations and Officials concerned with the Potato Trade.

During the period 46 News Letters have been sent out, of which 17 went to Seed Members, 17 to Ware Members and 12 to Members of both Divisions.

#### COMMON MARKET

If matters proceed in accordance with the plans of the Government the United Kingdom will become a full member of the European Common Market on 1st January, 1973. Clearly this will result in a considerable amount of work for your Committee Members during the current year. This will also necessarily involve the Association in increased expenditure. It is to be hoped that entry into the Common Market will result in the benefits to the country as a whole which the Government are forecasting. In particular, however, it is hoped that the fears of some Members of the Potato Trade regarding the possible adverse effect to the Potato Industry in the United Kingdom which entry into the Common Market may cause will prove to be unjustified. Your Association will, however, continue its efforts to achieve the utmost protection to the interests of the Potato Trade in Scotland.

ACCOUNTS. The Secretary explained the Accounts of the Association for the period to 30th November, 1971. It was resolved that in future the Accounts should include an up to date Valuation of the Association assets. The Accounts were unanimously approved.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. It was unanimously resolved to fix the subscription for the Seed Division for the year to 30th November, 1972 as follows:- Full Members £10; Associate Members £5.

It was further resolved that the Committee of the Seed Division had power to collect a further subscription of £2.50 from Full Members and £1.25 from Associate/

Associate Members in respect of the year to 30th November, 1972 if it is considered desirable to do so.

COMMON MARKET. Mr. Gordon Lyall of the Department of Agriculture joined the meeting and gave a comprehensive address on the effects which entry into the Common Market would be likely to have on both Seed and Ware Potatoes in the United Kingdom. There then followed a most useful and interesting discussion. Mr. Fordyce terminated the meeting by expressing the Division's appreciation at Mr. Lyall's attendance at the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.