

MINUTES of a MEETING of the  
CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH  
POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION in  
Glenhurst Hotel, SCONE at 12 Noon on  
Thursday, 23rd November, 1989

PRESENT:

Messrs. G.S. Brass, J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie and J.O. Robertson, with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

The President, Mr. G.S. Brass, took the Chair.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J.G.H. Fenton, R.D. Hunter, D.H. Lindsay and J.M. Swinton.

ANNUAL  
ACCOUNT:

The Committee considered the Association's Annual Account for the year to 31st October, 1989 now returned duly docquetted from the Auditor. Mr. Blackmore briefly highlighted the changes from the earlier draft. The Audited Account was approved for submission to Council later today for authority to copy it to each Association Member.

BUDGET  
ESTIMATES:

The Committee considered Budget Estimates for the year to 31st October, 1990. Mr. Blackmore explained each head thereof in turn, pointing out that allowance had not been made for possible expenses of travelling to meetings of the reconstituted J.C.C., or for any change in the Secretary's Salary. The Committee recommended that estimated Travelling Expenses should be increased from £200 (as shown) to £500 meantime to cover the first point and following discussion (during Mr. Blackmore's withdrawal from the meeting) deferred a decision on the second point.

During discussion of requisite rates of Membership Subscriptions to meet budgetted outgoings, comment highlighted that of the present Membership Roll of 98, 42 Members subscribed within the 0 - 2,000 tonnes bracket, with a further 26 Members within the 2,001 - 6,000 tonnes bracket. Mr. Blackmore explained this concentration within these two lowest brackets had been progressive over a number of years. Accepting that certain Members genuinely belonged in the lowest bracket, the Committee's unanimous view was that the present position is nevertheless neither truly representative or acceptable.

Suggested means of verification of claimed "tonnage handled" figures were discussed but not resolved. The Committee agreed to recommend that Council consider amalgamation of the two lowest tonnage brackets into a single 0 - 6,000 tonnes bracket for which the current year's Subscription should be £100 plus V.A.T., with all other tonnage brackets and rates of Subscriptions remaining unchanged from 1988-89.

A.O.C.B.:

In reply to Mr. McArthur, Mr. Blackmore undertook to prepare an Account showing the up-to-date position of the Association's Press Fund.

The meeting was then concluded.