

MINUTE of MEETING of the CHAIRMAN'S
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO
TRADE ASSOCIATION in the Fountain
Plaza, SCONE at 11 a.m. on Thursday,
4th September, 1986

PRESENT:

Messrs. G.S. Brass, J.E. Cook, J.G.H. Fenton, R.D. Hunter
(Secretary), D.H. Lindsay, J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie, J.O. Robertson
and J.M. Swinton with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

The President, Mr. K.A. McKenzie, took the Chair.

APOLOGIES:

The Secretariat intimated apologies for absence on behalf of
Messrs. J.H. Barr and P. Moffat.

ANNUAL
ELECTIONS:

The Chairman explained that Messrs. G.S. Brass, the late J.
Henderson, D.H. Lindsay, P. Moffat, J.R. McArthur, and T. McClung are
the six Members of Council due to retire by rotation on 31st October,
1986 but, in terms of the Association's Constitution and Rules Mr.
Brass' retiral falls to be delayed until the end of his term of Office.

The Chairman also read a letter from Mr. J.H. Barr (due to retire
in 1987) in which he explained his wish to resign from Council. If
acceptable, he would be prepared subsequently to offer himself for
election to Council as a Director of W. & A. Graham (Glasgow) Ltd.
The meeting agreed to recommend that Council accept Mr. Barr's retiral
in 1986 and his offer to stand for election.

The Chairman reminded the Committee of last year's Council
instruction (in the event omitted) to show the attendance record of
retiring Members in the announcement letter. It was agreed this should
be included this year as a percentage figure and be shown on the Ballot
Paper also. In further discussion (as a means of reducing any self-
perpetuation of Council) it was agreed to require each Candidate for
election to Council to submit his own form of Nomination signed by
two sponsor Members, whose names are also to be shown on the Ballot
Paper.

CAPITAL
ENCROACH-
MENTS:

The Committee considered a pre-circulated resumé of whether
certain payments should be met from Capital or Revenue sources.
Discussion covered the views that capital expenditure should yield a
return while others felt that special non-recurrent payments be met
from Capital. It was decided to meet professional charges for
PAYE/NIC work from Revenue sources, the deficit thereby created to be
recouped in subsequent years.

CONDITIONS
OF SALE AND
PURCHASE:

The Chairman explained that in certain circumstances a Member
using both sets of Conditions for a single faulty consignment could
be exposed to extensive financial liability which he might not be able
to recover from his supplier. Mr. Hunter added his views on the legal
implications. During prolonged discussion it was felt that exclusion
of complaints for admixture or chemical contamination from time limits
would be desirable.

Mr. Hunter also reported on a recent dispute in which a defence
of "verbal contract" had been entered but not ruled upon. This matter
was also discussed by the Committee and it was agreed Council be asked
to remit both problems to the "Conditions" sub-Committee for further
consideration and recommendations.

A.O.C.B.:

The Chairman proposed that the Association's Representatives at
external meetings be asked to submit their Reports as soon as possible
to provide for them to be circularised (subject to Office Bearers'
approval) to all Association Members. The Committee supported this
proposal for Council's adoption.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.