

REPORT on a MEETING of the ENTERTAINMENTS
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION in 25 South Methven Street,
PERTH at 12 Noon on Monday, 27th OCTOBER,
1986

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

APOLOGY: Mr. Blackmore intimated an apology for absence on behalf of Mr. A.S. Whitehead.

DINNER/
DANCE: Mr. Blackmore confirmed that neither the Station Hotel nor the Isle of Skye Hotel had been able to accept bookings on either of the preferred dates. The Salutation Hotel still held a provisional booking for Friday, 16th January, 1987. The Committee instructed finalisation of this date for the Ballroom there. It was agreed the usual timetable of 7.30 p.m. for Dinner at 8 p.m. followed by Dancing from 9.30 p.m. to 1 a.m., with an interval from 11 p.m. until midnight, be adopted.

The Committee also instructed circularisation of details to all Association Members before the Smithfield Show, the Secretariat recommending to aim for a mid-November deadline. The Committee resolved to initiate early pressure for maximum support to be maintained. It was also decided to arrange for this circularisation to be by a separate art format on coloured paper insert in a News Letter, Mr. Hunter undertook to contact Mrs. Julie Valentine in this respect.

In consideration of a suitable Band the Committee confirmed that the MDQ Band would not be re-engaged and discussed other possibilities. The Secretariat was instructed to follow up a contact provided by Mr. Miller, with connections with an agency in Glasgow. It was agreed to seek a lively, versatile and not too traditional Trio.

In discussion of a Theme for the Function and prizes it was agreed to move away from the usual raffle (for a holiday or a T.V. set) and £1 Notes Draw. Mr. McArthur proposed holding a "Plastic Horse Race", on a "Horse Play Racing" theme, describing and explaining what this would involve. No decision was made meantime on division of stake monies between Cash Prizes and Charity, it being noted that close and speedy supervision of intakings (and possible "odds") would be essential. The Committee agreed to accept Mr. McArthur's offer to design and make the "track" and to organise the play.

In the matter of Guests, the Committee felt that an invitation should be extended to the President of NASPM (currently Mr. Pat Smith) as usual. It was also suggested the Convenor of the NFUS Potatoes Committee (Mr. John McLaren) be invited this year. Mr. Hunter pointed out this was relevant to the choice of a Guest Speaker at the Association's A.G.M. to be held the same day and it was agreed to remit this matter to Council at its meeting on 30th October.

The Committee next considered and discussed the estimated costs Budget prepared by the Secretariat. It was decided that the cost of Tickets be fixed at £11.50 each, for the third year in succession. The Secretariat undertook to obtain a quotation for overnight accommodation for Members and Guests in the Salutation Hotel.

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OUTING: Mr. Blackmore reported briefly on the present impasse. Mr. Miller undertook to speak to Messrs. Lindsay and Maxwell before Council's next meeting, to enlist their help to progress arrangements.

The meeting was thereupon concluded.