

MINUTE of MEETING of OFFICE-BEARERS of S.P.T.A. held in the BOARD ROOM at PERTH ICE RINK, GLOVER STREET, PERTH, at 11.a.m. on THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1998.

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

- (1) REVISION OF DRAFT PROPOSAL ON THE MARKETING OF SEEDS AND ON THE COMMON CATALOGUE. Mr. Beattie referred to certain areas of concern which he had regarding the draft proposals. After detailed discussion the Office-Bearers agreed to send a response to The Scottish Office in terms of the copy letter attached hereto.
- (2) FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION. As a first step in considering the possible future activities of the Association the Office-Bearers resolved to conduct a "S.W.O.T." analysis regarding a possible amalgamation of the Association some other Body. The result of the S.W.O.T. analysis was as follows:-
  - Strengths.  
Increased Membership; Greater Financial Security;  
Increased Coverage; Stronger Voice; Over-all Security;  
Wider Office-Bearer procurement.
  - Weaknesses.  
Geographical Diversities; Increased Travel Expenses; Loss of Identity; Nationalistic Stance; Reduced Membership;  
Incompatibility of Trading.
  - Opportunities.  
Wider Involvement in the Ware Industry; Increased Members' Participation.
  - Threats.  
Loss of Scottish Membership; Loss of Council Members;  
Increased Apathy.

Considering the outcome of the analysis it was the unanimous opinion of the Office-Bearers that in balance the time was not appropriate, particularly with the forthcoming introduction of devolution for Scotland, to pursue a possible amalgamation. It was agreed to report accordingly to Council.

- (3) NEW SECRETARY. It was agreed to recommend to Council that the Association should advertise for a new Secretary. It was agreed that Mr. Hunter, the present Secretary, would draw up a Job Specification for the post of Secretary.

This terminated the business of the meeting.