

MINUTE of MEETING of the ENTERTAINMENTS
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION held at 8, Kinnoull Street,
PERTH at 12 noon on FRIDAY, 30th MARCH,
1979

PRESENT: Messrs. J. R. McArthur and P. Miller, with R. David Hunter
(Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Blackmore apologised for having omitted to send formal notices
of today's meeting to each Committee Member and he accepted
responsibility for the non-attendance of Messrs. J.H. Barr, D. H.
Lindsay and A. K. Powrie.

GOLF
OUTING
1979: Mr. Blackmore tabled the 1978 Golf Outing Account now finalised to
5th April, 1979. Including Bank interest (less tax) of £13.45,
the balance carried down to the 1979 Account was £142.68. He
also reported that had V.A.T. arrangements proposed for the 1979
Outing been applied in 1978, £77.17 would have been payable to
Customs and Excise and £76.25 would have been recoverable from them.

Giving approval to the Account the meeting also confirmed that
V.A.T. arrangements will apply for the 1979 Outing. Mr. Blackmore
undertook to explain these arrangements when circularising all
Association Members within the next two weeks.

DINNER/DANCE
1979: Mr. Hunter reported having sought to engage Jim McLeod's Band but
learned that its long-term contract with Dunblane Hydro precluded
this. A provisional booking had been made with the Committee's
alternative choice, Jim Blues, at an indicated cost of £175.

Enquiries to a Glasgow Agency had indicated charges of £150 and £250
for Fiona Kennedy and Alistair Gillies respectively. Other
indicated charges were Anne Lorne Gillies £200, Andy Cameron,
Glen Daly or Alistair McDonald £250, Peter Morrison or Alexander
Brothers £350, Andy Stewart £500 and Kenneth McKellar or Moira
Anderson £500 - £700. The Agency had pointed out that any booking
might require to provide for an overseas or long-term seasonal
engagement to take priority.

Mr. Blues had suggested we might consider Mr. Ron Dale, a comedian/
vocalist/instrumentalist from Alloway with whom he had worked. Mr.
Hunter explained he had asked his hotel contact in Ayr for an
opinion of Mr. Dale and learned he was very good. Mr. Dale's charge
was believed to be £150.

In the following discussion it was agreed enquiries should be made
to the Agency for an alternative well known and more versatile
band with a wide repertoire. It was also agreed to enquire the
names of the stars and the principals engaged for the Christmas
Season at Perth Theatre, Whitehall Theatre in Dundee and Kings
Theatre in Edinburgh, in case an "after show" engagement can be
arranged.

Mr. Blackmore next tabled estimated ticket costings within an £8.00
limit. These showed that by exhausting the whole cash in hand and
holding the cost of the buffet to £6.25 per head, the limit could
be met if 145 people attended. To meet the same limit, with the
hotel's standard buffet cost of £6.50 each would require 170 people
to attend.

Consideration of these estimates indicated that tickets priced at
£9.00 each (to allow some margin for costing errors and a reduced
cash in hand reserve) could be acceptable, in view of the two years
elapsed since tickets were priced at £8.00 each. Discussions also
included prospects for future years when, if proposed standards
are to be repeated without benefit of cash reserves, ticket costs
would need to be sharply increased.

This led on to a proposal to hold a raffle during the dance. Tickets
costing 50p. each on sale immediately after the buffet (a signwritten
placard/

placard could be prepared) could provide a First Prize of a free week-end for 2 at (say) Turnberry Hotel and a smaller Second Prize. It was agreed the costs of this proposal be investigated.

Discussions continued with a provisional timetable emerging as follows - foregathering at 7.30p.m. for the serving of consommé at 8p.m., followed by the buffet and sweet with served coffee to conclude by 9.30p.m. Including soup on departure the total cost should not exceed £6.50 (inclusive of service charge and V.A.T.) per head. The usual numbered table and individual place arrangements will be made.

The Band should be available from 9p.m. until a "single spot" 30-40 minute entertainment commences at 11p.m. Thereafter the Band should resume until the function ends at 1.30a.m.

Finally it was agreed that details will not be circularised meantime and that to maintain impetus the Entertainment Committee will meet again at 8, Kinnoull Street, Perth at 11a.m. on Thursday, 19th April, 1979.