

REPORT on a MEETING of the  
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the  
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION at 25 South Methven  
Street, PERTH at Noon on  
Friday, 11th MARCH, 1988.

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PRESENT: Messrs. W.P. Balfour, D.H. Lindsay, P. Miller and J.R. McArthur, with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

The Convenor, Mr. P. Miller, chaired the meeting.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was recorded on behalf of Mr. A.S. Whitehead.

1988 GOLF  
OUTING:

In the event that a booking with the Blairgowrie Golf Club for Tuesday, 17th or Thursday, 19th May, 1988 had not been secured, the Committee considered details obtained from 8 alternative venues, at 5 of which provisional bookings for nearby dates had been made. Discussion agreed that on the ground of accessibility, Kinross would be the preferred venue and instructed the provisional booking there for Monday, 23rd May, 1988 be confirmed. Mr. Miller undertook to contact the Club Secretary to try to secure at least some starts before 9.30 a.m. and the Club Caterer to ensure that High Tea included sirloin steak, albeit this could cost (say) £4.25 rather than £3.75 each.

From discussion of the cost of Tickets the Committee agreed the indicated prices were £22.00 each for Golfers and £15.00 each for non-Golfers. Mr. Blackmore undertook to prepare the usual detailed Estimates and circularise these to the Committee as soon as possible, so that detailed particulars are posted to all Association Members within a week of today's meeting.

DINNER  
DANCE:

The Committee's discussion of the Association's annual Dinner Dance held in the Salutation Hotel, Perth on 15th January, 1988 revealed mixed views on the catering standards and a consensus not to renew a booking with the Boston Clegg Band. Mr. Blackmore reported having made provisional re-bookings with the Salutation Hotel for Friday, 13th and Friday, 20th January, 1989. It was decided to cancel the first of these and to firm up the latter booking meantime, leaving the application of pressure for catering improvements until later.

It was also agreed to seek a booking of the Strowan Ceilidh Band (Mr. Blackmore to obtain contact details from Mr. McArthur) and not to repeat the Horse Racing Game. Consideration of an imaginative Raffle and/or Auction, with surplus to charity, was not conclusive, Mr. McArthur indicated his willingness to officiate as M.C. again. In reply, Mr. Blackmore stated the draft 1988 Dance Account showed a virtual "break-even" result, to be finalised by inclusion of the Horse Racing Game results.

CURLING:

Following discussion it was agreed that as Organiser for the South Rinks, Mr. McClung be asked to arrange a First Leg booking for 4 Rinks at the Murrayfield Ice Rink, Edinburgh on Thursday, 15th December, 1988 and the Secretariat to seek a Second Leg booking for 4 Rinks at Perth Ice Rink in early March, 1989. Mr. Balfour agreed to take over from Mr. Miller as Organiser for the North Rinks.

Mr. Lindsay/

A.O.C.B.:

Mr. Lindsay sought the Committee's views on the possible need and support for an Association Coach Outing to visit points of interest to Members. Brief discussion identified several such points and broad outlines of format. The Committee agreed to give these suggestions further consideration before its next meeting.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.