

REPORT on a MEETING of the
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
in 25 South Methven Street, PERTH
at Noon on Friday, 9th FEBRUARY,
1990.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.R. McArthur and R. Doig (both ex officio),
P. Miller (Convenor), A.C. Galbraith, D.H. Lindsay and
A.S. Whitehead, with R.David Hunter (Secretary) and D.
Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

DINNER-
DANCE:

During a review of the 1989 Function, held in the
Isle of Skye Hotel in Perth on 15th December, 1989 it was
generally felt the success of the event had been
generated by those present, despite shortcomings in
respect of a very late start (due to delayed opening of
private bar facilities), prolonged meals service and very
restricted dancing space. The quality of the meals was
regarded as satisfactory and the performance of Bill
Wilkie's Band earned much praise.

Pre-circulated copies of the financial Account of
the Function were considered. Although the influenza
epidemic had caused 14 cancellations (and thereby
fortunately reduced crowding to a more tolerable level)
the 93 participants had resulted in a surplus of £74.70
(compared with a loss of £125.66 for the previous year's
Function), restoring cash in hand to £278.85. Mr.
McArthur recorded especial appreciation to the whole
company for its outstanding generosity in the Prize Draw,
which had provided a Donation of £220.00 to the Cancer
Research Campaign. The Committee duly approved and
adopted the Account.

Mr. Hunter pointed out that provisional bookings for
the next Function on Friday, 14th December, 1990 had
already been made with Bill Wilkie's Band and both the
Salutation and the Isle of Skye Hotels. Following
discussion it was agreed to finalise the Band's booking
(a preference for more Scottish dances, as equally
acceptable to younger and older participants alike, being
noted). It was also agreed to use firm pressure to
ensure 120 participants in this next Function, which will
thus require to be held in the downstairs facilities of
the Salutation Hotel, Perth. The Secretariat was
instructed to finalise this booking also and to cancel
the provisional booking made with the Isle of Skye Hotel.

GOLF
OUTING:

Mr. Blackmore regretted the very late pre-
circulation of the financial Account of the 1989 Outing
to Rosemount on Thursday, 18th May. This showed a very
marked reduction in participation (a total of only 30
compared with an estimated 64) possibly reflecting the
difficult trading conditions at that time. However,
although the estimates had provided for Ticket costs to
be subsidised by £93 out of cash reserves in hand, the
actual Deficit for the event was £82.41 and cash reserves
in hand were reduced to £415.00 at today's date.
Following discussion the Account was duly approved and
adopted.

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Mr. Hunter reported receipt of confirmation of the provisional booking previously made for the 1990 Golf Outing to be held at Rosemount again on Thursday, 31st May. The booking offered 12 foursomes commencing at 0903 hours on the Lansdowne Course and 8 foursomes commencing at 1407 hours on the Rosemount Course. In the light of the 20% increases intimated in Green Fees (up from £15 to £18 per round and £22 to £27 for the day), Mr. Blackmore voiced his concern that depressed participation would not utilise these offered bookings.

Following discussion of the possibility of a wide variety of alternative venues it was agreed to accept the offered booking (subject to the morning rounds starting at 0830 hours), leaving any adjustment of numbers until nearer the time in the light of ticket demands received. After consideration of pre-circulated Estimates of the cost of tickets (based on total participation of 40 and subsidisation of £41.96), it was agreed that tickets be priced as follows:-

Club Member Golfer	£15.00	including V.A.T.
non-Club Member Golfer	£40.00	-do-
Non Golfer	£20.00	-do-

incurring an estimated total subsidisation of £63.26.

The Committee also considered the possibility of securing sponsorship support for the event or by way of prizes and it was agreed this be further investigated and followed up. Meantime, the Secretariat was instructed to announce the dates of the next Curling Match, Golf Outing and Dinner Dance in the next News Letter and to prepare the usual circularisation for the Golf Outing for despatch to every Member of the Association in late March/early April.

The meeting then concluded.