

MINUTE of MEETING of the
CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE of THE
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held at the ICE RINK, GLOVER
STREET, PERTH, at 12.30 p.m. on
THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1994.

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

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Doig occupied the Chair. Mr. Doig explained that this was a special meeting to consider the Campaign to call for a Poll of Registered Producers regarding whether or not the Potato Marketing Board should be revoked and accordingly the approval of the Minute of Meeting of the Committee held on 13th January, 1994 and Matters Arising would be held over until the next meeting of the Chairman's Committee.

CAMPAIGN FOR A P.M.B. POLL: Mr. Hunter explained the provisions of The Potato Marketing Scheme with regard to how the 4,000 hectares are arrived at in connection with the calling for a Producers Poll. It was agreed that the proforma prepared by Mr. Hunter for signature by Registered Producers, although seeking the necessary information, was too complicated and would require to be greatly simplified. After discussion it was agreed that the questions to be included in the form would be as follows:-

- (1) Total area of potatoes grown in 1993.
- (2) How much was grown in the Producer's own land in 1993.
- (3) What is the Registered Producer's Quota.

The Chairman proposed that he would deliver, on behalf of the Association, a prepared Statement at the P.M.B. Road Show to be held in Perth on 1st February, 1994. He added that he was seeking the assistance of Mr. Colin Ley in the preparation of that Statement. He added that he was proposing to issue a Press Release following the Perth Road Show. Mr. Doig gave to the meeting the gist of his proposed Statement and of the Press Release. It was agreed to seek Council's authority to permit this Committee to finalise the terms of the Statement and Press Release.

There was general discussion regarding how the Association would like to see the Potato Industry structured following the demise of the Potato Marketing Board. It was the general consensus of opinion that the preferred option would be a streamlined U.K. Potato Development Council/

Council working on a budget of, say, f4M. The purpose of the Development Council would be to carry out collection of statistics and promotional work and to co-ordinate Research and Development. The Development Council should have a U.K. Seed Potato Section which could do away with the need for S.S.P.D.C.

It was agreed that the various matters discussed would be further discussed at the afternoon's meeting of Council.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.