

MINUTE OF MEETING OF  
CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE of THE  
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION held at PERTH  
ICE RINK, on THURSDAY, 13th  
JANUARY, 1994 at 12 noon.

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PRESENT: Messrs. Bob Doig, D. Stewart, J. Logan Milne, G. Brass, R. McArthur and J. Marshall, along with Mr. R. D. Hunter, the Secretary. Mr. Gordon Smillie was in attendance.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Doig occupied the Chair.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr. K. McKenzie.

MINUTES: The Minute of Meeting of the Chairman's Committee of 13th December, 1993 was taken as read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) Arbitration Procedures. Mr. Hunter confirmed that the Association's Conditions Sub-Committee had met on Thursday, 6th January, 1994 and that the Minute of that meeting would be discussed at the next meeting of Council.
- (b) New Members. Mr. Hunter confirmed that he was still awaiting letters from Robert J.S. Doig Ltd. and Robertson of Perth Ltd. proposing Agrolon Limited and William O. Gordon (Potatoes) for membership of the Association. Mr. Hunter added that he understood that Galbraith & Roy Limited and Robertson of Perth Limited were to propose David Lindsay (Potato Merchants) Limited for membership of the Association. Mr. Stewart confirmed that his Company would be proposing said Company for Association Membership.
- (c) Annual Dinner/Dance. Mr. Hunter confirmed that he had written to Huntingtower Hotel making a provisional booking for the 1994 Association's Annual Dinner/Dance to be held on Friday, 9th December, 1994.
- (d) S.S.P.D.C. Questionnaire. It was agreed that this matter be left in abeyance pending the campaign to have a Potato Producers Poll regarding the future of the Potato Marketing Scheme. Mr. Hunter confirmed that S.S.P.D.C. was due for a full Statutory Review to be carried out at the end of 1995.

CAMPAIGN FOR P.M.B. POLL: Mr. Doig reported that to date a very encouraging response had been received to the S.P.T.A. Funded Press Reports/

Reports mounting a campaign for a Poll to be carried out regarding the immediate future of the Potato Marketing Scheme. Mr. Doig gave details of a further Press Release issued through the Association's Press Agent, Mr. Colin Ley, that day. After a full discussion it was agreed that the Association would draw up a letter to be sent to interested parties enclosing a proforma for them to sign and return to the Association Secretary. Once completed forms had been received back from, at least, 400 Producers, with a total aggregate of at least 4,000 hectares of potatoes, the forms would be submitted to the P.M.B. demanding a Poll. Mr. Stewart emphasised that the aim should be to obtain as many signatures as possible and not to restrict the target to the minimum of 400 to allow for the P.M.B. disallowing some of the forms. Mr. McArthur reported that he had spoken to the Secretary of the P.M.B. and had obtained details of the laid down procedure for arranging a Poll. That procedure provided that in the event of a Poll being demanded in writing by at least 400 Registered Producers who have in aggregate Potato Area of at least 4,000 hectares the P.M.B. are obliged to pass the demand over to a Returning Officer who would be responsible for conducting the Poll. It was agreed, therefore, that steps must be taken to ensure that the forms sent out to Registered Producers for signature are in the correct form. It was arranged that the Secretary would draft a letter and proforma to be sent out to Registered Producers. It was arranged that Mr. McArthur's firm would prepare pre-addressed envelopes to be sent out with the letter. It was agreed that the various members of the Chairman's Committee would assist the Secretary with the printing of the letter and proforma. The responsibility for finalising the terms of the letter and proforma was delegated to the President, Vice President and Deputy Vice President.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.