

MINUTE OF MEETING of the
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of
the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held at 8, Kinnoull Street, PERTH at
12 noon on Friday, 12th January, 1979

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

APOLOGIES: The Secretary intimated an apology on behalf of Mr. J.H. Barr.

DINNER/
DANCE: The Secretary first reviewed the position regarding the arrangements for the Association's Annual Dinner Dance. In brief discussion it was agreed that the event could not now take place on 9th February, 1979 and that the provisional booking with the Saluation Hotel, Perth on that date be cancelled.

It was further agreed an immediate start be made to arrange an out-standing event at the traditional "after-Smithfiled, before-Christmas" time. It was the unanimous view that Perth is the most acceptable venue and despite the unfortunate experience in 1977, by far the most suitable venue is the Station Hotel, although changed staffing standards have created an inability there to serve a hot meal to large numbers.

After comparison with other (recent) functions, further discussion supported a menu of hot soup followed by a cold buffet and sweet; to discontinue the usual whist arrangements and to use the existing funds in hand to subsidise ticket costs. It was foreseen that a return to the Station Hotel would alienate considerable traditional "parties" support, leading to loss of "atmosphere" in a much smaller company with each anticipating faults which could be found.

Discussions also recognised a "generation gap" problem and while accepting the practical advantages of retaining the "parties" system for table seating purposes, resolved to concentrate on attraction of a younger element into the company. Suggestions included inclusion of a well known cabaret entertainment and engagement of a first class band, preferably with a singer and/or comedian (comedienne) capability. It was also agreed to redesign the tickets into an invitation, to include the menu and entertainments details.

It was agreed the Secretary would cancel the provisional booking for 9th February, 1979 and obtain a provisional booking with the Station Hotel, Perth for either Friday, 14th or (preferably) Friday, 21st December, 1979 and he was instructed to announce both the cancellation and the new (provisional) date in the next Association News Letter.

In conclusion it was agreed that Committee Members would try to persuade possible alienated Members to support the new proposals and Mr. Lindsay further agreed to make tentative enquiries regarding a local lady singer. To maintain the initial impetus a further meeting of the Committee was agreed to be held on Friday, 9th February, 1979.

GOLF
OUTING: Mr. Blackmore reported Mr. Ferrier (Secretary, Gleneagles Golf Club) had telephoned to explain that due to priority hotel commitments the Kings Course would not be available to the Association between 1p.m. and 3.30p.m. on the provisionally booked date of the next Golf Outing (Thursday, 17th May, 1979). He also tabled a list of nearby dates for consideration should an altered booking be felt necessary.

Following full discussion it was agreed not to alter the existing booking. The Secretariat was instructed to inform Mr. Ferrier accordingly and to ask him to confirm that priority hotel commitment will not also preclude our usual use of the Bowling Green and to provide costed menus for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting on 9th February, 1979.

CURLING: The Committee next considered the arrangements for the Association's annual Curling Match for the "Willie Paul" Trophy, the first leg of which had/

had been played at Perth on Wednesday, 8th November, 1978. To preclude any possibility of a repetition of the unfortunate confusion that arose on that occasion the Committee agreed to assume responsibility for all future arrangements and co-opted Mr. T. McClung to attend the next Committee Meeting on 9th February, 1979 when detailed arrangements for the second leg (to be played in Perth on Friday, 16th February, 1979) will be finalised.

The meeting then terminated