

REPORT on a MEETING of the
ORGANISING COMMITTEE of the SCOTCH
SEED POTATO EXHIBITORS in 25 South
Methven Street, PERTH at 3.30 p.m.
on Friday, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1988.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.R. McArthur (ex officio and SPTA representative), G. Smillie (Convenor) and W.P. Balfour, with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. G.S. Brass (ex officio), J.M. Waddell and R. David Hunter (Secretary).

1988 ROYAL
SMITHFIELD
SHOW:

Mr. Blackmore explained that his Estimates for 1988 costs had included £2,415 (1987 £2,300 + Inflation 5%, the usual formula) for Standfitting, Furniture Hire and Floral display. The Quotation subsequently obtained from Beck & Pollitzer Contracts Ltd., the Exhibitors' contractor for the last twenty years, totalled £3,921.56, of which £300 represented furniture hire and floral display. This was patently unacceptable. On the basis that furniture floral hire, namesboard and lion panels can be ordered direct and (without middleman mark-ups) more cheaply, Quotations had been sought from eight alternative contractors.

One of these had elicited no response. Two others had acknowledged, but their promised quotations had not been received. The other five had submitted quotations ranging from £1,548 to £4,995, the latter being the only one to exceed Beck & Pollitzer Contracts Ltd.'s quotation and the highest of the others being £1,280 below it.

After consideration, the Committee instructed acceptance of the quotation of £1,963.31 submitted by Ecando Systems Ltd., Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, Earls Court, London SW5 9TA. The Committee also instructed quotations for portable Names Board and lion panels be obtained locally in Perth and that Invoicing of Members for their Contributions proceed now.

The meeting was thereupon concluded.