

MINUTE of MEETING of the
CHAIRMAN's SUB-COMMITTEE of
S.P.T.A. held in the ICE RINK,
GLOVER STREET, PERTH, at 12 noon
on THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1998.

PRESENT: Messrs. A.B. Pullar, A.M. Beattie, D.J. Harley, J.R. McArthur and J.M. Marshall, along with Mr. J.B. Hollywood and Mr. R.D. Hunter, the Association Secretary.

CHAIRMAN: The Association President, Mr. A.B. Pullar, occupied the Chair.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. V. Lumb, K.A. McKenzie and D.Y. Stewart.

JOINT ARBITRATION RULES: The Secretary referred to a letter from the Secretary of the N.A.S.P.M. in which it was stated that the N.A.S.P.M. were now satisfied with the final draft of the joint Arbitration Rules and were now seeking to have the new Rules brought into operation. In the letter the N.A.S.P.M. suggested that it would be desirable for the new joint Rules to become operative for both Associations on the same date and proposed that the new Rules be brought into operation as of 1st June, 1998.

The Sub-Committee agreed that it would be desirable for both Associations to introduce the new joint Rules on the same date. The Secretary pointed out that this Association had more work to do to introduce the new Rules than did the N.A.S.P.M. He stated that the introduction of the new Arbitration Rules would involve an alteration to this Association's recommended Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchase. The Secretary also reported that approval of the new Arbitration Rules and certain alterations to the Conditions of Purchase has still to be obtained from the National Farmers' Union of Scotland. He added that the Union were proposing that representatives of this Association and representatives of the Union should meet on either Wednesday or Thursday, 15th or 16th April to discuss the Arbitration Rules and alterations to the Conditions of Purchase. It was agreed that this Association would meet the Farmers' Union on Wednesday, 15th April at 9.30 a.m. in the offices of McCash & Hunter. It was agreed that this Association would be represented at that meeting by Messrs. A.B. Pullar, A.M. Beattie, J.B. Hollywood and K.A. McKenzie, along with the Secretary.

The Secretary pointed out that although the N.A.S.P.M. had had the new Rules vetted by an English Solicitor they had not yet been vetted by a Scottish Solicitor. The Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Donald Rennie to scrutinise the Rules so far as the Law of Scotland was concerned provided that his fee for doing so was not excessive.

The Secretary pointed out that formal approval of the final draft of the Arbitration Rules had not yet been obtained from Council. It was agreed to seek that approval at the meeting of Council scheduled to be held later on the same day.

The Secretary pointed out that the new Rules were based on the assumption that the Association had a panel of qualified Arbiters. It was agreed to invite the following to constitute the core of the new panel of Arbiters, namely:- Messrs. A.M. Beattie, Bob Doig, J.B. Hollywood, D.H. Lindsay, J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie, I. Melrose, A.B. Pullar, J.O. Robertson, D.Y. Stewart, and J.M. Swinton. It was further agreed that consideration should be given to making arrangements for a further Training Seminar for Arbiters to be held

in Scotland later in the year.

Reverting to the date on which the new Arbitration Rules are to become operative it was agreed to recommend to Council that the 1st of June was too early and that the date should be postponed until 1st July, 1998. It was agreed that the Secretary would make arrangements for the revised Conditions of Sale and Conditions of Purchase to be printed to have copies available for Association Members.

This terminated the business of the meeting.