

MINUTE of MEETING of COUNCIL of  
THE SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE  
ASSOCIATION held in the LOVAT HOTEL,  
GLASGOW ROAD, PERTH at 12.00 noon  
on Tuesday, 4 July, 2006.

PRESENT: D. J. Harley, C. J. Herron, A. D. Lamont, V. Lumb, J. L. Milne, A. B. Pullar, A. J. B. Redpath, D. S M. Scott and A. Skea along with H. B. Edmond, the Secretary.

The Association President, Mr A. J. B. Redpath, occupied the Chair and welcomed those present at the meeting. He intimated that this would be a short meeting as Past Presidents were invited to attend a lunch to mark the end of the Association.

- (1) APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of R. J. S. Doig, R. Haynes, H. Hughes, T. Halliwell, A. Melrose, P. Peebles and D. Y. Stewart.
- (2) MINUTES: The Minute of the Meeting of Council of 4 May 2006 was taken as read approved and signed by the Chairman.
- (3) MATTERS ARISING:
  - (a) Entertainment Matters: Arising from Item (3)(a) – Golf – The golf outing took place at Pitlochry on Friday 26 May when a great day was enjoyed by all present. (Beeson Cup won by S. Peters, 2nd M. Fearon, (John Deuchar Trophy won by the A. J. Allan team consisting of A. Melrose, B. Farquharson, D. Lang and S. Peters). The President was the highest up SPTA member. There was a deficit on the day of £14.40. Curling The Secretary confirmed that ice had been booked for Friday 2 March 2007 at Perth for the second round. Members were also asked to note that Haymarket Ice Rink had allocated ice for the first round for Tuesday 21 November 2006 as in previous seasons.
  - (b) Association Subscriptions: Arising from Item (11)(a) The Secretary confirmed that there were still five subscriptions outstanding. We were unlikely to get them now but the Secretary would have one more try. Since the meeting three were intending resigning and the other two have paid.  
All other matters were on the agenda.
- (4) FINANCIAL MATTERS CONCERNING WINDUP OF THE ASSOCIATION: A decision on future of funds taken over in 1970 from The Glasgow and West of Scotland Potato Trade Association had to be made. This amounted to £ 6,747.77. After discussion it was agreed it should go to three agricultural charities. One was agreed as The Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution plus two others such as a Children's Agricultural Educational charity. It was left to the President and Secretary to deal with but a decision cannot be finalised until the last bond is redeemed in late August. The Secretary was give authority to close Press Account and transfer approx. £1948.00 to General Fund. After discussion it was also agreed that 1/3 of this year's subscription to be credited to BPTA for the benefit of members who have remained to the end with SPTA. Currently this was £3,868.30, but could be more if we get any of the 5 unpaid subscriptions. After consideration the Entertainment Fund was to remain and be used to subsidise the next golf outing at Pitlochry (approx. £785.00).
- (5) REVIEW OF POLICY ON DISCLOSURE OF CERTIFICATION INFORMATION: This Association had already responded to Defra on their consultation on the subject. The membership continued to support option 2 but as the SEERAD



consultation was a wider one it was decided to leave it to the new Association to respond to this consultation.

- (6) BPC BUSINESS PLAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: Due to the lack of time this document was looked at briefly. It was felt that the new Association should make any comment on behalf of the trade and also nominate any candidates for the various committees. A. D. Lamont was suggested as a nomination for the Marketing Committee and he agreed to consider the proposal. Since the meeting he has decided not to have his name considered for the position due to increased workload in his company.
- (7) CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary reported that the following correspondence had been received:

Letters from the Scottish Office headed:

- (a) "SEERAD Branch Structure Chart".
- (b) "Review of Policy on Disclosure of Certification Information".
- (c) "The Plant Health (Potatoes) (Scotland) Order 2006".  
(Implementation Dates for Powers under Order)
- (d) "Possibilities for Better Regulation in the Plant Varieties and Seeds Area: Potatoes".

Letter from SASA headed

- (a) "Area Entered for Inspection for Classification in 2006".  
(Available on Website)

Letters from the British Potato Council

- (a) "Minute of the British Potato Council Meeting of 6 June 2006".
- (b) "Business Plan 2006 – 2007".
- (c) "BPC Update". (June Edition).
- (d) "Euro-Potato". (By email).
- (e) "BPC Retail Report" (By Email).
- (f) "Press Information – First Estimates of Total Potato Plantings in GB in 2006".

Letters from Food Standards Agency.

- (a) "FSA News 57". (May 2006 Edition)
- (b) "Notice of Stakeholder's Meeting)".
- (c) "FSA News 58". (June 2006 Edition)
- (d) "The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2006".
- (e) "Business Plan 2006/2007".
- (f) "Commission Directive Amending Annex 111A of Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council Listing the Ingredients that must under all Circumstances Appear on the Labelling of Foodstuffs".
- (g) "Updating of Science Branch Database".

Letters from Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers Ltd

"Insurance Renewal for Curling Trophy".

Letter from Perth Ice Rink

"Allocation of Ice for Friday 2 March 2007".

- (8) DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This was the last Council meeting of SPTA and it was finishing with an event immediately following the meeting where Past Presidents and Arbitors were invited to come along and join the present Council for Lunch. A memorable occasion was enjoyed by all present.
- (9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:  
There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman who expressed his gratitude to all Council Members and Secretary for their support.