

REPORT on a MEETING of the ORGANISING  
COMMITTEE of the SCOTCH SEED POTATO  
EXHIBITORS at 25 South Methven Street,  
PERTH at 11 a.m. on Friday, 11th  
SEPTEMBER, 1987.

PRESENT: Gordon Smillie, Esq. (Convenor), with Messrs.R. David Hunter  
(Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

1986 SHOW: (a) Arrangements - In retrospect, Mr. Smillie felt the arrangements for the Group's Stand at the Royal Smithfield Show in 1986 had worked satisfactorily and he could not recall any particular problems having arisen.

(b) Account - In respect of the 1986 Show Account (a copy of which had been sent to each Member) it was noted that whereas Members' Contributions had been fixed on the basis that a deficit of £680 would be incurred, subsequent SSPDC involvement with an offered Contribution of £1,500 had resulted in a surplus of £782.65 overall. Satisfactory though it was, it was agreed funding changes should be made for the 1987 Show.

1987 SHOW: (a) Estimates - In consideration of the Estimated costs of unchanged arrangements for the 1987 Show, Mr. Blackmore explained these had been prepared on the assumption that the basis of the SSPDC Contribution would be unchanged. In the light of SSPDC's letter commenting on the 1986 arrangements and Account, however, it was decided to recommend to the A.G.M. that the SSPDC be invited to bear one third of the whole costs of the Stand this year (instead of one half of the Site Rent and standfitting costs only, as last year).

Reporting on questionnaires returned by Members, Mr. Blackmore explained that of the six former Members who had not participated in 1986, four had indicated they are not to participate in 1987 either and two others had still to reply. Of the 19 participants in 1986, 13 have confirmed they are to participate in 1987, two have still to decide and four (assumed probables) have still to reply. One new Member (Nickersons Seed Potatoes) has still to confirm participation in 1987.

On this information Mr. Smillie felt Members' Contributions for 1987 should be recommended at £110 each and (to take account of the likely extent of subsidisation from cash in hand) New Members should contribute £130 each. He also felt improvements in the Stand design should be considered.

The meeting was then concluded.