

B.P.T.C. MEETING - LONDON, 11th November, 1985.

Apologies: Logan, F. Cook.

Appreciation from Mr. & Mrs. Ted Rackley for honorarium from B.P.T.C. for work done at National conference.

Balance of National conference approximately £4,000.00 being invested in National Westminster @  $8\frac{1}{2}\%$  net per annum. Use will be made of it for special contingencies e.g. new secretary's fees.

Discussion over P.M.B.'s quandry on take up or not of November/December contracts (105,000 tonnes). Decided that B.P.T.C. would support intervention of Board at J.C.C. to initiate buying programme for November/December contracts. Discussion took place over pressure by N.F.U.'s to the Ministry over special arrangements for processors within the 105,000 tonnes. N.F.U.'s want 25,000 tonnes to be made available under special arrangements. It was felt that once again B.P.T.C. would object strongly to any special arrangements as e.g. McCains made £14 million last year, and if they were aggressive in their buying as everyone else has to be, then baling out in years like this may not be so necessary. Trade must be involved in any special arrangement, however it was felt that this perhaps would be once again overruled.

SUTTON BRIDGE:← Coulston and Whittle both felt that modernisation at Sutton Bridge was right and providing 20,000 tonnes per annum were handled then it was in order, and they both felt that the P.M.B. had gone out of their way to explain to the trade the workings etc. at the station and they felt that the experimental R. & D. that came out of the station was essential to the industry and anyone could see round Sutton Bridge at any time.

Where does S.P.T.A. go from here?

Futures Market Recommendation from B.P.T.C. that in light of 45mm riddle tuber count should be reduced from 225 (235?) to 200.

Secretarial arrangements Ted Rackley retiring - National Federation supply a secretary for £400.00 plus V.A.T. per annum with full use of facilities at National Federation head office.