

REPORT on a MEETING of the  
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the  
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION in  
25 South Methven Street, Perth at  
2.30 p.m. on Friday, 23rd SEPTEMBER,  
1988.

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PRESENT:

Messrs. P. Miller (Convenor), G.S. Brass and J.R. McArthur (both ex officio) and W.P. Balfour, with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Blackmore submitted apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. A.W. Bayne, D.H. Lindsay and A.S. Whitehead.

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DINNER/  
DANCE:

Mr. Miller explained today's meeting had been arranged at short notice to reconsider arrangements in the light of possible lack of support and some misgivings on the suitability of the provisionally booked venue and date (Salutation Hotel, Perth on Friday, 20th January, 1989). In Mr. McArthur's view, support would be strengthened by a return to the Station Hotel, Perth on a traditional pre-Christmas date and on his suggestion tentative enquiries had already been made.

Mr. Blackmore reported that the Ballroom there is already booked for a Function on Friday, 16th December, 1988 but the Grampian Room (formerly the Dining Room) is available for a simultaneous Function on that date. Both Functions would require the dining tables to be moved in each before dancing commences. Although the Station Hotel had indicated several months earlier that their charge for last year's menu (for which the Salutation Hotel had charged £8.50 per head) would have been £13.50, they now quoted for a Buffet Dinner at £10.50 per head. Strowan Ceilidh Band (already provisionally booked for 20th January, 1989) had also indicated it could amend this to 16th December, 1988.

In the ensuing discussion it was agreed that with oncosts (printing, Band, gratuities and Secretarial) of about £3.50 per head (for 100 participants), total costs of £14.00 per head should be subsidised from cash reserves (approx. £350). It was decided that tickets would be priced at £12.50, compared with £11.50 the previous year.

The Committee decided to proceed with these amended arrangements and instructed the Secretariat to cancel the provisional booking with the Salutation Hotel, to arrange provisional bookings for Friday, 16th December, 1988 with the Station Hotel and with the Strowan Ceilidh Band and to liaise with the Hotel in respect of all the usual arrangements (7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m., with dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.; a table for pre-meal wine orders, private bar sitting and timing, Table Menus, and for soup on departure, as well as favourable overnight accommodation rates).

In further discussion it was decided to discontinue the Horse Racing Game in favour of a Raffle, with a first prize of a luxury extended week-end break for two (value approx. £300 - Mr. McArthur undertaking to obtain details of various examples for consideration) and as many lesser (donated, sponsored) prizes as possible. The Secretariat was also instructed to extend an invitation as usual to the President of NASPM and his wife.

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In respect of printing it was agreed numbered tickets will be required as usual and printed, two-sided announcements (for enclosure with a News Letter to each Member) also be ordered.

CURLING:

Mr. Miller reported having learned from Mr. McClung that Mr. Alan Henderson's Rink will no longer be competing for the South for the William Paul Trophy. With only three South Rinks available for the first leg fixture in Edinburgh on 15th December, 1988, the viability of the whole competition had come under question. After brief discussion Mr. Balfour offered to form a replacement Rink for the South.

The Meeting was thereupon concluded.