

REPORT on the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
MEMBERS of the SCOTCH SEED POTATO  
EXHIBITORS held in 25 South Methven Street,  
PERTH at 11.45 a.m. on Friday, 11th  
SEPTEMBER, 1987.

PRESENT: A.D.S. Cluny Ltd. (W.P. Balfour, Esq.); Bond & Waddell Potatoes Ltd. (J.M. Waddell, Esq.); James Haggart & Sons Ltd. (J.R. McArthur, Esq.); G. & D. Maxwell Ltd. (D. Maxwell, Esq.); Robertson of Perth Ltd. (D. Stewart, Esq.) and J. & E. Smillie Potato Merchants Ltd. (G. Smillie, Esq. Convenor) with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Hunter intimated apologies for absence on behalf of G.S. Brass (Perth) Ltd. (G.S. Brass, Esq.); Fraser of Forfar Ltd. (I. Fraser, Esq.); Galbraith & Roy Ltd. (G. Lothian, Esq.); David Lindsay (Potato Merchants) Ltd. (D.H. Lindsay, Esq.); Gilbert McClung Ltd. (T. McClung, Esq.); Messrs. McKenzie Bros. (K.A. McKenzie, Esq.) and The Scottish Seed Potato Development Council (J. Bethel, Esq.).

1986 SHOW: (a) Review of Arrangements - After a short discussion it was agreed the arrangements for the Group's Stand at the 1986 Royal Smithfield Show had proved satisfactory.

(b) Account - The meeting considered the Account for that Show which had been copied to each Member beforehand. Mr. Blackmore explained that subsequent to last year's A.G.M. (at which Members' contributions had been determined at £140 each and an estimated deficit of £680 had been agreed should be met out of accumulated cash reserves), SSPDC had participated and offered to contribute up to £1,500 towards costs. In the event this converted the estimated deficit of £680 into the overall surplus of £782.65 as shown. Fifteen of last year's nineteen participating Members had indicated approval of the Account, the four others had not returned their Questionnaires. Mr. McArthur moved and Mr. Stewart seconded formal approval and adoption of the Account, to which no dissent was voiced.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE: Mr. Smillie agreed to continue as Convenor of the Organising Committee for the 1987 Royal Smithfield Show. In the event that Messrs. P.L. Fordyce had indicated they would not participate in the 1987 Show, Mr. Waddell agreed to serve in Mr. Miller's place and Mr. Balfour agreed to serve in place of Mr. Doig from his own company. Mr. Maxwell's position as SPTA representative would be determined by that Association.

1987 SHOW: Based on questionnaires returned and including some assumptions, the meeting accepted indications that 21 Members will participate in the 1987 Show arrangements. It was agreed the 1986 arrangements be repeated without change (two telephones were considered to be essential). Mr. Smillie urged a review of the layout of the Stand to try to increase the wall display area. It was decided the Secretariat arrange an on-stand discussion with the Standfitters and Mr. Bethel to this end for the 1988 Show. Messrs. Smillie and McArthur agreed to liaise on provision of the Display Samples.

In discussion of estimated 1988 Costs, the Meeting was at pains to remedy the points raised in Mr. Bethel's letter of 25th August, 1987 as reported. It was felt that SSPDC's contribution should not be confined to Site Rent, Standfitting and electrical work, but should reflect participation in the whole cost of the provision of the Stand and its facilities estimated at £3,724.50. It was agreed SSPDC be asked to meet one third of the whole costs, by contributing an estimated sum of £1,241.50. To attract increased membership it was decided the Membership Contribution for 1987 be £100 each. After debate it was agreed that to take account of the degree of Members' subsidisation from their Cash Reserves, new Members should contribute £120.00 each. On these bases, the meeting accepted that a prospective deficit of £363 would require to be met out of accumulated cash reserve. Mr. Smillie undertook to telephone Mr. Bethel for his acceptance before all Members are informed and invoiced.

The meeting then concluded.