

REPORT on the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SCOTCH SEED POTATO EXHIBITORS at 25 South Methven Street, PERTH at 12 Noon on Friday, 24th JUNE, 1988.

PRESENT: J. & E. Smillie (Potato Merchants) Ltd. (G. Smillie, Esq.), with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

In reply to Mr. Smillie, Mr. Hunter explained the Exhibitors Group does not have a formal Constitution and Rules and there is, therefore, no required quorum of Members to conduct business. Mr. Smillie recorded his disappointment in the lack of support by his fellow Members of the Group.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Hunter intimated apologies for absence on behalf of A.D.S. Cluny Ltd. (W.P. Balfour, Esq.), G.S. Brass (Perth) Ltd. (G.S. Brass, Esq.), James Haggart & Sons Ltd. (J.R. McArthur, Esq.), Gilbert McClung Ltd. (T. McClung, Esq.) and Messrs. McKenzie Bros. (K.A. McKenzie, Esq.).

1987 SHOW: (a) Review of Arrangements - Mr. Blackmore reported no adverse criticism of the arrangements for the Group's Stand at the 1987 Royal Smithfield Show had been received. Mr. Smillie confirmed the arrangements had been satisfactory.

(b) Account - The pre-circularised Account for the 1987 Show was taken as read and with the supporting approval of eight questionnaire responses, was duly adopted, the Cash Balance in hand of £2,181.05 being carried forward to the 1988 Show.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE: The Meeting re-appointed the Group's Organising Committee (Messrs. W.P. Balfour and J.M. Waddell, with G. Smillie as Convenor) for a further year, renewal of Mr. McArthur's appointment as S.P.T.A. representative being determined by the Association in due course.

1988 SHOW: Mr. Hunter reported that A.D.S. Cluny Ltd. and H.B. Crockatt Ltd. had become ineligible for Membership of the Group. Responses to questionnaires sent to the remaining 20 participants in the 1987 Show confirmed eight of them are to continue membership for the 1988 Show. After consideration it was felt most likely the remaining twelve Members will also continue for the 1988 Show. It was agreed unlikely that former Members would rejoin and it was decided to include a "recruiting" Item in the next S.P.T.A. News Letter.

Mr. Hunter also reported the recommendations of the earlier meeting of the Organising Committee. It was decided to repeat the 1987 Show arrangements without change for the 1988 Show, to obtain a formal Quotation from the Standfitters and that the present 20 Members will each contribute £120.00 plus V.A.T. towards 1988 costs. To take account of the degree of Members' subsidisation from their Cash Reserves, new Members will contribute £140.00 plus V.A.T.

It was further decided that despite envisaged costs increases, S.S.P.D.C. 1988 Contribution remain at £1,400.00 plus V.A.T., and that the Secretary's Salary and Outlays for the 1988 Show be increased by £20 to £220 plus V.A.T., it being accepted that on these bases, the 1988 Show would incur an indicated deficit of £165, to be met by further depletion of Cash Reserves. Once again Mr. Smillie also undertook to arrange provision of samples for display on the Stand.

The meeting then concluded.