

MINUTE of MEETING of COUNCIL of  
THE SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION held in THE ICE RINK,  
GLOVER STREET, PERTH, at 2.30  
p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 18th  
NOVEMBER, 1998.

PRESENT: Messrs. A.M. Beattie, D. Harley, C.J. Herron, J.B. Hollywood, V. Lumb, J.R. McArthur, J.L. Milne, A.B. Pullar, J.O. Robertson and D.Y. Stewart, along with Mr. R.D. Hunter, the Secretary.

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

THE LATE IAN R. MCKENZIE. Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman referred to the recent death of Mr. Ian R. McKenzie of McKenzie Brothers, Bridge of Earn. He paid tribute to the great amount of work undertaken by the late Mr. McKenzie over the years on behalf of the Potato Trade in Scotland and made particular reference to the work undertaken by him during his period as President of the Perth, Fife, Forfar and North of Scotland Potato Trade Association. The Secretary was instructed to write to his son, Mr. Ken McKenzie, conveying Council's condolences to himself and his brother, John.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Herron to his first meeting of Council.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Messrs. R.J.S. Doig, J. MacFarlane, J.M. Marshall, K.A. McKenzie, A.J.B. Redpath and J.M. Swinton.

(1) MINUTES: The Minute of Meeting of Council of 22nd October, 1998 was taken as read and, subject to the deletion of two sentences in the final paragraph of Item (11) "SCOTTISH SEED POTATO CONSULTATIVE PANEL", the Minute was approved and signed.

(2) MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Seed Potato Forum: The Secretary reported that a reply was still awaited from Doctor Storey of the British Potato Council.

(b) Frost Warning Service: The Secretary reported that no further interest had been expressed by other companies wishing to subscribe to the Frost Warning Service being offered by the Association. The Chairman expressed the hope that sufficient interest would be generated to enable the service to be continued during the current winter.

(c) Future Activities of the Association: The Secretary confirmed that for the reason that the NASPM had indicated that they had no further comments to add to what had been stated at the meeting held on 11th September, 1998 it had been agreed, with the approval of Council Members, that the scheduled meeting on 11th November, 1998 be postponed.

(d) Scottish Seed Potato Consultative Panel: The Chairman confirmed that Messrs. Beattie and Harley would be attending the meeting of the Scottish Seed Potato Consultative Panel to be held in Edinburgh on Friday, 20th November, 1998. The Secretary took Council through the Agenda for the Panel Meeting. In connection with the item on that Agenda entitled "Interpretation of One Tonne containers by Trading Standards Officers" it was agreed that the Secretary should advise



Association Members of the need to ensure that one tonne containers of seed potatoes do, in fact, contain one tonne of seed. Mr. Stewart requested that the Association's representatives at the meeting raise with The Scottish Office the introduction of a derogation for this season only which would allow Ware Growers to plant seed of varieties in short supply which are Second Year Home Grown Saved.

- (3) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE-BEARERS: The retiring President, Mr.A.B. Pullar, thanked Council for the support and assistance which it had given to him during his term as President of the Association. Mr. Pullar proposed that Mr. A. Mike Beattie be appointed the new Association President. This was seconded and unanimously carried and Mr. Beattie took over as Chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Beattie thanked Mr. Pullar for his work as President over the previous two years. He also thanked Council for the confidence which they had shown in him and expressed the hope that the Association would have a successful period under his Presidency.

Mr. Beattie proposed that Mr. Douglas Harley be appointed Vice-President of the Association. This proposal was seconded and unanimously carried. Mr. Harley proposed that Mr. Vincent Lumb be appointed Deputy Vice-President of the Association. This proposal was seconded and unanimously carried.

Council confirmed the re-appointment of Mr. R.D. Hunter as Association Secretary until such time as Mr. Hugh Edmond the Secretary elect took up office in January, 1999. Council resolved to re-appoint Messrs. MacMillan & Co. (formerly Messrs. Craig, McIntyre & Co.), Chartered Accountants, Glasgow, as Association Accountants.

- (4) 1997/98 ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS: The Secretary took Council through the Association's unaudited Accounts for 1997/98, copies of which had been previously circulated to Council Members. The Accounts were approved for submission to the Association's Accountants, Messrs. MacMillan & Co., Glasgow, for certification in the usual way.

- (5) BUDGET for 1998/99: Mr. Hunter reported to Council that at the morning's meeting of the President's Sub-Committee a Budget for 1998/99 totalling £14,186.00 had been drawn up for consideration by Council. Mr. Beattie stated that as a result of the imminent change of Association Secretary it was even more difficult to reasonably accurately predict expenditure. For that reason he stated that it was his intention to review the Budget when Interim Accounts for the six months to 30th April, 1999 were available. Council approved the Budget of £14,186.00. A copy of the Budget is annexed to this Minute. Council accepted the proposal of the President's Sub-Committee that Members should be recommended at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting that subscriptions for the current year remain at the same level as the previous year, namely:-

<u>Total Tonnage Handled.</u>	<u>Subscriptions (Net of VAT).</u>
0 - 6,000 tonnes	£160.00
6,001 - 10,000 tonnes	£190.00
10,001 - 14,000 tonnes	£230.00
14,001 - 18,000 tonnes	£260.00
over 18,000 tonnes	£290.00

- (6) APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION SECRETARY/TREASURER: The Secretary



reported that Mr. Hugh Edmond had intimated his acceptance of the post of Association Secretary and Treasurer at an annual salary of £8,000.00, plus expenses, commencing in mid January 1999. The Secretary added that on the instructions of Mr. Beattie he had drafted a Contract of Employment to be entered into between the Association and Mr. Edmond. Mr. Hunter explained that the Contract had been drafted on the assumption, still to be clarified, that Mr. Hugh Edmond would be an employee of the Association rather than a self-employed person. Council authorised the Employment Sub-Committee to send a copy of the Contract to Mr. Edmond for his acceptance.

- (7) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, etc.: Council appointed the following representatives to serve on the following external Committees for the year to 31st October, 1999:-

Joint (NASPM/SPTA) Liaison Committee - President, Vice-President, Deputy Vice-President, all *ex officio*, together with Messrs. J.B. Hollywood, K.A. McKenzie and A.B. Pullar.

Seed Potato Consultative Panel - Messrs. A.M. Beattie and D. Harley (Messrs. V. Lumb and A.B. Pullar as Deputies).

Working Party (Joint NFUS/SPTA) - Messrs. A.M. Beattie, D. Harley and V. Lumb (C.J. Herron, J.B. Hollywood and J.R. McArthur as Deputies).

United Kingdom Plant Varieties and Seeds Advisory Body - Mr. A.J.B. Redpath.

Arbitration Rules Joint (NASPM/SPTA) Working Party - Messrs. J.B. Hollywood, K.A. McKenzie and R.D. Hunter.

Council made the following appointments to the Association's internal Committees for the year to 31st October, 1999 (The President, Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President being *ex officio* representatives on each Sub-Committee):-

President's Sub-Committee - Messrs. A.B. Pullar, J.M. Marshall, J.R. McArthur, K.A. McKenzie and D.Y. Stewart.

Entertainment's Sub-Committee - Messrs. A.B. Pullar (Convener), G. Lothian, J. MacFarlane and G. Smillie.

Ware Sub-Committee - Messrs. J.M. Swinton (Convener), J. MacFarlane, J.O. Robertson, D.Y. Stewart and J.L. Milne.

Members Book Sub-Committee - Messrs. J.R. McArthur and J.M. Marshall.

Conditions Sub-Committee - Messrs. J.B. Hollywood, J.M. Marshall, K.A. McKenzie, J.O. Robertson and J.M. Swinton.

Panel of Arbiters - All Members of Council, plus Mr. Bob Doig.

Press Officers - President, Vice-President and Deputy Vice-President.

In connection with the Association's Panel of Arbiters it was agreed to make arrangements for an Arbitration Training Seminar to be held in Scotland in 1999.

- (8) ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION AND RULES: It was agreed that a Special Resolution be proposed to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Members amending the final sentence of Rule 31 of the Association's Constitution and Rules to read as follows:- "Any such investment shall be taken in name of Stockbroker Nominees selected from time to time by Council".
- (9) BRITISH POTATO COUNCIL: Mr. Stewart reported that a meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held later in the month. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Seed Sectoral Group of the Council was due to be held on 24th November, 1998.
- (10) CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary reported that since the last



meeting of Council correspondence had been received from The Scottish Office under the heading "Mycotoxins - EC Permitted Levels" and from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the heading "Ukraine : Investment Projects in the Agricultural Sector".

The Secretary reported that correspondence had been received from the Pesticides Safety Directorate under the following headings:-

Progress Report on EU Negotiations on Legislation on Pesticide Maximum Residue Levels;

Review of Anticholinesterase Compounds;

Arrangements for starting the Evaluation of Applications for Approval Operated by The Pesticides Safety Directorate and the Health and Safety Executive;

Administrative Experimental Approval;

Guidance on the Design of Specific Types of Liquid Pesticide Container - Amendment to Package Size.

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Scottish Enterprise under the heading "Future Success for Scotland's Food Industry - A Cluster Based Approach" and from The Patent Office under the heading "ECJ References - Supplementary Protection Certificates for Medicinal Products".

The Secretary confirmed that he will be happy, on application from Members, to send to them copies of any of these items of correspondence.

- (11) TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS: The following timetable of meetings in 1999 was approved:-

A.G.M.	Thursday, 28th January, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 28th January, 1999	at	2.30 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 11th March, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 6th May, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 1st July, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 26th August, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 21st October, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.
Council	Thursday, 18th November, 1999	at	2.00 p.m.

- (12) ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

(a) UKSAB. Mr. Beattie reported that the next meeting of the United Kingdom Plant Varieties and Seeds Advisory Body was to be held in London on 20th January, 1999. He invited Council Members to let Mr. Redpath have details of any items they wished to be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

(b) Millennium. Council resolved to invite the Entertainment's Sub-Committee to present its proposals for the celebration by the Association of the forthcoming Millennium.

(c) Annual Dinner and Dance. The Secretary reported that applications for 147 tickets for the forthcoming Dance had been received.

(d) Conditions of Purchase. The Secretary reported that he was awaiting from the Printers copies of the corrected Association's recommended Conditions of Purchase.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

*Ad Beattie*  
*28/1/99*