

MINUTE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS  
of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held in  
the Station Hotel, PERTH at 2 p.m. on Thursday,  
10th JANUARY, 1980.

PRESENT:

ALSTON, DOIG & SMITH LTD. (Mr. R. Doig), WM BEESON (LONDON & DUNBAR) Ltd. (Messrs. J.E. Cook and G. Gyle), J.E. ENGLAND & SONS (WELLINGTON) LTD. (Mr. G. Brass) DAVID T. FENTON & SONS LTD. (Mr. J.G.H. Fenton) Messrs. P.L. FORDYCE (Mr. P Miller) THE FORFAR POTATO CO. LTD. (Mr. J. George), JAMES FULTON JNR. LTD. (Mr. B. Fulton) JAMES HAGGART & SONS LTD. (Mr. J.R. McArthur) MESSRS. JAMES HENDERSON & SONS (Mr. J. Henderson, Snr.) WM LAW & SON (POTATOES) LTD. (Mr. J.O. Robertson), DAVID LINDSAY (POTATO MERCHANTS) LTD. (Mr. D.H. Lindsay), D.G. MACKIE & SONS LTD. (Mr. G. Mackie, Jnr.), G.& D. MAXWELL LTD. (Mr. D. Maxwell), THE FIRM OF T.B. MILNE (Mr. B. Milne), R.A. McLEAN (MERCHANTS) LTD. (Mr. D. McLean), GILBERT McCLUNG LTD. (Mr. T. McClung), MESSRS. MCKENZIE BROS. (Messrs. J. and K.A. McKenzie), PATULLO BARR & CO. LTD. (Mr. J.H. Barr), MESSRS. POWRIE BROS. (Mr. A.K. Powrie), ROBERTSON OF PERTH LTD. (Messrs. B. McDiarmid and D. Stewart), MESSRS. J. & E. SMILLIE (Mr. Gordon Smillie), UNITED BISCUITS LTD. (Mr. D. Henderson) and JOHN WARNOCK (MONTROSE) LTD. (Mr. J.M. Waddell) together totalling 26 representatives of 23 Association Members, with R. David Hunter (Secretary/Treasurer) and D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

The President, Mr. D. Hendry Lindsay, took the Chair and welcomed those Members present to the Annual General Meeting.

APLOGIES

The Secretary intimated apologies for absence on behalf of A.J. ALLAN (BRECHIN) LTD. (Mr. A.J. Allan), Mr. J.A.O. Fordyce (MESSRS. P.L. FORDYCE), MESSRS. WM. FRASER (Mr. J.P. Deuchar) and JOHN O. GORDON LTD. (Mr. W. Gordon).

COUNCIL'S  
REPORT

On a call from the Chair, Mr. Blackmore read Council's Report to Members for the year to 31st October, 1979.

ANNUAL  
ACCOUNTS

Dealing first with the duly audited and pre-circulated Association's financial Accounts for that year, he commented briefly on each heading in turn and their comparison with the preceding year and their projected estimates for the year under review. In the absence of any response to the Chairman's call for comment, and on the proposal of Mr. G. Brass duly seconded by Mr. J. George, the Accounts were formally approved and adopted.

MEMBER-  
SHIP:

The Report continued by explaining that the total membership at 31st October, 1978 (-114) had been increased by the resumption of one membership and the enrollment of 11 new members, but decreased by four further resignations, during the year under review. The current year to 31st October, 1980 had thus commenced with a total of 122 members. Since then, five further new members had been enjoined and one further application for membership had been received and would be considered by Council later today. If accepted, the total Association Membership will become 128, as of today's date.

Meetings

The Report recorded that 34 external meetings and 33 internal meetings (compared with 22 and 37 respectively during the preceding year) a total of 67 meetings compared with 59 in the previous year (and 54 during 1978). Mr. Blackmore drew particular attention to the fact that this reflection on the increasingly complex business environment of the potato trade should not overlook the tremendous burden it has placed on the Association's Council Members and other representatives. He reminded Members that those Council Members and representatives carried this strenuous and time-consuming burden on a voluntary, unpaid basis (in addition to their own individual business and personal commitments) on behalf of, for the benefit of and to safeguard the interests of the whole Membership of the Association.

Circulars: Finally the Report recorded 20 circularisations to members during the year under review (only 9 of which were by first class mail) compared with 34 (11 first class) in the preceding year. Additionally, Market Prices Bulletins had been sent to nearly 40 Members each Tuesday (except two) during the year under review. Very

Very determined efforts by the Secretariat to co-ordinate these circularisations with despatches of Notices of Meetings and relative papers etc. to Council Members and others had been meticulously maintained throughout the year.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS: Following Council's Report, Mr. Blackmore explained that Council had given very careful consideration to the audited Accounts for the year to 31st October, 1979 along with Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year to 31st October, 1980. Following this study, Council had recommended that today's Annual General Meeting

- (a) make no change in the existing tonnage brackets basis for Subscriptions for the year to 31st October, 1980;
- (b) make no change in the existing Subscription of £25.00 for the first (0-2,000 tonne) bracket for the year to 31st October, 1980 and
- (c) fix the Subscriptions for the other five existing tonnage brackets for the year to 31st October, 1980 as follows:-

2,001 - 6,000 tonnes	£ 50.00
6,001 - 10,000 tonnes	£ 65.00
10,001 - 14,000 tonnes	£ 80.00
14,001 - 18,000 tonnes	£100.00
over 18,000 tonnes	£120.00

In the absence of any response to a call from the Chair for comment on these recommendations, Mr. Barr moved that they be adopted. Duly seconded by Mr. K.A. McKenzie, the motion was formally carried.

A.O.C.B.: No further business being tabled, the Meeting was thereupon formally concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.