

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Members of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION held in the City Mills Hotel,
PERTH at 2 p.m. on Friday, 18th
JANUARY, 1985

PRESENT:

A.D.S. Cluny Ltd.	(R. Doig, Esq.)
Wm. Beeson (London & Dunbar) Ltd.	(Messrs. J.E. Cook and G. Gyle)
G.S. Brass (Perth) Ltd.	(G.S. Brass, Esq.)
David T. Fenton & Sons Ltd.	(J.G.H. Fenton, Esq.)
Messrs. P.L. Fordyce	(P. Miller, Esq.)
James Fulton Jnr. Ltd.	(B. Fulton, Esq.)
James Haggart & Sons Ltd.	(J.R. McArthur, Esq.)
Messrs. James Henderson & Sons	(J. Henderson, Snr. Esq.)
Wm. Law & Son (Potatoes) Ltd.	(J.O. Robertson, Esq.)
David Lindsay (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(D.H. Lindsay, Esq.)
J. Logan Milne (Potatoes) Ltd.	(J.L. Milne, Esq.)
Messrs. Peter Moffat (Potatoes)	(P. Moffat, Esq.)
Gilbert McClung Ltd.	(T. McClung, Esq.)
Messrs. McKenzie Bros.	(Messrs. I.R. and K.A. McKenzie)
Pattullo Barr & Co. Ltd.	(J.H. Barr, Esq.)
Robertson of Perth Ltd.	(J. Robb, Esq.)
Alexander Simpson Ltd.	(A.S. Simpson, Jnr. Esq.)
West Cumberland Farmers Ltd.	(Messrs. J.M. Swinton and R.P. McLeish)

with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

The President, J.E. Cook, Esq., took the Chair and welcomed those present to the Meeting.

APOLOGIES: The Secretary intimated apologies for absence on behalf of

A.J. Allan (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(A.J. Allan, Esq.)
Messrs. Wm. Fraser	(J.P. Deuchar, Esq.)
Messrs. David A. Lawson (Thrums)	(I. Melrose, Esq.)
G. & D. Maxwell Ltd.	(D. Maxwell, Esq.)
J. & E. Smillie (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(G. Smillie, Esq.)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: Mr. Hunter presented the Treasurer's Report on the Audited and previously circulated Association Accounts for the year to 31st October, 1984, providing an item-by-item explanation and comment thereon. There being no questions from the Meeting in response to a call from the Chair, Mr. Fenton moved and Mr. Moffat seconded that the Accounts be adopted. This Motion was carried without opposition.

COUNCIL'S REPORT: The Chairman read the Report of Council to Members covering the principal activities pursued during the year to 31st October, 1984. In response to his call for questions and/or comment, Mr. McArthur explained the vigorous efforts of the Association's Office Bearers to resist the proposed increase of the minimum riddle size for Ware from 45mm. to 50mm. The Meeting voiced unanimous support for this view.

1984/85 SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Secretary reported that the Finance Committee's recommendation that 1983-84 tonnage brackets and rates of Annual Membership Subscriptions remain in force for the year to 31st October, 1985, had been endorsed ^{by Council} for presentation to and consideration by today's Meeting. Mr. McArthur seconded Mr. Barr's motion that this recommendation be formally adopted and this Motion was carried unanimously.

A.O.C.B.: (a) Secretary's Salary - The Chairman reported that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council had authorised an increase in the Secretary's Salary from £6,000 to £6,500 for the year to 31st October, 1985. The Meeting confirmed this authorisation.

(b) S.S.P.D.C. - The Meeting briefly discussed the activities of the Scottish/

Scottish Seed Potato Development Council.

The Meeting then closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and Mr. Cook then introduced Mr. Robin Pooley, Chief Executive of the Potato Marketing Board who had accepted an invitation to address Members on recent changes to and the future of the Potato Marketing Scheme.