



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

### Minutes from Branch Meeting No 3 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 in the Glencarse Village Hall

**1. Chairman's welcome:**

Paul opened the meeting at 7.05 pm and welcomed everyone to this, the third meeting of the year.

**2. Presence and Apologies:**

**Present:** Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Nigel Kellett, Bruce Cargill, Irene Black, Stewart Findlay, Jim Mills, Greig Ogilvie, Paul Winter,

**Apologies:** Gillie McNab, Owen Sweeney, Nicola Liddell

**Guests:** Ian Findlay, Morag McKenzie

**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	<b>OPEN.</b> (This was the NCR trophy) Trophy now with the latest winner, Calumn Burns, 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 minutes in February 2015**

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Feb-A1	Ask if the new proposed levelling of prize money across grades in the majors will also mean a level entry fee for all grades	Paul	<b>CLOSED.</b>
Feb-A2	Ask Jason Lafferty if he can quote to revamp the DPA website and make it easy to upload news, data etc	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b>
Feb-A3	Add in Education as a standing item for all future agendas	Nigel	<b>CLOSED.</b>
Feb-A4	Request all 3 Outreach dates from September to December/ January	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b>
Feb-A5	Write to Pitlochry to ask for confirmation on whether or not they can open the contest up to branch bands, and therefore join the branch championship	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b> Another meeting has taken place. Pitlochry have offered to put in a second ring, but want DPA to fund this. See AOB below.
Feb-A6	Check whether the correct trophy was awarded to Kenny Forbes at Crieff	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b>
Feb-A7	Confirm that the Branch supports Gordon Hamill for re-election as Chairman	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b>

**Actions from minutes in March 2015**

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Mar-A1	Request official confirmation from Crieff if contest is not going ahead so it can be removed from RSPBA calendar	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b> Now officially cancelled and in calendar to that effect.
Mar-A2	Ask Carnoustie committee if they would be happy to donate the reserved money to fund the website in exchange for advertising	Bruce	<b>CLOSED.</b> There may be some of the money available for this
Mar-A3	Gary to look into application for grant funding for Kinross contest	Gary	<b>CLOSED.</b> Nothing currently available because we don't yet have a published child protection policy



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#### Further matters arising:

- None

#### 4. Approval of previous minutes

**Approved:** Stewart Findlay

**Seconded:** Jim Mills

#### 5. Correspondence:

- Gary sent info out about the RSPBA summer school to all bands
- Paul believes all the Carnoustie winners from the solos intend to go
- Perth Games. A foreign competitor for DM's may not be able to arrive until after 1 pm, so looking at having a later start to DM's
- Concern received from Craigie High School re damage to a Smart Board and to a Printer between the last two competitions. No cost for the Smartboard, but there was damage to a printer. Agreed to give Craigie High School a cheque to cover the printer costs.
- Email received by Irene from the contact for this hall. Glencarse Games on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Would any bands be interested in playing and what would the cost be?

#### 6. Treasurer's Report:

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

#### 7. Music Board Report:

- Bruce reported that there have been no recent meetings:
  - One meeting since last committee meeting, discussing registrations
  - Re-vamp of transfer and new member forms, should start being used soon
  - Discussion on Education, Bruce will send out material
  - Also at a liaison meeting.
    - a) Consultative Adjudication trial. Particularly looking at large variation of placings between adjudicators.
    - b) Clamping down on higher to lower transfers
  - AGM. Would they put on a Leading Drummer or Pipe Major seminar/conference as part of the AGM day, to make it more worthwhile attending.
  - Novice Juvenile will be split into 2 grades from 2016. Would be good for adjudicators to provisionally categorize into A or B through the 2015 season
  - Proposal for World Solo Drumming that all branches allocate one space for the semi-final which should ensure a maximum of 23 for the semi-final. Criteria: Must be an open contest, must be the playing criteria for WSD, must have at least 20 players to play on the day

#### 8. Director's Report:

- Paul reported as follows from the last directors' meeting:
  - Ian Findlay present tonight, as Fife Branch bands have been re-allocated out with the Fife region. The branch is being left in place at present, with all funds going back to HQ to be held in abeyance pending a possible future reformation of the branch:
    - a) **Bowhill, DPA**
    - b) **Burntisland – Lothian**
    - c) **City of St Andrews – DPA (4B and 3)**
    - d) **Dunfermline – L&B**
    - e) **Kelty & Blairadam – DPA**
    - f) **Dysart – L&B**
    - g) **Kirkcaldy both bands to L&B**
    - h) **Lochgelly G2 and Lochgelly High School to DPA**
    - i) **Methil – L&B**
    - j) **Peter Vardy Glenrothes & District 2010 – DPA**



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- k) **Police Scotland Fife – DPA**
- l) **RAF Pipes & Drums Central Scotland – DPA**
- m) Inverkeithing – L&B
- n) West Fife Schools – L&B
- o) **Summary:** 9 bands gained in the Branch, so with our 17 that puts us over 24 bands so we will have a second director, Ian Findlay, who will stand provisionally until the AGM

- All new bands to be billed for branch levy of £40
- All new bands to be asked to submit details for Branch website
- Change for Drum Majors adjudicators at Majors. They currently don't know what they will be adjudicating on the day, M&D, Dress or Flourish. This will now change and they will be notified 2 weeks in advance of the required discipline.
- Worlds TV coverage question. The BBC pay a nominal fee (£2,500 last year). Marketing and Media had looked into doing it, but the cost of all the equipment was prohibitive.
- Child Protection Document. We finally have this and it has been forwarded on to Morag. Morag advised that as soon as this is in place the Branch should just be utilizing it. But even if the Branch has a policy, each band should have their own CP policy. Decided that the branch should adopt more or less this policy, and reserve the right to adopt new HQ policies as and when they evolve/appear.
- There was one issue of a higher to lower PM transfer who had been told he could not play until the transfer had been approved by the Board of Directors. Bruce will request clarity on this point
- Registration checks will be carried out at all Majors and some Minor contests. Gary to write to all bands to let them know they must have their band prints at Kinross, and that sanctions will be applied for registration discrepancies

#### 9. Education (included as a standing item from this meeting forward)

- Gary contacted Jim Campbell back in March for Outreach courses with multiple dates for the various sessions. Still waiting to hear back which dates work.
- Paul's role – clarified that he will be assistant to Pat Whelan to take some of the load. (Still no clearer as to exactly what that will entail!)

#### 10. Website Report:

- New website under Jason Lafferty's design will go live from around 5 pm on Monday
  - Ian will send Gary details of Fife Bands joining the branch
- Any bands not yet sent details, please send them on to Nicola Liddell
- Jim to advise if he wants his details on the website
- We should be getting some refund from Namehog
- Twitter account @RSPBADPA has been created
- A Facebook page also exists (Stewart advised)
- Committee members who haven't done so also to send brief bio details to Nicola

#### 11. AOCB:

- **RSPBA Magazine:** Nothing yet, Craig Fyall not present
- Paul Brown is checking our constitution to ensure it is in order
- Cancelled contests: Crief, Melrose and Oban all cancelled
- Loch Leven contest. All seems to be in order. Grade 1 will be an open contest
- Pitlochry. No change
- Potential new contest at Dundee, towards end August, at the Michelin Club, which would be the final branch championship
- Should we consider a name change to the Branch?
- **Irene:** Nothing
- **Stewart:** Nothing
- **Greig:** Nothing
- **Bruce:** Nothing



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- **Paul:** Q: Would the Fife contests be included in the Branch Championship? A: Yes, some of them from 2016, probably Markinch, Thornton, Lochore, and maybe Cupar if it comes back
- **Jim:** Nothing
- **Nigel:** Nothing
- **Gary:** Cupar Angus will play for runners as long as someone can organize transport, + cash

#### 12. New Action Items

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Due By	Status *
May-A1	Request clarity from HQ regarding alleged rule that higher to lower transfer players cannot play until their appointment has been approved by the Board of Directors	Bruce	June	New
May-A2	Write to all bands entered for Kinross that registration checks will be carried out on the day, and that sanctions will be applied	Gary	Now	New
May-A3	Try and organize transport for Coupar Angus to play runners off at Kinross	Nigel	Now	New
May-A4	Write to HQ copy Jason to request that the Pitlochry contest calendar entry shows 'Invitational contest – Entry forms on application only' instead of 'Awaiting Entry Form'	Gary	June	New
May-A5	Send cheque to Craigie High School for printer damage	Gary	June	New
May-A6	Send info out to bands about Glencarse contest on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Gary	June	New
May-A7	Write to all new (ex-Fife branch) bands to ask them to pay the branch levy, and also to submit details to Nicola for the website, and to advise them of special additional meeting on Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Gary	June	New

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

#### 13. Next Branch Meeting: **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.**

- Reminder of Branch meeting dates for 2015:
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec