

MINUTE of MEETING of the ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION held in the Golden Lion
Hotel, Stirling, at 2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY,
8th FEBRUARY, 1973.

PRESENT: Messrs. A.D. Williamson, J. Fordyce, J. Robertson, I. Barr,
D.H. Lindsay, I.P. Fulton, M.K. Mathie and J. Aitken, along with Mr.
R. David Hunter, the Secretary. Mr. D.I. Blackmore was in attendance.
Before commencing the business of the meeting, Mr. Williamson the Chairman,
welcomed Mr. M.K. Mathie to his first meeting on the Council.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs.
T. McClung and D. Maxwell.

MINUTES. The Minute of Meeting of the Administrative Council of 21st
November, 1972 was taken as read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING -

- (a) Glasgow Benevolent Society. Mr. Fulton stated that there had been
a proposal to wind up the Glasgow and West of Scotland Benevolent
Society but for the reason that there had not been unanimous agreement
of the members of the Society the motion was not carried. Further
consideration is being given to the future of the Society. He confirmed
that membership of the Society was open to all Association members.
- (b) European Union. Mr. Williamson informed the meeting that the subscription
of the British Potato Trade Consortium to the European Union for
1973 had been allocated as follows:-

S.P.T.A.	£80
N.A.S.P.M.	£80
Northern Ireland	£80
National Federation	£180
National Joint Council	<u>£100</u>
	<u>£520</u>

It had been agreed that the travelling and Hotel expenses of Consortium
delegates to the Union would be paid by the Consortium. The expenses
of the Consortium would be shared in the same proportions as the subscription.
It was intended that the Consortium would issue an expenditure Budget for
the current year for the information of the constituent Associations.

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PARIS MEETING. Mr. Fordyce informed the meeting that during the previous week he had attended a visit to Paris to meet representatives of the French Potato Trade which had been arranged by the N.A.S.P.M. The Council resolved to reimburse Mr. Fordyce in respect of his travelling and Hotel accommodation.

OFFICE BEARERS. The following Office Bearers were appointed for the current year:-

- (a) J.C.C. - A.D. Williamson and J. Fordyce with J. Robertson as substitute.
- (b) Scottish Advisory Committee. - A.D. Williamson and J. Fordyce with J. Robertson as substitute.
- (c) Seed Potato Working Party - A.D. Williamson, J. Fordyce, J. Robertson and I. Barr.
- (d) British Potato Trades Consortium - A.D. Williamson and J. Fordyce with J. Robertson as substitute.
- (e) Processing Committee - A.D. Williamson (Convenor), I. Barr, G. Luke and D. Henderson.
- (f) Seed Arbitration Panel - A.D. Williamson, J. Fordyce, I. Barr, G. Gyle, D.H. Lindsay, D. Maxwell, T. McClung, P. Peebles, A.K. Powrie, W. Gordon, J.M. Barr, W. Gray and J. George.
- (g) Seed Potato Advisory Committee of P.M.B. - J. Fordyce as an observer.
- (h) Auditor - R.L. Peacock.
- (i) Secretary and Treasurer - R. David Hunter. The Secretary and Treasurer's salary for the year to 30th November, 1973 was fixed at £1,250.

ACCOUNTS. The Secretary presented to the meeting the draft Association Accounts for the year to 30th November, 1972. The Council unanimously approved the Accounts for submission to the Auditor.

SUBSCRIPTION. The Council recommended the following subscriptions for the year to 30th November, 1973:-

Ware Division	Full	£10	Associate	£5
Seed Division	Full	£25	Associate	£12.50p

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It was resolved that consideration should be given to the introduction on 1st December, 1973 of a "Sliding Scale" Association Subscription rather than subscriptions to each Division as at present. It was agreed, however, that the capital of each of the Divisions should continue to be segregated in the meantime. It was also agreed that the expenditure of each Division must be covered by income and there should be no further encroachment on Capital.

VALUE ADDED TAX. It was agreed that the Secretary would investigate the advantages, if any, of the Association being Registered for V.A.T.

SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL EXPORT GROUP. It was resolved to discontinue membership of the Scottish Agricultural Export Group forthwith. It was considered that more valuable Export information would become available through the employment by the Potato Marketing Board of an Export Executive.

P.M.B. RETURNS. Mr. Williamson read to the meeting a letter recently received from the Potato Marketing Board requesting the observations of the Association regarding the most convenient period for completion of monthly Returns of potatoes sold for human consumption. The Secretary was instructed to recommend the P.M.B. to legislate for Returns being completed on a calendar monthly basis.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS. The Secretary drew to the attention of the Council the ever increasing volume of work having to be undertaken by the President and Vice-President of the Association. The Council considered various means of reducing the work load falling on these gentlemen. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting of the Council.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

