

REPORT on a MEETING of the  
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE of THE  
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION in  
25 South Methven Street, PERTH at 12  
Noon on Friday, 31st JULY, 1992.

PRESENT:

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

The Convenor, Mr. P. Miller, took the Chair.

DINNER-  
DANCE:

In the Chairman's opinion the 1991 Function had been very successful, while the result of the Prize Draw had been quite exceptional in raising £1,050.00 for the Cancer Research Campaign. In further comments, Mr. Smith felt that correlation of attendances and potato prices had finally been disproved. In Mr. Doig's view the low ceiling had been the main cause of a build-up of heat and it was agreed to ask the Queens Hotel to ensure improved ventilation for the 1992 Function. On Mr. Galbraith's suggestion it was also agreed to avoid repetition of confusion arising from two Bars operating initially, by asking the Hotel to direct arriving guests to a single, fully staffed, function-room Bar.

After considering a post-refurbishment invitation from the Salutation Hotel, Perth and Mr. Blackmore's telephoned enquiry regarding suitable 1992 bookings availability, the Committee decided unanimously that a joint public/Association function would not be acceptable. It was also decided to adhere to the provisional bookings made with the Queens Hotel, Perth and Bill Wilkie's Band for Friday, 18th December, 1992. It was agreed the Secretariat should enquire if Huntingtower Hotel, Perth has a booking available for either Friday, 10th or 17th December, 1993 and obtain a note of their 1992 prices for comparison purposes. It was further agreed to consider whether the proceeds from future Prize Draws should be donated to more than one Charity.

Mr. Blackmore commented briefly on the pre-circulated 1991 Function Account, which disclosed that Receipts exceeded Payments by £231.04, increasing the accumulated Balance in hand to £584.27. The Account was formally approved.

GOLF  
OUTING:

The Committee noted that the pre-circulated 1992 Outing Account showed that Payments had exceeded Receipts by £15.88, reducing the accumulated Balance in hand to £367.17. It was accepted that exceptionally low support made a loss inevitable and the Account was duly approved.

The Chairman sought the Committee's views on a suggestion from an Association member that the 1993 Outing should include an invitation to the farming fraternity, to boost numbers. In the Committee's view the traditional Trade emphasis of the Outing should be retained if possible. Discussion included several factors felt to influence declining support, including close dates of other Outings, costs, venues, etc. It was agreed the 1993 Outing should continue the Trade emphasis and should revert to the normal two rounds format, aiming for block bookings for 50 golfers for morning competition rounds and 40 non-competition rounds in the afternoon. Following/

Following further discussion it was also agreed the Outing should take place on Thursday, 20th, or Tuesday, 25th, or Thursday, 27th (avoiding Wednesday, 26th) May, 1993. The Secretariat was instructed to write accordingly to Rosemount, Forfar and Ladybank Golf Clubs enquiring as to availability of bookings on those dates and to obtain from each of them 1992 costs of Green Fees, with Catering charges for a Soup with Cold "help yourself" Buffet Lunch, and for a High Tea with either Fish and Chips, or with Sausages and Bacon, or with Steak and chips.

The Committee also considered the question of Sponsorship of the Outing. Whether outwith or within the Association, Cash was agreed to be preferable to Prizes but as many as possible of either or both would be more than welcome. Mr. Galbraith pointed out that once adopted, Sponsorship would have to be freshly recruited each year thereafter. It was also decided that Sponsors would be welcome to take part in the Outing on a "pay their own way" basis. The Committee members agreed to continue their consideration of this topic in readiness for their next meeting.

CURLING:

Mr. Blackmore reported that the instructed application to hold the second leg of the Association's Annual Curling Match in Perth Ice Rink on Friday, 5th March, 1993 had been accepted. He undertook to enquire from Mr. McClung whether a booking for the first leg in Murrayfield Rink, Edinburgh has been arranged.

The meeting was thereupon concluded.