

MINUTE of MEETING of the ORGANISING
COMMITTEE of the SCOTCH SEED POTATO
EXHIBITORS at 25 South Methven Street,
PERTH at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 11th
JULY, 1986.

PRESENT:

Messrs. G. Smillie (Convenor) and D. Maxwell (SPTA representative) with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. K.A. McKenzie and G.S. Brass (both ex officio) and P. Miller.

1985 ROYAL
SMITHFIELD
SHOW:

(1) Arrangements - The arrangements for the 1985 Show were regarded as having been satisfactory. It was agreed consideration of changed samples presentation be deferred until the 1987 Show.

(2) Account - The Committee considered the 1985 Show Account. The surplus for the year (£135.38) added to the accumulated Funds in hand showed the total in hand at 5th April, 1986 to be £1,536.83, subject to approval by the Group Members' Annual General Meeting later today.

1986 ROYAL
SMITHFIELD
SHOW:

(1) Arrangements - Mr. Blackmore reported that replies to the questionnaire pre-circulated to all 24 Group Members who took part in the 1985 Show indicated two definite and four possible non-renewals for 1986.

The situation that will arise at the 1987 Show, when the PMB will not be present and which, in turn, will require change in the SSPDC presence then also, was discussed. It was decided to ask the Annual General Meeting later today to authorise Mr. Smillie to make an informal exploratory approach to Mr. Bethel regarding any possible joint Group/SSPDC presence at the 1987 Show.

(2) Estimates - The pre-circulated costs estimates for 1986 were considered on the basis that the 1985 arrangements be repeated without change for 1986. It was felt that the Stand Attendant's expenses had been underestimated by £50 and that Members' Contributions would require to be subsidised from reserves to avoid otherwise unacceptable increases causing still further resignations.

The Committee therefore proposed to the Annual General Meeting of Group Members later today that each Member's Contribution to 1986 costs be increased by £10 to £140.00 (1985 was £130); that any New Member's Contribution be similarly increased to £160.00 (1985 was £150) and the estimated shortfall of £680.00 be met out of accumulated reserves.

The meeting thereupon concluded.