

MINUTE of MEETING of COUNCIL of
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held in the ICE RINK, PERTH, at
2.00 p.m. on TUESDAY, 22nd JUNE,
1993.

PRESENT: Messrs. A.W. Bayne, R. Doig, J.B. Hollywood, D.H. Lindsay, J.M. Marshall, D. Maxwell, J. Logan Milne, J.R. McArthur, L.A. McKenzie, A.B. Pullar and J.O. Robertson, along with Mr. R.D. Hunter, the Secretary.

CHAIRMAN: The President, Mr. Doig, occupied the Chair.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. J.E. Cook, J.P. Deuchar, A.C. Galbraith and I. Melrose.

(1) MINUTES: The Minute of Meeting of Council of 26th April, 1993 was taken as read and, subject to the deletion of the final sentence of "Matter Arising (3)", approved and signed.

(2) MATTERS ARISING:

ACTION

(a) Year Book Sub-Committee. Mr. Hunter reported that he was hoping to make arrangements for an early meeting of the Year Book Sub-Committee.

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(b) Protected Region - Community Grades. Mr. Hunter reported that he had been informed by Mr. Gordon Brown of the Scottish Office that a meeting of the Seed Potato Consultative Panel would be convened later in the Summer to consider the "Second Step" proposals of the Scottish Office for complying with the E.C. Directive setting out the conditions to apply to the Community grade material and the E.C. listing of areas authorised to operate as Protected Regions.

(c) Potato Ring Rot. Mr. Hunter confirmed that he had written to the Scottish Office expressing Council's concern regarding the possibility of Potato Ring Rot being brought into the U.K. as a result of the relaxing of trade barriers within the E.C.

(d) Registration of Food Premises, etc. Mr. Hunter confirmed that a Paper on this subject had been circulated to members of the Association.

(e) Seed Potato Classification Scheme - Fees for 1993. Mr. Hunter confirmed that correspondence received from the Scottish Office on this subject had been circulated to Association members.

(3) S.S.P.D.C. Mr. Robertson gave to the meeting a brief précis of the meeting of S.S.P.D.C. held on 29th April, 1993. There was general full discussion regarding the activities of S.S.P.D.C.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Bayne on his appointment as a member of S.S.P.D.C.

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(4) FUTURE OF P.M.B./E.C. POTATO REGIME. A Sub-Committee was appointed to conduct discussions with the Scottish N.F.U. aimed at achieving a common policy regarding the structure of the Potato Industry in Scotland following the possible demise of the P.M.B. The Sub-Committee comprised, Messrs. R. Doig, R. McArthur, J. Hollywood and D. Stewart. The Secretary was instructed to endeavour to make arrangements for an early meeting with the Scottish N.F.U. on this matter.

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(5) J.C.C. Mr. McArthur issued Papers in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee of the Potato Marketing Board to be held on 30th June, 1993. The principal matter on the Agenda for that meeting was the fixing of the 1994 Target Area for potatoes. Mr. McArthur handed out to Council members copies of Papers which had been issued in preparation for the J.C.C. meeting. After detailed discussion Mr. McArthur was instructed to hold out for a maximum of 145,000 hectares for the 1994 Target Area.

(6) CONDITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE. Mr. Hunter confirmed that the Conditions Sub-Committee had now finalised the updating of the Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchase recommended by the Association. Mr. Hunter explained the areas in which the new S.P.T.A. Conditions of Sale were at variance with the terms of the new Conditions of Sale recommended by N.A.S.P.M. Mr. Hunter reported that the new Conditions of Sale were presently with the Printers, Woods of Perth, and would be available for issue to members in the near future. Mr. Hunter gave details of the cost of printing these Conditions. Mr. Hunter was instructed to arrange also for the new Conditions of Purchase to be printed.

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It was agreed that the cost of producing the new Conditions should be recovered from Association Members who use the Conditions. It was accordingly agreed that Mr. Hunter would offer a pack containing one copy of each the new Conditions of Sale and new Conditions of Purchase to Association Members at a cost of £20.00 per pack, plus additional copies of these Conditions at a charge of 10p per copy.

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(7) ENTERTAINMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE. Mr. Hunter referred to the Report on a meeting of the Entertainments Sub-Committee held on 4th June, 1993, a copy of which had been circulated to Council members.

Referring to the Annual Dinner Dance it was reported that Mr. Smillie had ascertained that Huntingtower Hotel were prepared to reduce their charge for the Dinner to £13.50 per head. Mr. Hunter stated that this would enable the tickets to be priced within the budget set by the Entertainments Sub-Committee. Mr. Hunter was instructed to confirm the booking with Huntingtower Hotel for Friday, 10th December, 1993.

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(8) SEED POTATO ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Mr. McArthur gave a report on the meeting of the Seed Potato Advisory Committee held in Edinburgh on 10th June, 1993. Mr. McArthur commented nothing new had come out at the meeting. It was agreed that a copy of the Potato Marketing Board's Minute of that meeting would be circulated to Council members as soon as it was received.

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(9) MEMBERSHIP. Mr. Hunter reported that letters had been received from Messrs. McKenzie Brothers and from Robert J.S. Doig Ltd. proposing Taypack Potatoes of Moncur Farm, Inchture, for membership of the Association. It was the unanimous decision of Council to offer membership of the Association to Taypack Potatoes.

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Mr. Hunter reported that he had received a request from Mr. Barron of John Crawford (Dundee) Ltd., who are members of the Association, that their membership be transferred to his firm, Messrs. J. & J.A. Barron, who had now taken over the trading formerly carried out by John Crawford (Dundee) Ltd. Council agreed that the existing membership of John Crawford (Dundee) Ltd. be transferred into the name of Messrs. J. & J.A. Barron.

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Mr. Hunter reported that the subscriptions of four members were still outstanding. Mr. Hunter was instructed to write to these members intimating to them that if their subscriptions are not paid within seven days their membership will be suspended.

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(10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held in the Ice Rink, Perth, at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 26th August, 1993.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Hunter", is written across the bottom right of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.