

REPORT on a MEETING of the CHAIRMAN'S  
COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION in the Wheel Inn Motor Hotel,  
SCONE at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 20th NOVEMBER,  
1987.

PRESENT: Messrs. 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: Mr. Blackmore submitted apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J.E. Cook, J.G.H. Fenton and J.M. Swinton. *Messrs Barr and Robertson did not receive notification of this meeting. (see 7th July, 1988)*

BUDGET ESTIMATES: Mr. Blackmore tabled further copies of Budget Estimates for the year to 31st October, 1988 which he regretted he had completed and posted out only the day before this meeting. Mr. Hunter explained this had been due to Mr. Blackmore's recent sickness absence which had also delayed finalisation of the Association's Annual Account for the year to 31st October, 1987 (on which the Budget Estimates were based) but it would be despatched to the Auditor on 23rd November.

Mr. Hunter also explained that as originally prepared, the Estimates had indicated an increase in the rates of Annual Membership Subscriptions might be avoided. In his own view this had cut things rather too fine and left no margin for any unforeseen expenses. After various revisions, including provision of £250 for "sundries" and a suggested increase of £275 in the Secretary's Salary (virtually 4%, in line with the current Retail Price Index) the Estimates were finalised as presented, subject, as usual, to approval by Council and adoption by the Annual General Meeting of Members.

During the Committee's discussion of each heading in turn, it was felt that the modest increases indicated may prove insufficient, particularly in respect of photocopying and postages. Mr. Blackmore pointed out that without the annual N.S.D.O. meeting, travelling expenses should reduce, but the Committee agreed the estimate of £400 to be reasonable and prudent to retain. It was also agreed that Bank interest rates could be expected to decline as indicated.

Mr. Blackmore further explained that the figure of 104 Members shown took account of one resignation and three further enrollments expected to be approved by Council later today. Further, while allowance for further resignations and possible suspensions could not be made, experience indicated these could be largely offset by net increases from movements between brackets. The suggested rates of Subscription shown for each tonnage bracket represented a rounded approximate 4% increase in each bracket over the previous year. The Committee agreed to further "rounding" of the subscriptions shown, before defining its recommendations to Council as follows:-

- (1) That the Secretary's Salary for the year to 31st October, 1988 be increased by £275.00 to £7,100.00 and
- (2) That Annual Membership Subscriptions for the year to 31st October, 1988 be determined as follows:-

0 - 2,000 tonnes	£65.00	} all plus V.A.T.
2,001 - 6,000 tonnes	£95.00	
6,001 - 10,000 tonnes	£120.00	
10,001 - 14,000 tonnes	£150.00	
14,001 - 18,000 tonnes	£165.00	
over 18,000 tonnes	£200.00	

The meeting then closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

*G.S. Brass.*