

MINUTE of MEETING of the ENTERTAINMENTS  
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION held at the Station Hotel, Perth  
at 12 Noon on Thursday, 7th JUNE, 1979.

PRESENT: Messrs. J.H. Barr, D.H. Lindsay, J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie and P. Miller, with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. A.K. Powrie and R. David Hunter (Secretary).

MINUTES: The Minute of Meeting held on 11th May, 1979 (copies of which had been pre-circulated to each Committee Member) was formally approved.

CURLING: Mr. Blackmore reported having applied for two bookings as instructed and that the first of these, for Friday 23rd November, 1979, had been finalised. The second booking for (Friday, 7th March, 1980) was not available, however, alternatives having been offered for either Friday, 16th February, 1980 or Friday, 14th March, 1980. It was agreed to accept the latter alternative.

GOLF  
OUTING: The Committee next considered the draft Receipts and Payments Account of the 1979 Golf Outing, together with an analysis of the Surplus of £26.37 disclosed therein which, added to the balance brought forward from last year, provided a sum of £169.05 to be carried forward to the 1980 Account.

Mr. Blackmore explained that, with the balance continuing to earn further Bank interest, the Account will be finalised at 5th April, 1980 (by which time he estimated the total interest after tax will be increased from the present £8.31 to about £18.00). He also pointed out that actual costing of postages, telephone calls, photocopying, etc. indicated that this item ought to be increased to £12.50. After a brief discussion the Committee approved this increase and agreed to retain the balance in hand against future eventualities.

DINNER/  
DANCE: Arising from the last Meeting Mr. Blackmore reported having ascertained that Mr. Ron Dale would be available on Friday, 14th December, 1979 and a provisional booking had been made. For preview/assessment purposes Mr. Dale is contracted to provide a one-hour performance at 6.30 p.m. and at 9 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until the end of September at Butlins Holiday Camp in Ayr.

The Committee considered a pre-circulated analysis of matters discussed to date, Mr. Blackmore explaining Mr. Hunter's view that discontinuation of named-table arrangements should be re-considered. During the following discussion it was suggested reversion to banquet-style tables with ribboned separation would resolve the difficulty. It was also feared that a separate entertainer "spot" might impair the impetus of the function, whereas substitution of a "disco" group would avoid this possibility. This led to a brief re-consideration of comparative costs, indicating that a local band plus a "disco" group could be engaged for approximately one half the cost of the Jim Blues/Ron Dale combination already provisionally booked. To investigate this possibility, Committee Members agreed to attend the Lovat Hotel, Perth on Saturday, 14th July next (second choice Saturday, 16th June) to assess the MDQ Band. Chick Duncan or similar was suggested as a suitable "disco" group.

To offset possible dis-unity within the company it was agreed to transfer the separate Methven Room Bar into the Ballroom and, in view of an indicated "break even" point of 170 people, to confirm this figure to be within the Station Hotel's seating capacity as also to confirm that a "disco" in Room 1 would not adversely affect a band in the ball-room.

Brief/



Brief re-discussion confirmed that the Raffle proposals proceed on the Turnberry Hotel basis with a modest second prize, details being incorporated into the printed Invitations in due course. It was also felt that official guest should not be discontinued altogether, but should be limited to the Presidents of the National Joint-Council and of NASPM, with strict regard for the introduction of a "no speeches" rule.

Finally it was agreed the Committee will meet again at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24th July, 1979 at 8 Kinnoull Street, Perth, whereupon today's Meeting concluded.