

MINUTE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
WARE POTATO DIVISION of THE
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held in Mount Vernon Hotel, Glasgow,
at 7 p.m. on THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY,
1972.

PRESENT: Messrs. J. Robertson, A. D. Williamson, A. T. Henderson,
M. K. Mathie, P. MacDougall, I. P. Fulton, T. McClung, S. Brown, A. Adair,
J. Anderson, N. Law and Osborne, along with Mr. R. David Hunter, the
Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. G.C.
Donald and J. Aitken.

The Secretary, Mr. R. D. Hunter, presented to the meeting the Division
Report as follows:-

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

A Record of Income and Expenditure for the
period to 30th November, 1971 has been issued to
members.

It shows 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>

Your Committee have resolved to request the Administrative Council of the
Association to produce a more detailed statement of Capital and Revenue as
between the two Divisions of the Association.

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 Record of Income and Expenditure of the Association for the period to 30th November, 1971 was unanimously approved. The meeting, however, supported the Ware Division Committee in its request to obtain further details regarding the Accounts from the Administrative Council.

SUBSCRIPTION. It was unanimously resolved to fix the subscription for the Ware Division for the year to 30th November, 1972 as follows:-

Full Members £10.00; Associate Members £5.00.

MARKET REPORTS COMMITTEE. After a discussion it was agreed that the Market Reports Committee served a useful purpose and should be continued in the future. It was agreed that, in the meantime, a Market Reports Committee meeting should be held at the S.C.W.S. Diningrooms at 11.15 a.m. on the last Thursday of each month. It was resolved that an effort should be made for a more accurate price range to be quoted in the future. It was also recommended that in a future Market Report circular, with a view to indicating the need for a realistic gross profit margin, there should be included a statement of the cost of running a lorry as calculated by the Freight Transport Association. To obtain a better turnout of members to the Market Reports Committee meetings the Secretary was instructed to include in a future Ware News Letter a pro forma to be completed by members stating (a) whether or not they wish to attend Market Reports Committee Meetings, and (b) If so, where and at what time it would be most convenient for them to attend a meeting.

NEWS CIRCULARS. It was agreed that the Secretary should continue to issue News Circulars as in the past. If possible, he was to endeavour to expedite the distribution of information.

RETIRING PRESIDENT. Mr. Ian P. Fulton expressed his appreciation for the co-operation and assistance which he had received during his term of office from Messrs. A. D. Williamson and J. Fordyce, his Vice-President and Depute Vice-President respectively and from the Secretary Mr. R. D. Hunter. In response Mr. Williamson expressed the thanks of the Association members for the conscientious manner in which Mr. Fulton had fulfilled the duties as President of the Association.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.