

MINUTE of a MEETING of the
CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
in the Wheel Inn Motor Hotel,
SCONE at 11 a.m. on Wednesday,
17th OCTOBER, 1990.

PRESENT: Messrs. G.S. Brass, J.E. Cook, R. Doig, R.D. Hunter,
D.H. Lindsay and J.R. McArthur, with D. Blackmore
(Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

The President, Mr. J.R. McArthur, took the Chair and
welcomed those present to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were recorded on behalf of
Messrs. J.G.H. Fenton, K.A. McKenzie and J.O. Robertson.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting of the Chairman's
Committee in Scone on 7th September, 1990 which had been
pre-copied to each Committee Member were taken as read.
They were formally approved and were signed to this
effect by the Chairman.

MATTERS
ARISING: (a) New Joint Consultative Committee - It was agreed that
this matter required no further discussion at this time.
The Committee confirmed the desirability of comprehensive
briefing of the Association's representative prior to the
next J.C.C. meeting. To this end the Committee adopted
Mr. Lindsay's proposal that as soon as it is received the
Agenda for the next J.C.C. meeting be circulated to each
Member of Council.

(b) NASPM Visit - The Committee noted that strong
exception had been taken to the content of a letter
written to SSPDC by Mr. Pat Smith following NASPM's
visit.

(c) Joint Liaison Committee - Mr. Hunter read out a brief
Item from the NASPM Journal indicating that increased
virus infection in Scottish seed crops would lead to
reduced ware yields in England. It was agreed this
matter should be raised during the forthcoming J.L.C.
meeting. Following discussion of NASPM's representation
at that meeting, Messrs. Doig and McArthur undertook to
contact Messrs. Longlands and Scott respectively to
resolve this point.

ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS: Mr. Blackmore tabled copies of the draft Association
Accounts updated to today's date. Although these
disclosed an Income surplus of just under £700, he
pointed out that payment of the costs of today's meetings
(which he estimated at £120) would reduce this surplus.
He further explained that the costs of the meeting of the
Joint Liaison Committee in Edinburgh on 31st October were
proper to be included in this year's Account. Estimating
that these costs would also amount to £120, he suggested
a pre-payment of this amount could be made and a formal
receipt obtained for Audit purposes. The Committee
agreed to recommend this course to Council for approval.

Against the resulting surplus Income of about £450,
Mr. Blackmore further pointed out that acceptance of the
PMB's offer of a rent-free stand site at the Ingliston
event will incur standfitting costs. From information
obtained he had calculated the minimum cost to be £275.50
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and this would be payable when confirming the already late booking. Following discussion, the Committee decided to recommend that Council authorise this expenditure within the current accounting year.

PRESS FUND
ACCOUNT:

Mr. Hunter reported that the Press Fund balance amounted to £2,245.48 as at today's date. In brief discussion the Committee noted this position and decided to seek suggestions from Council at its meeting later today.

ELECTIONS
TO COUNCIL:

Although the postal ballot of Members was not due to close until Noon today, Mr. Blackmore felt it was most unlikely that any Ballot Paper(s) received by mid-day delivery would alter the results achieved by the start of this meeting. By that time 54 Ballot Papers had been received, recording 301 votes. The six successful Candidates were Messrs. A.W. Bayne, J.E. Cook, J.P. Deuchar, D. Maxwell, D. Smith and J.M. Swinton. The unsuccessful Candidates were Messrs. J.M.G. Grant, J. McFarlane and W. Nicoll. In discussion the Committee felt it was clear that two Candidates from the Northern Area had split the votes that might otherwise have increased that area's representation on Council. The possibility of co-option to remedy this was discussed without conclusion.

A.O.C.B.:

(a) Date of next meeting - For the purpose of considering the Audited Accounts with a Budget for next year and to make recommendations for the rates of 1990-91 Membership Subscriptions, the Committee agreed to hold its next meeting in the same venue at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd November, 1990 immediately preceding the next meeting of Council there.

The meeting was thereupon concluded.

