

MINUTE of MEETING of the ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held at 8, Kinnoull Street, PERTH at 11.30a.m. on Tuesday, 24th JULY, 1979.

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

APOLOGIES: The Secretary intimated an apology for absence received from Mr. P. Miller.

MINUTES: Copies of the Minute of Meeting held on 7th June, 1979 had been pre-circulated to each Committee Member.

DINNER/
DANCE: In a brief review of the position to date, the Secretary felt the progress that could have been expected from seven separate Committee meetings had been impeded by a continuing lack of full attendance. He was anxious to avoid time running out and felt that firm finalising action ought to be taken soon. It was then reported that a visit of some Committee Members to the Lovat Hotel, Perth had taken place. Although the Band there proved to be very suitably attractive its previous commitment elsewhere prevented it being engaged for the Association's function on Friday, 14th December, 1979. It was felt this possibility should be kept in mind for future years although this would involve a change of date.

After discussion it was agreed to proceed on the basis of Jim Blues Band without a cabaret spot (Ron Dale) but with a separate Disco Group. The Secretariat was instructed to obtain confirmation of the provisional booking with Jim Blues from 9p.m. to 1a.m. with a note of the interval time and a firm charge quotation.

It was agreed to ask Mr. K. McKenzie to secure a provisional booking with a suitable disco group from 10.30p.m. to 2a.m. (ensuring that interval times do not co-incide) with a firm cost quotation.

This led on to the need to provide hot soup on departure from 1a.m. and it was arranged the Secretariat would include this point in discussion of Menu details, negotiations of preferential overnight accommodation rates and menu cost etc. with the Station Hotel. Today's meeting also confirmed a preference for ribbon-separated, banquet-style seating without a formal "top table" and a wish to discontinue separate accommodation for Presidential entertainment.

Turning to further consideration of the proposed raffle it was reported that adverse criticism of Turnberry Hotel was known to be circulating. Being a less attractive prospect, anyway, it was agreed to press for adoption of a first prize of a week-end for two in Majorca, possibly a modest consolation prize (if the surplus receipts do not exceed £10), any greater surplus receipts (on the sale of raffle tickets envisaged to cost £1 each) being paid over to a suitable charity. It was felt the sale of tickets, which should take place only during the function, would require very careful organisation.

Discussion next turned to re-consideration of the cost of tickets, involving recourse to earlier provisional budgeting projections. The Secretariat undertook to re-prepare these as a matter of urgency, to incorporate the more accurate costings (including printing) instructed to be obtained today. It was agreed to make every effort to contain costs within a ticket price of £8.00 each

Finally it was agreed that while a brief Report would be made to Council on 26th July, a further Committee Meeting to finalise all arrangements must be held before a detailed announcement is circularised to the whole membership of the Association.

Mr. Blackmore undertook to draft that announcement and to submit it, with revised budget estimates, to each Committee member for consideration prior to the next Committee Meeting which was arranged to take place at 8, Kinnoull Street, Perth at 11.30a.m. on THURSDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1979.

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