

MINUTE of MEETING of the ENTERTAINMENTS  
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION held at 8, Kinnoull Street,  
PERTH at 11a.m. on Thursday, 19th APRIL, 1979

- PRESENT: Messrs. D. H. Lindsay, J. R. McArthur and P. Miller, with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.
- APOLOGIES: Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies on behalf of Messrs. J. H. Barr, A. K. Powrie and R. David Hunter (Secretary).
- GOLF OUTING: Mr. Lindsay explained and Mr. Blackmore confirmed that the arrangements for the annual Golf Outing were now well under way. It was also confirmed that the Committee would meet again at 10.30a.m. on Friday, 11th May, 1979 to arrange the North v. South Match Draw.
- DINNER DANCE: Arising from instructions at the previous meeting, Mr. Blackmore reported further contact with the theatrical agency. They had pointed out that the number of players in a Band and the type of instruments used depended on whether an "orthodox" or a "disco" function is intended and no single band could do both types properly.

The Agency had felt Jim Johnson or Bert Shorthouse could fill the former role, with a small separate group providing the latter type. After their further enquiries they advised that the Peggy O'Keefe Trio (formerly on long-term contract with Chevalier Restaurant, Glasgow) is available at a cost of £150 plus expenses. They stated this Trio is "orthodox", not "disco", style.

Mr. Blackmore added that when submitting his apology today, Mr. Powrie had indicated his concern over the indicated costs of entertainers. He thought he might be able to approach Jimmy Shand (his near neighbour) in this respect.

Enquiries to three theatres as instructed had proved fruitless meantime, since their Christmas Season's engagements would not be known until late-June/mid-July (Kings) or late-August/early-September (Perth).

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to pursue the Jim Blues (maximum 4 players) / Ron Dale combination by ascertaining details of the repertoire and when and where committee Members could visit to assess them working together. Similar details should be obtained to visit a performance by Cameron Robbie. Mr. Blackmore agreed to deal with this aspect and report.

Also arising from the last Meeting he reported obtaining a "raffle-prize week-end for two" quotation from the Turnberry Hotel. During the November-March inclusive period (but excluding the Christmas/New Year period), the current 1978/79 price for Friday Dinner to Sunday Breakfast inclusive is £38 per person. To include lunch on Sunday would add £6 per person. The "first prize" cost would therefore be either £76 or £88).

At these prices the Committee felt a foreign visit could be considered. Mr. Blackmore was instructed to obtain quotations from travel agents, to report to the next Meeting, to determine the cheapest mid-February to end-March weekend for two in a named, four-star hotel in Majorca, from Glasgow or Edinburgh.

Mr. Lindsay submitted a suggested draft format of a modern type invitation he had prepared, as arranged, for consideration. It was agreed a choice of various menus (with prices), to include a thick soup in the "Starters", be obtained from the Station Hotel, Perth for consideration at the next Committee Meeting. It was further agreed that when finalised the Invitations will be printed in blue on glossy white card and that separate tickets will not be prepared.

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Following a short discussion it was decided not to invite any official guests and that no formal speeches will be made. It was agreed that no change would be made to the former practice of individual tables arranging their own wines.

In response to a suggestion to co-opt a young member to the Committee, it was agreed to invite either Mr. K.A. McKenzie or Mr. Gordon Smillie to serve and, finally, the Secretariat was instructed to prepare a short Agenda for the next Meeting. Thereupon today's meeting was concluded.