

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the MEMBERS of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
in the Wheel Inn Motor Hotel,
SCONE at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 9th
JANUARY, 1992.

PRESENT:

Messrs. Alexander Bayne & Son	(A.W. Bayne, Esq.)
Cullen Allen Scotland Ltd.	(D.H. Lindsay, Esq.)
Dalgety Produce-Scotland	(Messrs. J. Marshall & D. Peebles)
Robert J.S. Doig Ltd.	(R. Doig, Esq.)
Messrs. Wm. Fraser	(J.P. Deuchar, Esq.)
Galbraith & Roy Ltd.	(J.O. Robertson, Esq.)
Grampian Growers Ltd.	(A.B. Pullar, Esq.)
James Haggart & Sons Ltd.	(J.R. McArthur, Esq.)
Kirkforthar Potato Co. Ltd.	(Messrs. J.M. Harley & D. Harley)
G. & D. Maxwell Ltd.	(D. Maxwell, Esq.)
J. Logan Milne (Potatoes) Ltd.	(J. Logan Milne, Esq.)
Messrs. McKenzie Bros.	(K.A. McKenzie, Esq.)
Robertson of Perth Ltd.	(D.Y. Stewart, Jr., Esq.)
Scott Country Potatoes Ltd.	(J.E. Cook, Esq.)
Scott & Newman Ltd.	(J. Macfarlane, Esq.)
J. & E. Smillie (Potato Merchants) Ltd.	(G. Smillie, Esq.)
W.C.F. Ltd.	(J.M. Swinton, Esq.)
Stewart Whitehead Potatoes Ltd.	(A.S. Whitehead, Esq.)

with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

The President, R. Doig, Esq. took the Chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence received from:

Beeson Group Ltd.	(J.B. Hollywood, Esq.)
Bond & Waddell Ltd.	(J.M. Waddell, Esq.)
G.S. Brass (Perth) Ltd.	(G.S. Brass, Esq.)
Caledonian Produce Ltd.	(A.C. Galbraith, Esq.)
Nickerson Seeds Ltd.	(I. Melrose, Esq.)
P.B.I. Fenton	(J.G.H. Fenton, Esq.)
Stokes Bomford (Cluny) Ltd.	(D. Smith, Esq.)
Messrs. S. Thompson & Sons	(A. Fleming, Esq.)
R.D. Hunter, Esq. (Secretary and Treasurer)	

REPORT OF
COUNCIL:

In the Secretary's absence, Mr. J.R. McArthur (Past President) presented Council's Report for the year to 31st October, 1991 (copy herewith) to the Members present. There being no observations, questions or comments from the meeting the Report was formally approved and adopted.

ANNUAL
ACCOUNT:

On Mr. Hunter's behalf, Mr. Blackmore presented the Association's duly audited Annual Account for the year to 31st October, 1991 (a copy of which had already been sent to each Association Member) and read the Treasurer's Report giving brief comment and explanation on each heading in turn. There being no response to the invitation for questions from the meeting, the Account was formally and unanimously approved and adopted.

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MEMBERSHIP
SUBSCRIPT-
IONS:

The Chairman pointed out that as recorded in the Minutes of its last meeting, Council had adopted a recommendation that today's Annual General Meeting of Members make no change to the Association's tonnage brackets and to determine Membership Subscriptions for the year to 31st October, 1992 to be as follows:-

1 - 6,000 tonnes	£106.00	
6,001 - 10,000 tonnes	£138.00	
10,001 - 14,000 tonnes	£170.00	plus V.A.T.
14,001 - 18,000 tonnes	£201.00	
over 18,000 tonnes	£233.00	

During consideration of this recommendation a suggestion that these subscriptions be rounded to the nearest £5 did not find support. The recommendation was formally approved and adopted unanimously, with payments being due as at today's date.

Responding to matters raised from the meeting, the Chairman pointed out that each of these were already on the Agenda for the immediately following Open meeting of Council, to which all Members present had already been invited to attend. It was pointed out, however, that it was competent for this meeting to consider these matters and discussion duly proceeded.

A.O.C.B.:

(a) SOAFD's proposals re Classification Scheme changes - In reply to a request for Council's views it was suggested the SOAFD proposals should be discarded until virus free clonal material is available. Discussion indicated this view was overstated and not widely supported. Steps to alleviate this problem having already been announced, other views on which of the proposals would be acceptable or not were mixed and far from unanimous. S.E. Growers Ltd. matters were also referred to during this lengthy but inconclusive discussion.

(b) Press Fund expenditure - In reply to an enquiry from the meeting whether this expenditure had been value for money, the Chairman provided background explanation. Enlarging on this Mr. McArthur referred to the virus problem in particular, in which a specialist media capability had been both fortuitous and valuable. During further discussion attention was drawn to variance between PMB crop statistics announced at Christmas time and earlier PMB estimates. The Chairman felt this anomaly could be more widely published following today's meeting.

The meeting was then concluded.