

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMITTEE of the
SCOTCH SEED POTATO EXHIBITORS held at 8,
Kinnoull Street, PERTH at 11.30a.m. on
Friday, 10th AUGUST, 1979

PRESENT: Messrs. K.A. McKenzie, Gordon Smillie, D. Stephen and D. Stewart with
R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore in attendance.

The Convenor, Mr. K.A. McKenzie, occupied the Chair.

APOLOGIES: The Secretary intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs.
J.H. Barr and D.H. Lindsay (both 'ex officio') and D. Maxwell
(S.P.T.A. representative) members of Committee.

1978 SHOW
ACCOUNTS: Mr. Blackmore explained that the extreme delay in finalisation of
last year's Account was due in part to the V.A.T. computer staff
strike, in part to excessive dilatoriness by the Show office in
revising their overcharged account for electricity which, together,
caused this meeting to run into the priorities of holidays and
crop inspections.

The pre-circulated Account was considered item by item with
relative explanations where necessary. It was agreed to seek
payment of the additional "new member" contribution, uncharged
in error, along with that member's 1979 Contribution. It was further
agreed that Insurance cover be restored for the 1979 Show.

The Account was approved for precirculation to Members along with
a formal Notice calling the Group's Annual General Meeting in the
Secretary's office at 11.30a.m. on Friday, 31st August, 1979.

1979 SHOW
ARRANGEMENTS: As well as being asked to give formal approval to the 1978 Show
Account the A.G.M. would also require to consider whether to continue
its activities at the Royal Smithfield Show 1979, to be held as
usual at Earls Court from Monday, 3rd until Friday, 7th December
inclusive. In readiness the Committee considered pre-circulated
Cost Estimates which had been prepared.

Mr. Blackmore explained that despite delay having prevented formal
approval being first obtained, the usual Stand Site had been booked
and the (25%) deposit of Site rent, amounting to £95.04 (including
V.A.T.) had been paid out of cash reserves meantime. The balance of
this item, normally payable early in October, could be met out of
1979 contributions.

The Committee agreed the Estimates overall supported a recommendation
to the A.G.M. that the Group should participate in the 1979 Show
and approved the arrangements already reported above. After fully
detailed discussion of each item of the Estimates it was decided not
to anticipate new members and not to subsidise 1979 costs from
reserves. Including restoration of insurance cover and to provide a
modest margin for possible under-estimated, it was decided to
recommend that the A.G.M. (i) determine 1979 contributions for
renewing Members of £75 each plus V.A.T. (2) To allow for cash
reserves, any new Members should contribute £85 each, plus V.A.T. and
(3) should increased costs make it necessary, an additional
contribution from each Member would become payable in due course.

It was also agreed that the time factor precluded much change in
the usual arrangements for the 1979 Show and that a Standfitting
/Electrical quotation (inclusive of fern) be obtained from Beck
and Pollitzer Ltd. (without obtaining alternative comparable
quotations from elsewhere) before the A.G.M. Mr. McKenzie undertook to
supply six half-tray samples for display purposes.

The Committee also considered the possibility of enlarging the site
and Stand to their dimensions of earlier years. It was accepted that
securing the additional site space could prove difficult. To provide
for more meaningful discussion by the Annual General Meeting, the
Secretary undertook to prepare a comparison of estimated costs for
the present Stand and the larger Stand for 1980 Show.

The Meeting was thereupon concluded.