

MINUTE of MEETING of the
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held at 8, Kinnoull Street, PERTH at
12 noon on Friday, 4th MARCH, 1977.

PRESENT: Messrs. D. H. Lindsay, J. R. McArthur, P. Miller and A. K. Powrie, with R. David Hunter the Secretary and D. Blackmore in attendance.

Mr. A. K. Powrie occupied the Chair.

The Secretary explained that today's meeting had been convened to discuss future arrangements for the Association's annual Golf Outing and annual Dinner/Whist Drive/Dance, in the light of Council's approval of this Committee's suggestion to examine possible combination of these two events to co-incide with the Association's Annual General Meeting. With the 1977 Annual General Meeting now past and the usual arrangements already in train for the 1977 Golf Outing, combination could not occur until next year. It was therefore first necessary to consider whether to change the venue and date of the next (1977) Dinner/Dance.

In the ensuing discussion it was agreed that a combined winter function at Gleneagles depended on the hotel off-season opening programme and the Golf course availability coupled with climatic considerations. The latter problem lessened with a combined Spring function, but was replaced by difficulties of an out-of-season Dinner/Dance. It was also agreed that a possibly less prosperous trade in future would militate against a combined event at Gleneagles and that a combined event at Dunblane Hydro (the only other centrally situated venue having adequate facilities to be considered) would adversely affect both Dance and Golf attendances.

The Meeting therefore decided not to proceed with a combined event next year and turned its attention to the 1977 Dinner/Whist Drive/Dance.

After very full discussion of various alternative venues (Saluation Hotel, Moncrieffe Arms Hotel, Huntingtower House, Ballathie House) and the possible replacement of whist with a floor show, or introduction of a "Disco" (felt to lead to a loss of attendance and splitting-up of the company respectively) it was agreed that the Station Hotel and the usual programme remained the most suitable choice. It was further felt that the 1976 function there had been the best for many years but that improvements could be effected in some of the detailed arrangements.

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These were defined as a need for larger portions at Dinner and more adequate supplies at the Buffet, which latter should open immediately after the Whist Drive and close at midnight. It was agreed not to negotiate for drinks prices to be discounted but to use this aspect as leverage to minimise the cost of the other improvements. It was also agreed that the Band should provide a continuous performance.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.