



# BRITISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION



## Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the British Potato Trade Association held at the Macdonald Cardrona Hotel, Peebles 22 June 2022

Item	Details
1	<p>The Annual General Meeting of the Association commenced at 2pm with 19 member companies represented either in person or online. Apologies were received from Kate McLaughlin (WCF), Graeme Prentice (IPM), David Murdie (Grampian Growers), MF Potatoes and Richard Baker (HZPC).</p> <p>The President, Sandy McGowan, welcomed attending members to the AGM and also welcomed Professor Gerry Sadler from SASA as our guest to host a Q&amp;A session over the various challenges facing the Scottish Seed Industry.</p>
2	<p>The President presented his report to the meeting noting yet another turbulent and challenging season for the industry. A copy of this report is attached to this minute:</p> <p> Presidents 2022 Report to the AGM</p> <p>The Presidents report for the year to 31 May 2022 was proposed by Nigel Allam (NAC) and seconded by Russ Kelsey (Solana) as an accurate outline of the Associations activities. There being no objections from the membership present it was agreed with by the meeting.</p>
3	<p>The Secretary, Gerard Croft, presented the attached unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 to the meeting and answered any queries raised. Jon Rooke (HZPC) proposed a motion that the accounts be adopted. The motion was seconded by Russ Kelsey (Solana) and approved by the meeting.</p> <p> Unaudited Accounts 2021-22.pdf</p>
4	<p>A motion to approve the accountants, Harris, Lacey &amp; Swain, to remain as the Association accountants for the year 2022/23 was proposed by Alex Moore (Agrico), seconded by Nigel Allam (NAC) and, there being no objections, was approved by the meeting.</p>

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5 The President explained that whilst the Association remains in good financial health, the Budget highlighted a number of increased costs due to the extra workload resulting from ongoing Brexit related issues and the involvement of BPTA, as a key stakeholder, with an increasing number of organisations post the AHDB. The President further explained that the Budget, which had been approved by Council that morning, included an approximate 10% increase in the membership subscription rates for the 2022-23 membership year. The Secretary outlined the Budget to the meeting in more detail and answered any queries that arose. He then asked for a proposer and seconder to propose the motion that the following subscription rates be accepted by the meeting:

| Seed Tonnes   | 2022-23 Subscription Rate |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Ware only     | 360                       |
| 0 – 500*      | 185                       |
| 0 – 2000      | 360                       |
| 2001-5000     | 520                       |
| 5001-15,000   | 700                       |
| 15,001-25,000 | 1,000                     |
| 25,001 +      | 1,950                     |
| Associate     | 200                       |

\* and less than 2,000 tonnes of ware traded.

Jon Rooke (HZPC) proposed, and Alex Moore (Agrico) seconded the motion which was unanimously accepted by the meeting.



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6	<p>Richard Dannatt, as chair of the Legal Committee, in conjunction with the Secretary, advised the meeting that, following a review of the BPTA Conditions for Purchase and Sale of Seed Potatoes, a number of amendments were advised by our Legal advisers. In the main these amendments were to update the legal language used and to clarify some anomalies that had been identified within the current conditions. The time allowed, however, to initiate an arbitration has been reduced from 24 to 18 months from either the date or contractual date of delivery (whichever is applicable). Having answered any queries from the floor the motion for the meeting to approve the changes was proposed by Charlie Trembath (East Suffolk Producers), seconded by Paul Wood (Meijer) and unanimously accepted by the meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary advised the meeting that he will write to the membership in due course advising them of the changes which are intended to be implemented for the 2023/24 trading season.</p>
7	<p>The President announced to the meeting that, following an election, Paul Wood (Meijer) was returned to Council and Andrew Johnston (Wolds Produce) and Jim Wayman (3M's) had been elected in place of Andrew Skea and John Addams-Williams both of whom had resigned from Council. The President also announced that since John Addams-Williams, as Deputy Vice President, had been due to take on the role of Vice President, Council had agreed for Alistair Melrose to take on this role and Richard Dannatt to take on the role of Deputy Vice President for this 2-year term.</p> <p>The President thanked both Andrew and John for their long-standing and valuable contributions to the BPTA, having served on BPTA Council since its formation in 2006 along with time served in BPTA's predecessor associations: (SPTA and NASPM).</p>
8	<p>The President, having now completed his 2-year term, thanked Council and Secretary for their support through what had been challenging times and formally handed over the presidency to Jon Rooke.</p>
9	<p>There being no further business the President closed the meeting and introduced Professor Gerry Sadler (SASA and Scotland's Chief Plant Health Officer) who had agreed to attend the meeting to give a short presentation and answer questions from the floor over the various challenges currently facing the Scottish Seed Potato Sector.</p>

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