

REPORT on a MEETING of the
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION in 25 South Methven
Street, PERTH at 11.30 a.m. on
Thursday, 26th OCTOBER, 1989.

PRESENT:

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

DINNER/
DANCE:

1988 - The Committee considered the pre-circulated draft Account in respect of the Function held in the Station Hotel, Perth on Friday, 16th December, 1988. While this disclosed a loss of £125.66 (compared with a budgetted loss of £150), which reduced cash reserves in hand from £330.81 to £204.15, this was agreed to be acceptable. In the light of the near-cancellation of the Function for lack of support (which would have incurred much greater penalties), it was felt to have been a light escape. The Account was approved on this basis.

1989 - Mr. Hunter explained that the booking for the 1989 Function in the Isle of Skye Hotel, Perth was the only venue available on the preferred date (Friday, 15th December, 1989). Regrettably this involves a space limitation and consequent ceiling on numbers. It was felt that current trade optimism could result in stronger support this year. While it was not decided how to resolve any possible over-booking situation that might arise (whether by ballot or "first come, first served") it was agreed circularisation of details should recommend a prompt return of booking forms in view of limitation of numbers and a warning that late applications are likely to be disappointed.

The Committee considered four pre-circulated offered Menus, the second of which (priced at £9.85 per head) found most favour. Discussion decided soup on departure as usual would be desirable and that the Secretariat should arrange a meeting between the Hotel Manager (Mr. Anderson) and Mr. Miller to arrange this, hopefully within an overall cost of £10 per head inclusive. The meeting should also arrange seating at tables of 12 each, with no "Top Table"; usual pre-Dinner wine orders facilities; Hotel to provide Menus for each table and to confirm no additional Function-room hire charge will be payable. Private adequately staffed Bar facilities before, during and after Dinner in (or adjacent to) the Function Room licensed until 1 a.m. should also be arranged. A concessionary overnight accommodation rate for those Members and their Guests requiring it should be negotiated (bookings direct with the Hotel) and the Hotel's car-parking capacity should be checked for its adequacy.

Having considered the Secretariat's pre-circularised Budget Estimates and adjustments thereto in respect of the foregoing discussion, it was decided to price tickets for this year's Function at £13.50 each, the Secretariat to instruct the printing thereof to exclude the price but to include "Dress Formal" as usual. It was also agreed to invite Mr. John Stephenson with partner as the only Guests, the President welcoming them to the Function.
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Mr. Lindsay kindly undertook once again to say Grace before Dinner. Booking of Bill Wilkie's five-piece Band from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. was ratified and it was decided to hold a simple Raffle (instead of the usual Game), perhaps for a 1-gallon bottle of whisky, during the Band's interval break.

It was agreed a further Committee meeting, following the meeting with Mr. Anderson, would not be necessary and the Secretariat was instructed to circularise full details, with Booking Forms, to every Association Member as soon as possible after finalisation.

1990 - In respect of a booking for 9th December, 1990 offered by the Salutation Hotel, Perth the Secretariat was instructed to try to change this to Friday, 14th December, 1990 and if successful, to make a provisional booking there for the latter date.

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MATCH:

Mr. Blackmore reported that bookings had been made for the first leg games to be played in the Murrayfield Ice Rink in Edinburgh at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th December, 1989 and for the second leg games to be played in Perth Ice Rink at 3 p.m. on Friday, 9th March, 1990. The Secretariat agreed to circularise this information to the whole Association Membership in the next News Letter and to write the usual letters to all Skips before each Leg.

GOLF
OUTING:

Mr. Blackmore also confirmed having made a booking with Blairgowrie Golf Club for Thursday, 31st May, 1990. It was agreed to include this announcement also in the next News Letter meantime.

The meeting then concluded.