

**MINUTE OF THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF MEAT TRADERS ASSOCIATIONS (INCORPORATED) HELD IN THE TRADES HOUSE, GLASSFORD STREET, GLASGOW ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1918 AT 2.30 O'CLOCK AFTERNOON**

**SEDERUNT:** There was a large attendance including representatives from the following districts namely :- Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Greenock, Paisley, Port Glasgow, Hamilton, Airdrie, West Kilbride, Falkirk, Perth, Stirling, Dunblane, Crieff, Moffat, Dumfries, Innerleithen, Dunfermline, Lochgelly, Inverness and Stonehaven.

**ATTENDING:** Mr Hugh Duncan and Mr John A Sinclair, Joint Secretaries and Mr R S Stewart of Messrs Russell & Duncan, Writers Glasgow. Mr John Stewart, President, in the chair.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Duncan read letters of apology from Mr Malcolm, Brechin and Mr Frank Stuart, two of the Vice Presidents and also a letter from Mr W A Billing, the Chairman of the English Federation of Meat Traders, expressing regret at his inability to be present and stating that it would be very beneficial to the whole trade if a satisfactory working policy could be arranged for the two Federations and extending his best for a successful meeting

**NOTICE CALLING MEETING**

**PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT:** The President, in the course of some interesting opening observations extended a hearty welcome to all those present reminded the meeting that in November of last year Mr Robertson of Dundee, seconded by Mr Miller of Glasgow had made the proposal that the Federation should be formed and he hoped that a satisfactory working arrangement would be to come to with the English Federation. The result of their propaganda work throughout Scotland had so far been successful beyond their expectations. In all 17 associations had affiliated to date and 4 others had intimated their intention of affiliation. He also mentioned that at the Annual Meeting of the Glasgow United Fleshers Society, held two nights previously, the members had unanimously decided, as that Society had really been the pioneers in inaugurating the Scottish Federation, and as they were the largest Society in Scotland, that they should pay all the preliminary expenses in connection with the flotation of the Federation Scheme and the members of the Society had agreed to gift a sum of £200 to the Federation to enable it to start clear of expense and with something on hand. On the motion of Mr Carswell a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the members of the Glasgow United Fleshers Society for their financial assistance in connection with the formation of the Federation and Mr Sinclair, on behalf of the Glasgow United Fleshers Society, returned thanks.

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS:** The appointment of office bearers was then proceeded with

**PRESIDENT:** On the motion of Mr Allan M Robertson, seconded by Mr James Miller, the President was re-elected for another year.

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** In the motion of the Chairman, the present Vice Presidents, namely, Messrs Malcolm Brechin, James Miller, Frank Stuart, Allan M Robertson, John Carswell, D S Mathieson and David D Paton were re-elected, with the addition of Mr John A Sinclair (the new President of the Glasgow United Fleshers Society) Mr John Murray (Dunblane) Mr John Rennie (President of the Paisley United Fleshers Society), Mr W R Elliot, (Inverness), Mr Archibald McNeil, (Greenock) and Mr Alexander Nicol, (Fife & Kinross) while two vacancies were left to be filled later on by other districts not yet affiliated to the Federation.

**SECRETARY AND TREASURER:** On the motion of the Chairman, Mr R S Stewart of Messrs Russell and Duncan, Writers Glasgow, was appointed Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Thereafter, on the motion of Mr Matheson, Mr Walter Nelson, C.A., Glasgow was appointed auditor for the ensuing year at a fee of £2 2/1.

**CO-OPERATION WITH ENGLISH FEDERATION:** A reply from the English Federation with regard to devising a suitable scheme of co-operation as between the two Federations was remitted to the Executive Committee to be dealt with.

**RAW FATS ORDER:** An interchange of opinion ensued with regard to the Raw Fats Order and ultimately on the suggestion of the Chairman the matter was remitted to the Executive to deal within the general interests of the trade.

**MAN POWER QUESTION:** Thereafter, a lengthy discussion took place on the Man Power Question and the Chairman explained the steps taken by the Executive Committee in the matter and the Secretary pointed out that notwithstanding the new Certified List employers must appeal for themselves and their employees as formerly.

**INCREASED PER HEAD CHARGES FOR CATTLE & SHEEP:** A long discussion followed with regard to the increased per head charges for cattle and sheep and the Secretary read several resolutions on the subject which had been passed by local associations. The feeling of the meeting was that the tax should either be reduced or the retail price increased in order to remove the present grievance. It was ultimately agreed to protest against the increased price of 11/4 per live cwt and 2d per lb Dead Meat on all cattle slaughtered, as oppressive and as unworkable in practice, and the whole matter was left in the hands of the Executive for the purpose of framing the necessary protest and communicating same to the proper authorities in due course.

**GRADING OF CATTLE & SHEEP:** Consideration was also given to the question of grading of cattle and sheep and it was agreed to make a strong protest to the Ministry of Food, London against any man being a grader of cattle in a market in which he is interested, the feeling being that Graders ought to be Government Graders, paid by the government and having no financial interests in the markets in which they are grading. Mr A J Scott, the Editor of The Meat Trades Journal, who was present, and who received a very warm welcome from the meeting, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be at the first general meeting of the Scottish Federation and made some remarks on the grading question. After a full discussion, the meeting unanimously decided to remit the whole matter to the Executive Committee to frame a suitable resolution for submission in due course to the proper authorities.

**VOTE OF THANKS:** This being all the business, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, proposed by Provost Murray, Dunblane.