

MINUTE of MEETING of CHAIRMAN'S
COMMITTEE of THE SCOTTISH POTATO
TRADE ASSOCIATION held at 25
SOUTH METHVEN STREET, PERTH, on
MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1993 at
3.00 p.m.

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

CHAIRMAN: Mr. 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 19th November, 1993 was taken as read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Arbitration Procedures: Mr. Hunter was instructed to make arrangements for a meeting of the Association's Conditions Sub-Committee to be held on Thursday, 6th January, 1994, which date failing, Friday 7th January, 1994.
- (b) New Members: Messrs. Doig and Stewart respectively confirmed that they would be proposing the following Companies for membership of the Association:- Agrolon Limited, Forfar and William O. Gordon (Potatoes) Portmahomack.
- (c) Annual Dinner/Dance: It was confirmed by all of those who had attended the Association's Annual Dinner/Dance in Huntingtower Hotel, Perth on 10th December, 1993, that the function had been a great success. Mr. Hunter was instructed to make a provisional booking for the function to be held in Huntingtower Hotel on Friday, 9th December, 1994.

Mr. Hunter reported that the surplus from the Prize Draw would amount to approximately £1,100.00. It was agreed that the surplus would be donated to the Tayside Macmillan Nurse Appeal Fund.

S.S.P.D.C. QUESTIONNAIRE: It was agreed to defer further consideration of issuing a Questionnaire to all Seed Potato Growers in Scotland in the meantime. It was agreed that Mr. Hunter would obtain confirmation of the date when S.S.P.D.C. is next due for review. In the meantime Mr. McKenzie undertook to endeavour to obtain a copy of the S.S.P.D.C.'s Mailing List.

FUTURE OF P.M.B.: Mr. Doig confirmed that he was to be attending a meeting convened by the Potato Marketing Board to be held in London on 16th December to discuss the implications of the cessation of the Licensing and Registration of Potato Merchants. During discussion regarding the future of the P.M.B. Mr. McKenzie reported that he had obtained the opinion of a Queen's Counsel to the effect that the new proposed "watered-down" P.M.B. would not have the statutory authority to collect Levies other than on a voluntary basis.

Mr. Doig tabled the draft of a Press Release prepared on behalf of the Association by its Press Agent, Mr. Colin Ley, inviting Potato Growers to call for a Poll to determine the future of the P.M.B. The terms of the draft Press Release were discussed in detail and Mr. Hunter was instructed to make suggestions for alterations to be carried out by Mr. Ley. Provisionally it was agreed that the Press Release would be issued early in the New Year.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.