

MINUTE of MEETING of the
CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE of THE
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION held at PERTH ICE
RINK, GLOVER STREET, PERTH, at
12 noon on FRIDAY, 19th
NOVEMBER, 1993.

PRESENT: Messrs. Bob Doig, D. Stewart, G. Brass, R. McArthur and K. McKenzie, along with Mr. R.D. Hunter, the Secretary.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bob Doig occupied the Chair.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr. J. Logan Milne.

MINUTES: The Minute of Meeting of the Chairman's Committee of 28th October, 1993 was taken as read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Arbitration Procedures: Mr. McKenzie expressed concern regarding the delay in implementing measures to improve the Association's Arbitration Procedures. Mr. Brass agreed and suggested that this Association must draft its own Arbitration Rules before entering into discussions with N.A.S.P.M. After a detailed discussion it was agreed to make arrangements for an early meeting of the Conditions Sub-Committee. Mr. Hunter was instructed to issue to Members of the Conditions Sub-Committee copies of the N.A.S.P.M.'s Arbitration Rules and Guidelines. The purpose of the meeting would be primarily to consider the desirability of drawing up S.P.T.A. Arbitration Rules and, if so, what they should contain. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should also draft a list of potential Arbiters to be invited to allow their names to be placed on the Association's Arbitration Panel. Mr. Doig tabled a letter which he had received from Mr. Holywood containing details of the costs of the N.A.S.P.M.'s Arbitration Course to be held on 12th January, 1994. It was considered that the cost of the Course coupled with the cost of travelling to London made it much more sensible for this Association to arrange its own Course in Scotland. Mr. Hunter was instructed to investigate this matter further. Mr. Hunter was also instructed to write to various firms of Solicitors inviting them to nominate suitable members of their firms to be included in the Association's Panel of Arbiters' Clerks.

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- (b) Chairman of J.C.C. Mr. McArthur confirmed that Sir Michael Franklin had been re-appointed the Chairman of the Joint Consultative Committee for a period of two years.
- (c) New Members: Mr. Hunter confirmed that he had now written to the various suggested firms inviting them to make application for membership of the Association.
- (d) Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchase: Mr. Hunter stated that he would be informing Association Members in the next News Letter that they should now be using the new Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchase and to discontinue the use of the previous Conditions.
- (e) Annual Dinner Dance: Mr. Hunter reported that at that time it appeared that 136 tickets would be required for the Dance to be held on 10th December, 1994. He added that the maximum capacity of the Huntingtower Hotel Function Suite was 160.

DRAFT ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS: Mr. Hunter referred to the draft unaudited Association Accounts for the year to 31st October, 1993 which had been previously circulated. Mr. Hunter took the Committee through the Accounts. The Accounts were approved for submission to the afternoon's meeting of Council of the Association.

BUDGET for 1993/94: Mr. Hunter tabled a proposed Budget for 1993/94 totalling £12,700. Included in the proposed Budget was the Secretary's salary at £9,600. After discussion the Budget was approved. It was resolved to recommend to Council of the Association that the Subscriptions for 1993/94 be on the following basis:-

<u>TOTAL TONNAGE HANDED</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTION</u>
1 - 6,000 tonnes	£120.00
6,001 - 10,000 tonnes	£150.00
10,001 - 14,000 tonnes	£180.00
14,001 - 18,000 tonnes	£210.00
over 18,000	£240.00

S.S.P.D.C. QUESTIONNAIRE: Mr. Doig referred to the Questionnaire recently sent out by S.S.P.D.C. for completion by Seed Potato Growers in Scotland regarding the future of the Potato Trade in Scotland. Mr. Doig stated that he considered/

considered that the S.S.P.D.C. Questionnaire lacked a question concerning the future of S.S.P.D.C. itself. Mr. Doig suggested that this Association should itself send out a further Questionnaire to Seed Potato Growers in Scotland asking for their views on the future of S.S.P.D.C. Mr. Doig tabled the draft of a letter prepared by the Secretary to be sent out enclosing such a Questionnaire for completion. The terms of the letter were approved. There was detailed discussion regarding the terms of the actual Questionnaire to be circulated. It was agreed that the Secretary should re-draft the Questionnaire Form. He was instructed to include provision for the Seed Potato Grower to state the area of Classified Potato Crops in 1993 in his own name. The two questions to be included in the Questionnaire are to be as follows:-

- (1) I/We want S.S.P.D.C. to remain in existence.
- (2) In the event of S.S.P.D.C. and P.M.B. being disbanded I/We would/would not support a Producer led Scottish Potato Authority.

It was further agreed that a pre-paid business reply envelope would be issued with the Questionnaire. It was agreed to seek approval in principle from the afternoon's meeting of Council to the issuing of the Questionnaire. Mr. Doig pointed out that this Association was to have a meeting during the following week with representatives of the Scottish National Farmers' Union. It was agreed that no final decision regarding the sending out of the Questionnaire should be made until the matter had been discussed with the Scottish National Farmers' Union.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the Meeting.