

MINUTE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of MEMBERS of the SCOTTISH POTATO  
TRADE ASSOCIATION held in the Station  
Hotel, PERTH at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday,  
14th JANUARY, 1982.

PRESENT:

Wm. Beeson (London & Dunbar) Ltd., (Messrs. J.E. Cook and G. Gyle), H.E. England & Sons (Wellington) Ltd. (J. Robb), David T. Fenton & Sons Ltd. (J.G.H. Fenton), Messrs. P.L. Fordyce (J. Fordyce), James Fulton Jnr. Ltd. (B. Fulton), James Haggart & Sons Ltd. (J.R. McArthur), Wm. Law & Son (Potatoes) Ltd. (J.O. Robertson), David Lindsay (Potato Merchants) Ltd. (D.H. Lindsay), G. & D. Maxwell Ltd. (D. Maxwell), Messrs. McKenzie Bros. (Messrs. I. and K.A. McKenzie), Patullo Barr & Co. Ltd. (J.H. Barr), Robertson of Perth Ltd. (D. Stewart), J. & E. Smillie (Potato Merchants) Ltd. (G. Smillie) and S. Thompson & Sons Ltd. (A. Fleming), with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

The President, J.G.H. Fenton, Esq. took the Chair and welcomed those present to the Meeting.

APOLOGIES:

The Secretary intimated apologies for absence on behalf of A.J. Allan (Brechin) Ltd. (A.J. Allan), Anderson-McKay Produce Ltd. (E. McKay), Messrs. Wm. Fraser (J.P. Deuchar), James Fulton Jnr. Ltd. (I. Fulton), John D. Gordon Ltd. (W. Gordon), Messrs. James Henderson & Sons (J. Henderson, Snr.), Potato Exports Ltd. (R.G. Ramsay) and Ross Seed Potatoes (W.E. Muirhead).

COUNCIL'S  
REPORT:

The Secretary read Council's Report to Members (attached) which first commented in broad detail on the salient features of the Association's audited and precirculated Annual Accounts for the year to 31st October, 1981. There being no questions raised in reply to the Chair Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. I. McKenzie, moved adoption of the Annual Accounts. The Motion was passed unanimously.

Continuing presentation of Council's Report, Mr. Hunter gave details of Membership Roll changes during the year, referred to the increased workload of Office Bearers and other Council Members attending meetings and gave a brief outline and comment on circularisations to Members.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS:

As requested by the Chair, the Secretary gave details of changes entailed in Council's recommendations to make no alterations to the 1980/81 tonnage brackets, but to increase the 1980/81 subscription within each of those brackets by a "rounded" 15% across the board, for the year to 31st October, 1982. Mr. Maxwell, supported by Mr. K.A. McKenzie, moved adoption of Council's recommendations and the Motion was carried unanimously.

A.O.C.B.:

The Chairman reported the Association's ten nominations to fill the six places allocated to the Association on the new statutory Scottish Seed Potato Development Council. He invited those present to give their views and for proposals for expenditure of the substantial sums to be levied by the new Council on the 1982 Crop. During the ensuing discussion the main support was for opening up alternative export markets, it being agreed that the export of Scottish seed potatoes is currently disproportionately dependant on a single variety in a single market.

In the latter context the Chairman referred to the recent formation of Solanex Ltd. (jointly by N.S.D.O. and P.M.B.) to develop the export potential of N.S.D.O. varieties. He also reported that N.F.U.S. were pressing hard for the establishment of a "mini Sutton Bridge" in Scotland, but Council was cautiously non-supportive on this proposal.

Following general and non-conclusive discussion of these matters the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.