

REPORT on a MEETING of the
ORGANISING COMMITTEE of the
SCOTCH SEED POTATO EXHIBITORS at
25 South Methven Street, PERTH at
11.30 a.m. on Friday, 24th JUNE,
1988.

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

APOLOGIES: Mr. Hunter submitted apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. G.S. Brass (ex officio), J.R. McArthur (ex officio and S.P.T.A. representative), W.P. Balfour and J.M. Waddell.

1987 SHOW: (a) Arrangements - In Mr. Smillie's view, the arrangements for the Group's Stand at the 1987 Royal Smithfield Show had worked smoothly. He regretted that an on-stand meeting with the standfitting contractors had not been possible and he still felt a review of the design of the Stand is overdue.

(b) Account - The 1987 Show Account, disclosing a less than planned deficit of £138.43 (which reduced the balance in hand to £2,181.05) had been copied to each Member. Mr. Blackmore explained this had included unbudgeted Red Star Parcels costs and a once-only contribution of £20 towards the cost of a new box. The 1988 Show Budget now included this Item. All other Items in the Account were considered in turn and the Committee's recommendation that the A.G.M. adopt the Account included a recommendation that the Secretary's Salary and Outlays for the 1988 Show be increased by £20 to £220.00.

1988 SHOW: (a) Estimates - Mr. Blackmore reported that application for the usual Stand site and payment of £200 deposit of Rent for 1988 had already been made and acknowledged. The 1987 Group Membership of 22 had been reduced to 20 for 1988, of whom 8 have indicated 1988 participation in replies to Questionnaires received to date. S.S.P.D.C. has also agreed to continue participation in 1988 and for Budget purposes a repeat of its £1,400 Contribution has been incorporated. (Mr. Blackmore explained the S.S.P.D.C. share of 1987 costs, projected at one-third of total expenditure as discussed at last year's A.G.M., would have been £1,265. In the event, Mr. Smillie had asked for and obtained £1,400. By repeating this same figure against projected increased 1988 costs, it related more nearly to a one-third share (£1,322) of those estimated total costs.

On this basis, and assuming a further depletion of Cash in hand by £165 (to £2,016) to be acceptable, the Estimates required Members' 1988 Contributions to be increased to £120 each. Following discussion, Mr. Smillie recommended the A.G.M. be asked to adopt this figure and to require any new Members to contribute £140 each (to include the degree of subsidisation from reserves involved).

The meeting then concluded.