

MINUTE of MEETING of COUNCIL of  
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION  
held in the ICE RINK, PERTH, at  
2.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, 26th AUGUST,  
1993.

PRESENT: Messrs. J. E. Cook, A.C. Galbraith, J.B. Hollywood, D.H. Lindsay, J.M. Marshall, D. Maxwell, K.A. McKenzie, A.B. Pullar, J.O. Robertson and D.Y. Stewart, along with Mr. R.D. Hunter, the Secretary.

CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Mr. Doig, the President, Mr. Stewart the Deputy President occupied the Chair.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. R. Doig, J. Deuchar, G. Fenton, I. Melrose and R. McArthur.

ACTION

(1) MINUTES: The Minute of Meeting of Council of 22nd June, 1993 was taken as read, approved and signed.

(2) MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchase. Mr. Hunter reported that the cost of printing the Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchases, including V.A.T., was £524.06. He added that the revenue from sales of copies of the Conditions to Members was currently £832.00, including V.A.T. Mr. Hunter added that a copy of the new Conditions of Sale had been sent to the N.A.S.P.M. for information. Mr. Hunter was instructed to send copies of the Conditions to Mr. Edmunds of the Potato Marketing Board at Manor Place, Edinburgh.

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(b) Entertainments Sub-Committee. Mr. Hunter confirmed that the 1993 Annual Dinner Dance was to be held in Huntingtower Hotel, Perth, on Friday, 10th December, 1993.

(c) Membership. Mr. Hunter reported that Moray Estates Development Company, Rush Potatoes Ltd. and Harris & Marshall (Potatoes) Ltd. had been suspended from membership as a result of their failure to make payment of the current year's subscription. Mr. Hunter added that the current membership of the Association was 91.

(3) S.S.P.D.C. Mr. Robertson gave the meeting a brief précis of the meeting of S.S.P.D.C. held on 12th July, 1993. Mr. Robertson stated that it was his intention to propose that Development Council Members should be paid for attendance at Council meetings. This matter was discussed and it was the general conclusion of this Council that it had no objections to what Mr. Robertson was to propose.

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Council then considered a letter, dated 27th July, 1993, received from the Scottish Office seeking nominations for the appointment of six Development Council Members following the current Members' appointments terminating on 17th January, 1994. It was proposed that this Association put forward the names of the existing six Members (provided that they were willing to be re-appointment), together with the names of Messrs. H. Lindsay, J. Hollywood and I. Melrose. It was remitted to the President and vice President to make the final decision regarding the nominations.

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- (4) J.C.C. MEETING ON 30th JUNE, 1993: The Minute of that meeting, which had been previously circulated was taken as read.
- (5) YEAR BOOK SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 30th JULY, 1993: The Minute of said meeting, which had been previously circulated, was noted. Mr. Hunter reported that the cost of buying 150 copies of binders, with enclosures, would be in the region of £550.00 - £600.00. It was agreed to leave further consideration of this matter over until the next meeting of Council.
- (6) MEETING WITH SCOTTISH NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION ON 12th AUGUST, 1993: Mr. Hunter tabled a copy of the Minute of this meeting. It was confirmed by those who had been present at the meeting that the meeting had proved to be very useful. Mr. Hunter confirmed that the next meeting with the Scottish Farmers' Union was scheduled for Tuesday, 23rd November, 1993.
- (7) ANNUAL ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL: Mr. Hunter reported that the following Members of Council were due to retire at 31st October, 1993:- Messrs. Bayne, Cook, Deuchar, Maxwell and Swinton. Mr. Hunter added that Mr. Fenton had intimated his intention to resign from Council. It was confirmed that these six gentlemen would be the six who retire in accordance with the Association's Constitution. Mr. Hunter was instructed to send out to Members of the Association the usual form requesting nominations for the appointment of Council Members.
- (8) CORRESPONDENCE:
  - (a) Mr. Hunter referred to the letter, dated 27th July, 1993, received from the Scottish Office giving details of changes in the Administrative Procedures concerning Plant Varieties and Seeds matters.
  - (b) Mr. Hunter referred to the letter from the Scottish Office, dated 2nd August, 1993, concerning Potato Ringrot in Denmark. Mr. Hunter was instructed to include in the Association News Letter a brief precis of the contents of that letter.
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- (c) Mr. Hunter referred to a letter from the National Association of Seed Potato Merchants calling for a meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee. Mr. Hunter confirmed that arrangements had been made for the Joint Liaison Committee to meet in Edinburgh on Wednesday, 20th October, 1993. It was confirmed that this Association would be represented at that meeting by the President, Vice President, along with Messrs. Marshall, McKenzie and Whitehead.
- (d) Mr. Hunter referred to a letter from the Scottish Office, dated 12th August, 1993, concerning the Scottish Office's Agricultural and Fisheries Department's new premises at Thainstone, by Inverurie. Mr. Hunter was instructed to include a copy of that letter in the next News Letter to Association Members. RDH
- (9) FUTURE OF P.M.B. Mr. Hunter reported that he had received in the post that day from the Potato Marketing Board a copy of a Consultative Paper prepared by them regarding "The Changing Potato Market in Great Britain". Mr. Hunter added that the P.M.B. were seeking comments on the Consultative Paper by 17th September, 1993. Mr. Hunter was instructed to send a copy of the Paper to Council Members as quickly as possible. RDH
- (10) SCOTTISH POTATO '94: Council decided that this Association would not exhibit at Scottish Potato '94 to be held on 2nd - 3rd March, 1994 in Aberdeen.
- (11) P.M.B. EXPORT MEETING: Mr. Hollywood gave a brief verbal report on the meeting arranged by the Potato Marketing Board held in Perth on 24th August, 1993 to provide advice regarding the financial implications of exporting. A banker and other financial experts had been speakers at the meeting. Messrs. Lindsay and Stewart had also attended the meeting. They all felt that the Potato Marketing Board should be commended on its initiative in arranging the meeting.
- (12) ARBITRATION PROCEDURES: At the request of Mr. McKenzie, it was agreed to remit to the Chairman's Committee a review of the Association's present Arbitration Procedures. RDH
- (13) 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, 28th October, 1993.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Hunter", is written at the bottom of the page.