

MINUTE of SPECIAL "WORKING LUNCH"  
MEETING of COUNCIL of the SCOTTISH  
POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held in the  
City Mills Hotel, PERTH at 12.30 p.m.  
on Thursday, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1984.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.H. Barr, J.E. Cook, J.G.H. Fenton, D. Maxwell, P. Moffat, J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie and J.O. Robertson, with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

Mr. J.E. Cook (President) chaired the Meeting.

PRODUCT  
LIABILITY  
INSURANCE:

Mr. Hunter explained that due to a mis-understanding representatives of Messrs. Stewart Wrightson had not been invited to attend today's meeting. Mr. Blackmore apologised for the inconvenience this had caused. He also explained he had been informed only very recently that Towry Law Ltd. was offering a Policy to NASPM Members in conjunction with Sun Alliance Insurance Co. Ltd. Although written evidence had not been obtained, it seemed the cover was almost the same as G.A.F.L.A.C. was offering SPTA, but at apparently considerably lower premiums. Messrs. Moffat and McArthur also believed this to be the case.

During Council's discussion of this situation it was felt that it would be advantageous to all concerned if both SPTA and NASPM Members were insured with the same Company and if premiums were arranged on a calendar year basis. In respect that full particulars of the Sun Alliance Policy, cover and premium rates were not available for proper comparison with the very detailed information on the G.A.F.L.A.C. Policy already precirculated to all Council, the discussions could not be conclusive.

Council agreed the Secretariat contact Messrs. Stewart Wrightson to ask them to ascertain full details of the Sun Alliance Policy, to compare them with the G.A.F.L.A.C. Policy and to report their findings to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

OFFICE  
BEARERS:

In a brief digression from the Agenda, the Chairman raised the matter of the vacancy for a Deputy Vice Chairman of the Association. The meeting discussed the difficulties caused both by the vacancy itself and in filling it. Several suggestions were made but no conclusions were reached and the matter was deferred for further discussion at the next meeting of Council.

NOMINATIONS  
TO SSPDC:

The Secretary reported that Messrs. J.H. Barr, J.E. Cook, R. Doig, D.A. Lawson and I.R. McKenzie, all of whom presently represent the Association on the Scottish Seed Potato Development Council had all agreed to their names being included in this list of nominations to be submitted to the Secretary of State. The other serving representative, Mr. J.O. Robertson, however, did not wish to be re-nominated. He also reported that no proposed nominations had been received in response to the invitation circularised as instructed to the whole Association Membership.

Following a very full discussion, Council agreed to include the names of Messrs. J.P. Deuchar (subject to his agreement to be so nominated, as in 1981), J.G.H. Fenton, J.R. McArthur, T. McClung and P. Miller (all four of whom gave or had already given their agreement) in the list to be submitted and the Secretariat was instructed accordingly.

Before concluding the meeting, Council received a brief resume of a consultative meeting held by the PMB yesterday. The Potato Marketing Board had been strongly urged to exclude onward sales to processors from direct intervention arrangements.

The meeting then concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

