

REPORT on a MEETING of the
ENTERTAINMENT'S COMMITTEE of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
at 25 South Methven Street, PERTH
at Noon on Friday, 7th FEBRUARY, 1986

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

DINNER/
DANCE:

The Committee considered a pre-circulated draft Interim Account showing a surplus of £45.74 on the 1986 Function. Mr. Blackmore explained that after quoting a meal cost of £8.00 per head the Hotel charged only £7.50 per head. Off-setting the increased gratuities (to include the Chef again this year) he also explained Bank Interest (£11.04 to date) is not included when Estimates are prepared. He added that the interest figure shown (£11.04) would be increased by the time the Account is finalised at 5th April, 1986.

In respect of cancelled bookings, Mr. Blackmore reported A.D.S. Cluny Ltd. had booked and paid for 18 tickets and given two weeks notice of 2 cancellations. In fact, 17 people attended and he had since refunded the full cost of 1 ticket. The Committee approved this step. Nickersons Seed Potatoes had booked and paid for 4 tickets but, without any notice or explanation, only two people had attended. The Committee agreed a refund of the cost of uncharged meals (2 @ £7.50 each) could be made if applied for. Finally, an unpaid booking of 12 tickets by Alexander Simpson Ltd. had been cancelled only two days before the Function. In reply to the Committee, Mr. Blackmore calculated this had caused an extra £38.28 of oncosts to be borne by those who actually attended. After taking account of this Member's past support the Committee agreed he be asked to make a compensatory contribution of £25.

The Committee discussed arrangements for the next Function. It was agreed to seek provisional bookings at both the Salutation and the Station hotels in Perth for Friday, 19th December, 1986 and for Friday, 16th January, 1987. It was agreed Council's opinion be obtained on these arrangements and for their review and finalisation in early September, 1986 in the light of the state of the Trade at that time. It was further agreed that Members' comments that the MDQ Band's performance had been disappointing were justified and that a replacement Band should be sought and similarly provisionally booked for both dates above meantime.

GOLF
OUTING:

The Committee considered a letter received from Blairgowrie Golf Club and copied to each Committee Member. Mr. Miller explained that following a change in his earlier commitment elsewhere, the offered date of Tuesday, 27th May, 1986 is acceptable, but the offered starting times would not suit the Outing's usual timetable. Following discussion it was decided the date be accepted but that a copy of last year's Draw be sent to the Club requesting adjustment of this year's offered starting times. In the event of any difficulty in this latter respect it was agreed Mr. Hendry Lindsay be asked to use his good offices as a Member of the Club to try to achieve workable starting times.

Pre-circulated Estimates of Expenditure and Ticket Costs were also considered. The Committee decided that including V.A.T. a basic (Club Member) Golfer Ticket will cost £10.50; a non Club Member Golfer Ticket will cost £28.00 and a non-Golfer Ticket will cost £14.50.

In respect of prizes and sponsorship it was agreed the usual golf ball prizes be continued. Mr. Miller reported that a Cup has been offered by M.S.D. (Peter Masting) and Mr. J.E. Cook had provisionally offered a Cup also. It was felt these could be awarded for the best net score and the best Stableford Score respectively. Mr. Whitehead also reported he was following up an offer of Golf Brollies for prizes by FBC and Mr. McArthur stated he would approach MSD to sponsor prizes of (say) Holdalls or similar.

CURLING:

Mr. Blackmore confirmed he will be writing the usual letters to the Skips/

Skips for the second leg of the annual Curling Match for the "Willie Paul" Trophy in Perth Ice Rink at 3 p.m. on Friday, 7th March, 1986.

The meeting was thereupon concluded.