

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Members of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION held in the Station Hotel,
PERTH at 2 p.m. on Friday, 17th
JANUARY, 1986.

PRESENT:

N.B. Auckland Ltd.	(N. Auckland, 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 Haggart & Sons Ltd.	(J.R. McArthur, Esq.)
Philip Hudson Ltd.	(P. Hudson, Esq.)
Wm. Law & Son (Potatoes) Ltd.	(J.O. Robertson, Esq.)
David Lindsay (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(D.H. Lindsay, Esq.)
G. & D. Maxwell Ltd.	(G. Bryden, Esq.)
Messrs. Peter Moffat (Potatoes)	(P. Moffat, Esq.)
Gilbert McClung Ltd.	(T. McClung, Esq.)
Messrs. McKenzie Bros.	(K.A. McKenzie, Esq.)
Messrs. John C. McLean	(D. McLean, Esq.)
Nickersons Seed Potatoes	(J.G. Burhouse, Esq.)
Robertson of Perth Ltd.	(D. Stewart, Esq.)
Ross Seed Potatoes	(D. Peebles, Esq.)
J. & E. Smillie (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(J. Robb, Esq.)
Stokes Bomford Ltd.	(A.S. Whitehead, Esq.)
West Cumberland Farmers Ltd.	(Messrs. J.M. Swinton and R.P. McLeish)
W.G. Whitton Ltd.	(R. Laing, Esq.)

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

The President, K.A. McKenzie, Esq. took the Chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: The Secretary intimated apologies for absence on behalf of

A.D.S. Cluny Ltd.	(R. Doig, Esq.)
A. & J. Allan (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(A.J. Allan, Esq.)
Messrs. Wm. Fraser	(J.P. Deuchar, Esq.)
Messrs. James Henderson & Sons	(J. Henderson, Snr., Esq.)
G. & D. Maxwell Ltd.	(D. Maxwell, Esq.)
J. Logan Milne (Potatoes) Ltd.	(J.L. Milne, Esq.)
Pattullo Barr & Co. Ltd.	(J.H. Barr, Esq.)
Tayside Potato Producers Ltd.	(W.T. Aitken, Esq.)

ANNUAL ACCOUNT: Presenting his annual report as Treasurer, Mr. Hunter pointed out that the Association's Annual Account for the year to 31st October, 1985 (of which a copy had been sent to all Members) still required the Auditor's signature. This point would be dealt with following his report. He proceeded with a point by point explanation and comment on each head in the Account in turn, concluding with a re-assurance that the deficit (excess of Expenditure over Income) of £126.32 would be largely offset by recovery of tax in 1985-86.

The Chairman's call for questions from Members meeting with no response, he reported that Council's meeting earlier today had considered two options to meet the breach of the Constitution that has occurred in presentation of unaudited Accounts for approval. Either this present meeting should defer adoption of the Account to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be convened as soon as the Account has been signed by the Auditor, or, this present meeting could approve the Account conditional upon it being signed without any alteration by the Auditor and copied to each Association Member immediately thereafter.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. J.R. McArthur moved that the meeting approve the second option and Mr. J.O. Robertson seconded this. There being no other motion, the second option was duly carried.

COUNCIL'S
REPORT:

As President of the Association, Mr. McKenzie presented the Report of Council for the year to 31st October, 1985 to the meeting. He recounted the changes in Membership that had occurred, the work involved in arranging insurance against consequential loss exclusively for Members, continuing efforts to resolve PAYE and NIC difficulties with casual harvest labour and continuing close surveillance of the P.M.B.'s commercial activities at Sutton Bridge. He also explained the Association's close involvement with both the present and future roles of the P.M.B. He spoke of problems with chemicals and representations to the Department of Agriculture on the many matters affecting the Industry and the Trade. The Report concluded by urging closer involvement by Members in the Association's activities. The Meeting offered no reply to Mr. McKenzie's invitation for questions or comment on the Report.

MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS
1985-86:

As Treasurer, Mr. Hunter reported the Finance Committee recommendation, duly endorsed by Council, that this meeting of Members approve an increase of £20 in the minimum Membership Subscription and an increase of £10 in the Membership Subscription in each of the other five tonnage brackets for the year to 31st October, 1986. Mr. J.E.Cook moved and Mr. T. McClung seconded that this recommendation be adopted and in the absence of any dissenting voice, this motion was duly carried.

A.O.C.B:

No other competent business was listed and none was offered by the meeting in reply to the Chair. Mr. McKenzie expressed his thanks to those present for their attendance. On their behalf he paid particularly warm tribute both to Mr. J.E. Cook for his sterling work for Members during his two-year term as President of the Association and to the very heavy workloak borne by all Members of Council.

The meeting then closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair, following which Mr. McKenzie introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Gordon Lyall (of the Department of Agriculture) who addressed Members on his views on the Future of the Potato Industry in Scotland.