

MINUTE of MEETING of the
S.P.T.A. ENTERTAINMENTS
COMMITTEE held at 25 SOUTH
METHVEN STREET, PERTH, on
THURSDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1995
at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Messrs. Colin Dickie, George Lothian and Douglas Harley, along with R.D. Hunter, the Secretary.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the President, Mr. D.Y. Stewart, the Vice-President, Mr. A.B. Pullar and Mr. A.M. Beattie, the Deputy Vice-President.

- (1) ANNUAL DINNER DANCE: The Secretary tabled a copy of his Account in respect of the Association Annual Dinner Dance held at Huntingtower Hotel on Friday, 9th December, 1994. The Account was approved.

Mr. Dickie expressed the opinion that although the 1994 Dance had been in general a great success, there had been some complaints regarding the cramped seating arrangements for the Dinner. He noted that 169 people had attended the function and expressed the opinion that the maximum number which can be comfortably accommodated in Huntingtower Hotel is, say, 160. Mr. Dickie pointed out that at one stage the applications for tickets for last year's function was approximately 190. Mr. Dickie added that he was aware that there was a fear that if the venue were to be changed the numbers wanting to attend might drop. Notwithstanding, however, he suggested that enquiries should be made to ascertain if there was an alternative suitable venue for the 1995 function which could accommodate up to, say, 200 people. Mr. Hunter confirmed that there was a provisional booking for Huntingtower Hotel for the night of Friday, 8th December, 1995. Mr. Hunter was instructed to make enquiries regarding the availability of Kinfauns Castle, Perth, the Salutation Hotel, Perth and Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross. Mr. Hunter agreed to endeavour to obtain that information before the next meeting of Council of the Association to be held on 24th August. It was agreed to leave it to Council to decide whether to remain at Huntingtower Hotel or to move to a new venue. It was agreed that, if the decision is to remain at Huntingtower Hotel, some form of rationing of tickets would require to be introduced, e.g. initially a maximum of 8 or 10 tickets per member with further tickets being allocated only if they become available within the total number of 160.

Mr. Hunter confirmed that he had provisionally booked Bill Wilkie's Band for 8th December, 1995. It was agreed to delay making a final decision with regard to the Band until after the venue had been decided.

- (2) ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Mr. Hunter tabled his Account in respect of the Golf Outing held at Forfar Golf Course on

Thursday, 18th May, 1995. The Account was approved.

Mr. Dickie stated that the position with regard to the Golf Outing was similar to that of the Annual Dinner Dance. He stated that Forfar Golf Club had proved extremely popular both with regard to the Course and the catering arrangements. He added, however, that he believed that the 26 people who had attended the Outing in 1995 was close to the maximum number of people which can be comfortably accommodated at Forfar Golf Course. He stated that if the numbers were to increase up to, say, 40 either earlier tee-off times would require to be made available or the Outing would require to be moved to a venue where two Courses are available. Mr. Hunter stated that, as yet, no provisional booking had been made for Forfar Golf Course for 1996. It was agreed to investigate the availability and suitability of Kinross Golf Course (Douglas Harley), Letham Grange (Archie Pullar), Auchterarder Golf Course (Peter Miller) or any other possible venues. It was also agreed to endeavour to ensure that the Golf Outing does not coincide with alternative functions, e.g. P.M.B. Demonstation or N.A.S.P.M. Golf Outing.

Mr. Dickie stated that he would like to see an additional cup or other trophy to be available for awarding to the winner of the afternoon Tournament.

- (3) CURLING: Mr. Hunter confirmed that the Curling dates for the 1995/96 season were as follows:-

Edinburgh	-	Tuesday, 5th December, 1995
Perth	-	Friday, 23rd February, 1996

- (4) FUNDS: Mr. Hunter explained that following his retiral as a Partner of McCash & Hunter in 1993 the three individual Accounts operated through McCash & Hunter for the Golf Outing, the Dinner Dance and the Curling had been transferred out of McCash & Hunter's name into one interest bearing Cheque Account in name of the Association with the Clydesdale Bank. Mr. Hunter pointed out that for that reason it was now more difficult to precisely separate the funds in respect of the three functions. He stated that at the end of the current Association's year he would be preparing an Account from March, 1993 down to that date in which the funds attributable to the three functions would be clearly identified. He stated that at the date of the meeting the funds available for each of the three functions were as follows:-

Golf	£433.01
Dance	654.46
Curling	<u>88.64</u>
	<u>£1,176.11</u>

Mr. Hunter pointed out that although the Account was interest bearing the interest accrued during the period from the Account being opened to date totalled £24.68 whereas the

Bank Charges for the same period totalled £74.41. Mr. Hunter agreed to speak to the Clydesdale Bank to see if better terms could be arranged and, if not, to investigate the possibility of opening an alternative Account with another Bank or Building Society.

- (4) MEMBERS' OUTING: After a short duscussion it was felt that there was unlikely to be sufficient support to make it worth while to arrange an Association Members' trip.
- (5) KNOCKHILL: Mr. Dickie referred to possible support for a Members' Day at Knockhill Racing Circuit near Dunfermline. It was agreed to obtain the views of Council as to whether this should be investigated further.

This terminated the business of the meeting.