



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

Minutes from Branch Meeting No 5 Sunday 14th December 2014 in the Glencarse Village Hall

1. Chairman's welcome:

Paul opened the meeting at 7.10 pm and welcomed everyone to this, the fifth meeting of the year.

2. Presence and Apologies:

Present:

Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Nigel Kellett, Bruce Cargill, Irene Black, Jim Mills, Sandy Duthie

Apologies:

Gillie McNab, Stewart Findlay, Elaine Sturrock, Craig Fyall, Nicola Liddell

3. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:

Actions from minutes in 2013

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Sep-A5	Investigate recent winners' names and dates of the Open Drumming trophy and arrange to have details added to it.	Gary / Paul	OPEN. (This was the NCR trophy) Trophy now with Paul, now got all dates except 68, 72, 75, 83, 94 and 2000 to 2007. (Plus 2013) Suggestion to now post them onto the website to see if anyone can help.

Actions from 2014 Meeting No 4 / October

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Oct-A1	Advise HQ of Branch city band contact details for 2018 Armistice event	Gary	CLOSED. Gary advised Perth & McKenzie of details should they want to get in touch.
Oct-A2	Request clarification from HQ of qualification criteria for potential Branch Music Board Drumming Rep	Gary	CLOSED. RSPBA accept Advanced Higher Music as a suitable qualification.
Oct-A3	Contact potential piping adjudicators for Branch Solos	Gary	CLOSED. Event completed
Oct-A4	Contact Craigie High School PTA for possible catering at Solos	Gary	CLOSED. Everyone agreed a good job was done
Oct-A5	Discuss new advertising format and potential street march change with road runners for Loch Leven contest	Nigel	CLOSED. See AOB below

4. Approval of previous minutes

Approved: Bruce

Seconded: Irene

5. Correspondence:

- Pat Whelan has replied to Derek Potter with an application form and some information regarding potential qualification to PDQB Assessor status
- Email from David Marr at Boys Brigade advising that BB status may be changing
- Email from Craig Black asking if we have a magazine rep. Gary replied that this is in process and will advise asap.
- Derek Dunn writing on behalf of Strathearn Band advising that they are in the process of registering. Interested in attending Branch committee meetings. Gary only saw the email today and replied letting him know, albeit at short notice
- Strathmore interested in possible attendance at Strathmore Games. Gary had checked with all branch bands and advised that around 8 bands believe they will attend. They had a meeting on 30th November, not heard anything back yet
- Email from Lesley Young, Treasurer at Crieff Highland Gathering asking if we were due fees for bands that entered the contest. Gary will phone to discuss.



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6. Treasurer's Report:

- Irene presented the accounts, contained in a separate confidential document

7. Music Board Report: (order changed from this meeting forward. Music Board Report will now precede the Director's Report)

- Bruce reported from the last Music Board Meeting on 22nd November as follows:
 - Good debate about splitting NJ grade
 - Intermediates play same as Grade 4A (8 – 10 bands)
 - Derek Potter's potential application as assessor was discussed, and will be processed as and when he applies
 - New band being formed by members of the BB band. Music Board currently assessing what level to admit this band as. (Band name still to be confirmed)
 - Proposals for AGM have gone forward. NJ format and 42 day registration

8. Director's Report:

- Paul reported as follows from the past 2 meetings:
 - Paul has been appointed by RSPBA to attend and chair the Fife AGM on 21st December
 - Child protection policy is now complete
 - HQ have had a quote to carry out improvements to the building
 - Review of working groups. Board of Directors looking at which groups are really still working
 - Robert Wallace, former principal of College of Piping, has approached to manage a fund for novice and juvenile bands for transport to contests
 - Format of 2016 Worlds. Need to pin it down this year if possible to put in the programme
 - Novice Juveniles should be split into 2 grades if approved at AGM
 - Joe Noble and Mick O'Neil gave a proposal on potential development of Worlds Solo Drumming. Directors stated that we were interested in developing drumming within the different branches. Some good constructive discussions were had on this subject.
 - Directors have been given approval to hold a local rules Grade 4A and 4B competition at Perth
 - World Championships has been awarded to Glasgow for 6 years with a 2 year notice period from either side
 - Proposed rule changes:
 - A branch may put forward a rule that you should enter a certain number of minors before you can enter a major
 - Wording to be changed about bands to have to carry (and show if required) their band prints
 - 3.7 clause proposed changing from 14 days to 42 days did not have a lot of support
 - We need to be aware that bands that are playing at minor contests are registered with the RSPBA

9. Website Report:

- None. (No webmaster currently serving on the committee)

10. AOCB:

- Jim: McKenzie concert at Gardyne Theatre in February 27th 2015.
- Jim: Represented the Branch at Valerie Rogers' funeral on 12th December
- Nigel: Loch Leven Contest:
 - Nigel met Martin Hill, Road Runners President, on 21st November, and discussed the proposed changes. Sat 9th May is confirmed. Runners looking at moving start back to Gacé Gardens, and aren't worried about whether there is a Street March or not immediately before it. Programmes not an issue if not doing them – they would be happy for one band (eg Kinross) to play the runners off at the start.
 - Paul suggests speaking to Lochore re hoardings, they looked good.
- Nigel: Any progress with Pitlochry Games as part of the branch championship? 12th September
- Gary: Outreach – been trying to get dates for a follow-up but unsuccessful so far. Illnesses etc have proven difficult. Will now be into New Year before we have a follow-up
- Gary: We now have the RSPBA Board Meeting Dates. Potentially align branch meetings to be just after them
 - 7th Feb => 8th Feb



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- 14th March => 22nd March
- 25th April => Sun 3rd May
- 3rd October => Sun 4th Oct
- Branch AGM Sunday 1st November
- 14th Nov => Sun 15th Nov
- Saturday 21st November for Branch Solos
- Sun 6th December

11. New Action Items

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Due By	Status *
Dec-A1	Gary to confirm to Greig Ogilvie that he is suitably qualified to be Music Board rep for Drumming			New
Dec-A2	Paul to speak to HQ to see if Branch can get access to electronic entry system			New

* **Status** should be "New", "Open", "Closed" or "Cancelled"

12. Next Branch Meeting: **Sun 8th February, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.**