

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMITTEE
of the WARE POTATO DIVISION of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held in the North British Hotel,
GLASGOW, at 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 17th
FEBRUARY, 1975.

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

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. J. Fordyce
T. McClung, I.P. Fulton, D.A. Lawson and G. Dryden.

MINUTES. The Minute of Meeting of the Committee of the Ware Potato Division
held on 14th November, 1974 was taken as read, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING -

Association Trip. The Secretary reported that the recent Association visit to
West Germany between 3rd and 6th February had proved to be a considerable
success.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS. Mr. James Robertson was re-appointed Convener of
the Division for a further year. The Secretary read to the meeting a letter
which he had received from Mr. Tom McClung, the Vice-Convener of the Division
in which Mr. McClung had stated that for business reasons he will be unable to
accept a senior appointment in the Association and for that reason he
suggested that the Committee should appoint a replacement Vice-Convener.
None of the members of the Committee present were willing to accept office
as Vice-Convener. For this reason the appointment was left over until
a later meeting for further consideration.

The Administrative Council representatives for the forthcoming year were
appointed as follows:- The Convener, the Vice-Convener, and Messrs. J.
Aitken and M.K. Mathie.

P.M.B. EXPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. The Secretary gave to the meeting a
brief report on the meetings of the Potato Marketing Board Export Development
Committee held on 19th November, 1974 and 21st January, 1975.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. The Secretary reported on the meeting of the
Administrative Council held at Bridge of Allan on 29th November, 1974. The
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meeting covered the following subjects:- Rail Van Problems, Membership, Association annual Accounts, Annual Elections and Conditions of Sale and Purchase. At that meeting there had also been discussion on the present position regarding the Association's application for exemption from the requirements of stating the country of origin on pre-packs of foreign potatoes. The Secretary added that the matter had now been taken up through the British Potato Trades Consortium.

JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported on the meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee held in London on 2nd December, 1974 covering the discussion of the Conditions of Sale, labelling of Scab affected seed and possible confusion arising from Trade naming of Agricultural chemicals.

SCOTTISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Mr. Robertson reported on the meeting of the Scottish Advisory Committee held in London on 4th December, 1974. Following the Report, the Secretary read to the meeting a letter from the Potato Marketing Board regarding the 1975 main crop grading standards. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Potato Marketing Board stating that the Association did not wish to raise any objections to the Board's proposals.

BRITISH POTATO TRADES CONSORTIUM. Mr. Robertson reported upon the meeting of the British Potato Trades Consortium held in London on 6th January, 1975. Mr. Robertson explained that as a result of travel delays both he and Mr. Fordyce had not arrived until the very final stages of the Consortium meeting. The Consortium had considered a revised version of Mr. Aves 8 Point Memorandum concerning the drafting of a Regulation for potatoes within the Common Market.

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL. Mr. Robertson reported upon the meeting of the Joint Consultative Council of the Potato Marketing Board held in London on 6th January, 1975. The meeting had disclosed good progress with the delayed potato harvest in England. The unlifted crop at the date of that meeting had been reduced to approximately 13,400 acres of which 6,000 were in Norfolk and 2,500 in Lincolnshire. At the meeting, the P.M.B. had reported total exports of ware potatoes of 28,000 tons of which 24,000 tons had been sent to the Canaries and 1,000 to Finland.

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METRICATION. There was further discussing with regard to the introduction of metrication so far as affecting potatoes with particular reference to pre-packs. It was arranged that Mr. Robertson would update the Paper which he had prepared to incorporate more recent information. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

James Forde