BRITISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2015 AT THE KEGWORTH HOTEL, PACKINGTON HILL, KEGWORTH, DERBYSHIRE DE74 2DF

Present: 11 BPTA members and 14 proxy votes held by the Association Secretary representing 25 member companies.

Item	Details	Action
1	The President, Russ Kelsey opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 3rd Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association. Apologies for absence were received from Matt Bell, Graham Bennett, David Burks, Robert Burns, Martin Cockerill, Gareth Cosford, Miriam Doe, Rob Doig, James Gordon, Dominic Guindi, Paul Hart, Stuart McIntyre, David Murdie, Sandy Murray, Jonathon Owen, Graeme Prentice, Alastair Redpath, Jon Rooke, David Scott, Andrew Skea and Alan Twatt.	
2	The meeting was called to approve changes to the BPTA Constitution that were outlined in the Association Secretary's letter to members of 6th October 2015. The Association Secretary introduced the proposed changes and explained the purpose of each in turn. The principal amendment is required to reflect current practice of Council of admitting to Associate Membership, Branch Membership or Honorary Life Membership individuals or companies not necessarily engaged in the selling or processing of potatoes and to clarify that Council may co-opt Associate, Branch and Honorary Life members onto Council whilst making it clear that such co-opted members are present only in an advisory role and are not entitled to a vote. Other amendments are consequential to these changes except for an unrelated change, again to reflect current practice, on the timing of the BPTA AGM to permit this to take place in early July as well as June of each year. A motion to approve the amended Constitution was proposed by Gerard Croft and seconded by Colin Herron. All 11 BPTA members present voted for the motion and the Association Secretary tabled 14 proxy votes on behalf of members all in favour of the motion. The motion was therefore carried unanimously. The Association Secretary will now produce a clean copy of the newly amended Constitution and send a copy (by email where possible) to members of the Association and to the Association's Accountants and post a copy in the public area of the BPTA website.	**Sec**
3	The President announced that Council has co-opted David Burks of Wholecrop Marketing Ltd to fill the vacancy created by David Chalmers leaving the industry. David although not present at the EGM will attend Council on Friday. There being no other competent business the President closed the meeting.	