

MINUTE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
the WARE POTATO DIVISION of the SCOTTISH
POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held in the North
British Hotel, Glasgow, at 7.30 p.m. on
THURSDAY, 12th APRIL, 1973.

PRESENT: Messrs. J. Robertson, A. Adair, T. McDougall, A.T. Henderson,
A.D. Williamson, J. Aitken, A. Brown, T. Brogan, G. Henderson and M.K. Mathie,
along with R. David Hunter, the Secretary.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. G.
Dryden, T. McClung, D. Lawson and N. Law.

CONVENER'S REPORT. Mr. James Robertson reported on the year's trading in
ware potatoes. In the course of his report he informed members that
metrication so far as affecting potatoes, was due to be introduced on 14th
May, 1976.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary reported as follows:-

Members of the Association have received a copy of the Income and Expenditure
Account for the year to 30th November, 1972 together with the Balance Sheet
as at that date of the Ware Potato Division of the Association. Members
will observe that the Income and Expenditure Account discloses a surplus of
Income over Expenditure for the year of £208.26. The funds at the end of
the year totalled £2525.22.

The Membership of the Association at the end of the year was:-

Seed Division	80 Full Members 7 Associate Members
Ware Division	109 Full Members 13 Associate Members

During the year the following Association Meetings were held:-

Seed Division General Meetings	2
Ware Division General Meetings	1
Administrative Council Meetings	4
Seed Division Committee Meetings	7
Ware Division Committee Meetings	5
Market Reports Committee Meetings	10

In addition representatives of the Association have attended meetings with
numerous other Organisations and Officials both in this country and European
countries concerned with the Potato Trade. At the last meeting of the
Administrative Council of the Association, concern was expressed regarding
the ever increasing volume of work having to be undertaken by the
Office-bearers of the Association and in particular by the President and
Vice President. The Council are to consider if there are any means which can
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be introduced of spreading the volume of work more evenly amongst the Office-bearers. The Administrative Council took the opportunity of expressing their grateful appreciation of the work being undertaken on behalf of the Association and on behalf of the Potato Trade as a whole by Mr. A.D. Williamson, the President, and Mr. J. Fordyce, the Vice President.

During the year 52 circulars have been sent out by the Association to Members of which 22 went to Members of both Divisions, 10 to Members of the Seed Division, 16 to Members of the Ware Division and 4 to the Members on the Export Mailing List.

Despite increased costs and the ever increasing activities of the Association your Committee have resolved to place a motion before the Annual General Meeting proposing that the Subscriptions for Members of the Ware Division for the year to 30th November, 1973 remain as follows:-

Full Member	:::	£10.00
Associate Member	:::	£ 5.00

ACCOUNTS. The meeting unanimously approved the Division Accounts for the year to 30th November, 1972 which had been previously circulated. It was observed that at the end of the year there was cash uninvested of £411.84. The meeting resolved to recommend that the Administrative Council give consideration to the investment of these sums.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. It was agreed to fix the Subscription for the Ware Potato Division for the year to 30th September, 1973 as follows:-

Full Member	...	£10.00
Associate Member	...	£ 5.00

It was agreed that the Secretary would require to add V.A.T. to these Subscriptions.

EUROPEAN SITUATION. Mr. Williamson explained to the meeting the Association's involvement in the negotiations with regard to the United Kingdom's entry into the Common Market.

CUPAR MARKET PRICE. Mr. Brogan referred to his letter to the Secretary in which he had expressed the opinion that the Cupar market prices quoted in the Glasgow Herald were not a true reflection of the prevailing trade. This matter was discussed in considerable detail. It was agreed to write to the Potato Marketing Board to suggest that a wider range of prices should be quoted.

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EXPORTS OF POTATOES TO NORTHERN IRELAND. There was considerable discussion regarding the "smuggling" of potatoes to Northern Ireland from Scotland. It was agreed to take no action on this matter but to keep a close eye on the position for the future.

PREPACKS. It was suggested that a new Regulation was to come into effect in June, 1973 which required that pre-packs of potatoes must contain a statement of the country of origin of the potatoes. No official information regarding the introduction of such a Regulation had been received. It was agreed to take no action.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE. The Convener reported that arrangements were being made for the Association annual Dinner Dance to be held in St. Enoch's Hotel, Glasgow, on 9th November, 1973.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.