

MINUTE of MEETING of the
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held in 25 South Methven Street,
PERTH at Noon on Friday, 26th
February, 1982

PRESENT: Messrs. P. Miller (Convenor), J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie and G. Smillie, with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. R. Doig and J.G.H. Fenton.

DINNER/
DANCE
1981: Mr. Blackmore tabled copies of an interim draft Account for the function held in the Station Hotel, Perth on Friday, 18th December, 1981. He apologised for not having pre-circulated these as intended and explained this Account (and the earlier pre-circulated interim draft 1981 Prize Draw Account) would be finalised at 5th April (to include further bank interest and possible other adjustments) as usual, for tax purposes.

The Committee noted that the function had incurred excess payments stated at £42.49 reducing the cash in hand to £146.72. In a brief discussion of the several adverse factors which had applied it was agreed the outcome had been less costly than expected. It was felt that 1982 should not be a "bye-year" for this annual function and that the provisional bookings of the hotel, band and disco presently held for Friday, 17th December, 1982 should not be surrendered.

CURLING: Mr. Blackmore reported he had now obtained the requisite details of the ten rinks to participate in the second leg of the annual North v South curling match to be played in Perth on Friday next, 5th March. He was instructed to circularise these details with copies to each skip in the usual way.

GOLF
OUTING
1982: The Committee confirmed that the earlier proposal to change the venue for the 1982 Golf Outing was not to be pursued. Mr. Blackmore reported that the provisional booking at Gleneagles was for Thursday, 20th May, 1982. He had recently been advised that due to an Hotel booking, afternoon play would be available on the Prince's and Glendevon courses only, following the usual morning competition games on the King's and Queen's courses starting between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. After a short discussion the Committee agreed these arrangements were acceptable.

Mr. Blackmore further reported that preliminary costings differed from last year only by an increase of £1.00 for High Tea (to £5.00). This arose from improving the standard of this meal nearer to Dinner than High Tea style. On this basis, last years ticket costs (of £10 and £21 for non-golfers and golfers respectively) would be increased by £1 each. The Committee decided that last year's V.A.T. arrangements be repeated in 1982 and instructed preparation and submission of detailed Estimates as usual in readiness for circularisation to the Association membership in mid-April.

FOREIGN
VISIT
1982: to
In response/circularisation of Association members, Mr. Blackmore reported receipt of 8 replies requesting more detailed information on the proposed visit to U.S.A. at the end of May/early June, 1982.

Following discussion the Committee decided to pursue the proposal but to visit the Eastern (Maine) not the Western (Idaho) area. It was agreed fully detailed Itinerary and costs be obtained from Grampian Travel, Stita Tours (with Mr. Julian Taylor accompanying if possible) and In Travel (per Mr. David Brownie) Inverurie. The Itinerary should follow the usual format (all aspects of potato industry activities and ending/

ending with free-time pursuits) and costings to include all transportation accommodation and catering.

The Secretariat was instructed to circularise this information to the Committee members immediately upon receipt.

The meeting thereupon concluded.