

REPORT on a MEETING of the CHAIRMAN'S
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION in the Fountain Plaza, SCONE,
at 11.30a.m. on Thursday, 30th OCTOBER, 1986

PRESENT: Messrs. J.H. Barr, G.S. Brass, R.D. Hunter, D.H. Lindsay,
J.R. McArthur and K.A. McKenzie with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary)
in attendance.

The President, Mr. K.A. McKenzie, took the Chair and welcomed those present.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. J.E. Cook,
J.G.H. Fenton, P. Moffat, J.O. Robertson and J.M. Swinton.

A.G.M.: Mr. Hunter sought the Committee's views on a possible Guest Speaker
and Theme for the Association's Annual General Meeting in Perth on
Friday, 16th January, 1987. After discussion it was agreed to recommend
that Council invite Mr. John Hay, whom failing Mr. John McLaren, both of
NFUS to address the AGM and to be Official Guest at the Association's
Annual Dinner and Dance that same day.

"FUTURES"
SEMINAR: Mr. Blackmore reported that the London Potato Futures Association
had invited the Association's President and Secretary to be Guests at its
Seminar in the Station Hotel, Perth on Friday, 21st November, 1986.
Messrs. McKenzie and Hunter agreed to accept this invitation.

ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS: The Committee considered the pre-circulated draft of the
Association's Accounts for the year to 31st October, 1986 and Mr.
Blackmore gave item by item explanations. It was felt the year-end
results were satisfactory and it was agreed to recommend the Accounts be
finalised (without adjustments to include the cost of today's meetings)
and submitted to the Association's Auditor.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the Secretary's Salary
for the forthcoming year should be reviewed at this time, in readiness
for preparation of the Budget Estimates for the year to 31st October,
1987. Following discussion it was agreed that for Budget Estimate
purposes only, meantime, the Secretary's Salary be shown as increased
by 5% (£325) to £6,825.

TIMETABLE
OF MEETINGS: The Chairman explained the advantages of formulating a timetable
of meetings of Council for the year to 31st October, 1987. In brief
discussion it was recognised this would have to take account of PMB and
SSPDC meetings. It was also suggested that Councils' Meetings might
be better attended if held on Fridays. The Secretariat undertook to
prepare a draft timetable for consideration.

S.S.P.D.C.
REPN: The Chairman reported that Mr. J.M. Swinton had agreed to his
name being put forward to fill the vacancy created by Mr. J.H. Barr's
resignation as one of the Association's representatives on the Scottish
Seed Potato Development Council. It was agreed Council be asked to
approve the submission of Mr. Swinton's name, along with two
alternatives, for the Secretary of State's consideration.

In further discussion of the Association's views on the
continuation of the SSPDC beyond June, 1988 the Secretariat was
instructed to look up the terms of the Association's views prior to the
last continuation in June/July, 1985.

The meeting was then concluded.