



## The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association – Dundee Perth & Angus Branch

### Minutes from Branch Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Glencarse Village Hall

**1. Chairman's welcome:**

Paul opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed everyone.

**2. Presence and Apologies:**

**Present:**

Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Irene Black, Neil Myles, Bruce Cargill, Barbara Stronach, Jim Mills, Mr & Mrs Owen Sweeney

**Apologies:**

Nigel Kellett, Gillie McNab

**3. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:**

None

| Mtg-Act | Action   | Owner | Status *   |
|---------|--|-------|--|
| Jun-A1  | All committee members to review the Branch Constitution prior to the October meeting, with a view to finalizing it and adopting it at November's AGM | ALL   | <b>OPEN.</b> Neil to issue Draft Constitution with suggestions for amendment. Committee to review and feedback.                        |
| Jun-A2  | Gary to see if possible to keep the Forfar Academy costs the same as this year for next year's event   | Gary  | <b>OPEN.</b> Update: Forfar Academy have agreed in principle that school is available for 2013 MB's. Angus Council to reply with costs |
| Jun-A3  | Amend and publish the Crieff Entry Form  | Gary  | <b>COMPLETE, CLOSED.</b>   |

**4. Approval of previous minutes:**

**Approved:** Neil Myles

**Seconded:** Bruce Cargill

**5. Correspondence:**

See Crieff 2013 information in AOCB.

See Cowal information in AOCB.

**6. Treasurers Report:**

Irene presented the latest figures in the Current and Special Accounts.

**7. Director's (Previously known as National Council) Report:**

Paul reported as follows:

Directors meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct '12. List of 2013 events distributed in the meeting.

Finance Committee are considering 0% contest levy.

Draft Education Strategy agreed in principle but details not being released until all necessary parties consulted.

2013 playing requirements for G4B and NJ (for majors) will be 4 x 2/4 march tempo in both qualification and final

**8. Music Board Report:**

Bruce reported as follows:

Several grading changes confirmed, details available on RSPBA website.

Playing requirements for majors clarified –

| Championship | Grade 3                      | Grade 2 & Juvenile                           | Grade 1        |
|--------------|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| British      | MSR                          | Medley                                       | As per Grade 3 |
| Europeans    | Medley                       | MSR  |                |
| Scottish     | MSR                          | Medley                                       |                |
| Worlds       | MSR to Qualify, Medley Final | Medley to Qualify, MSR Final (G2); MSR (Juv) |                |
| Cowal        | Medley                       | MSR  |                |

MAP for 2013 shall be a trial status.



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#### 9. Website Report:

Neil reported as follows:

Effort to be made to capture images of all (Branch) trophies for branch website.

“MissionFish” – linked to “e-bay” – an opportunity for bands to capture 100% of selling income, but they must apply themselves under their own charitable status

#### 10. AOCB:

Crieff 2013 – Owen Sweeney in attendance at meeting confirmed that Crieff Highland Gathering will hold their 2013 event on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August i.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of World Championships.

HQ have stated that no license will be issued for a pipe band contest on that day at Crieff (or anywhere else). RSPBA-registered bands who do compete at Crieff (if a competition were to go ahead) may be subject to sanctions.

Gary to contact Crieff committee to request a meeting.

Cowal contract is up for renewal from 2014 – 2013 will be final championships under existing contract.

HQ have requested feedback from as many branch bands as possible as to whether they would like Cowal to continue to host a Championship.

Gary to gather branch band feedback by 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.

In answer to an information request, confirmation that there is no set formation requirement for mini-bands.

#### 11. New Action Items

| Mtg-Act | Action   | Owner | Due By | Status * |
|---------|--|-------|--------|----------|
| Oct-A1  | Gary to contact Crieff committee to request a meeting                                | Gary  | Nov 12 | New      |
| Oct-A2  | Gary to gather branch band feedback on continuation of Cowal as a Major Championship | Gary  | Nov 12 | New      |
|         |  |       |        |          |

\* Status should be “New”, “Open”, “Closed” or “Cancelled”

#### 12. Next meeting:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start**