A brief Committee meeting was held prior to the start of the AGM acting as an interim discussion before the next scheduled Committee meeting to be held on Sunday 4th December 2016. Actions were updated and noted in a separate minute.

1. Welcome
Paul welcomed everyone at 7.05pm to the 2016 AGM.

2. AGM Presence and Apologies:

   **Bands Represented:**
   - Paul McAndrew (Branch Chairman)
   - Gary Mair (Branch Secretary)
   - Perth and District (Irene Black, Nicola Liddell)
   - Mackenzie Caledonian and Mackenzie Caledonian N/J (Jim Mills, Branch President / Ally Bryce)
   - Vale of Atholl (Gillie McNab)
   - Communities of Cardenden (Andrew Downie)
   - City of Discovery (Greig Ogilvie)
   - Carnoustie and District (Paul Winter, Bruce Cargill)
   - RAF Central Scotland (Ian Hughes, Willy Tait)
   - Glenrothes (Ian Finlay)
   - Edradour, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl (Owen Sweeney)
   - Kinross (Nigel Kellett)

   **Apologies:**
   - Stewart Findlay (City of Discovery)
   - Claire Scott (Edradour, Pitlochry & Blair Atholl Pipe Band)
   - Craig Black (Brechin)
   - Morag McKenzie (Arbroath)

3. Adoption of minutes from 2015 AGM
   Proposed by Jim Mills (Mackenzie Caledonian) and seconded by Nigel Kellett (Kinross).

4. Matters Arising from 2015 AGM
   None.

5. REPORTS – copies of all reports appear in annex

   **Chairman’s Report**

   **Secretary’s Report**
   Additional comment: notice was given that Drum Major competitions would run at the following events –
   - Markinch (4th June 2017), Lochore (17th June 2017), Crieff (5th August 2017) & Dundee Contest (date TBA).
   - Gary Mair extended thanks to Nigel Kellett for his great efforts over the previous 4 years regarding the Loch Leven contest but reported that unfortunately it appears continued sponsorship has proved unattainable at this time.

   **Treasurer’s Report** contained in separate folder. Irene Black provided a summary of key points.

   **Music Board Report**
6. **Director’s Report**
   Copy attached in annex.
   Additional note – Paul McAndrew and Ian Finlay are Directors for the branch; everyone urged to raise an item with either of them should they wish this to be raised at national level.
   Branch has been represented at all Majors.
   Paul McAndrew noted his other involvements as follows –
   - Part of a registrations working group; looking at the format of fair registration worldwide (buy-ins for majority of all associations).
   - Part of a standing orders and steering committees reviewing rule changes.
   - Recently co-opted on Education Management group looking at how RSPBA delivers education.

7. **Election of Office Bearers & Review of Branch Levy**
   **Election of Office Bearers**
   Nigel Kellett wishes to stand down as Vice-Chair.
   
   Annual elections completed as follows:

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   Jim Mills expressed his thanks to the committee and all stating it was an honor and a post he thoroughly enjoys.

   **Webmaster** – role almost disappeared as Jason Lafferty manages website on behalf of Branch.
   **Facebook** – Stewart Findlay has advised by email that he is happy to continue with this role.
   **Magazine Rep** – Gary Mair acknowledged an email received from Craig Black expressing he is prepared to carry on for a further 12 months but asked if there were any other volunteers for this role thereafter. All in favour of Craig Black continuing for a further 12 months whilst a new contact is sought.

   **Committee members**
   Existing committee were elected en mass.

   Ian Hughes advised he would attend meetings but did not wish to sit as a committee member.
   Maximum number of committee members = 2 per band = 68 in total.
Branch Levy
All in favour of the Branch levy remaining the same.

8. AOCB
   - Gradings / Trophies – Nigel Kellett noted there were trophies for Champion of Champions but only 1 for juvenile
     (Gary Mair advised he had a 1998 trophy presented to last year’s Grade 3 Arbroath ‘DPA Juvenile Contest’. A
     query was raised whether we should consider emulating A and B split for Novice Juvenile as well as the grades. It
     was stated this was discussed at the previous meeting and agreed would not be introduced for the year ahead.
   - Branch solos – please let Gary Mair know if there are any volunteers who can assist with the running of the day.
   - Secretaries Training – Nigel Kellett proposed that a training day was offered to branch secretaries (and Pipe
     Majors) in addition to a drop-down help facility on the website ‘guidance for secretaries’. With forthcoming
     important rule changes, it was proposed this be considered to help iron out potential administrative discrepancies.
   - RSPBA Summer School – flyers for 2017 event were distributed to all meeting attendees.
   - Strathmore event – Gary Mair reiterated Paul’s thanks to John Gibb for his assistance with stewarding and
     commented that the event couldn’t have gone ahead without this.
   - Voting – Nigel Kellett commented that not all bands were actively represented at any point with usually 12
     representatives present out of 34 bands in the Branch at monthly meetings; and similarly at HQ AGM. Nigel
     proposed that the Branch consider voting on bands behalf by proxy; a debate followed around the suggestion that
     the Branch write to the bands to advise how they intend to vote on a particular change and ask if they don’t intend
     to vote personally; would they be happy for the Branch to vote on their behalf. Care to be taken around the
     wording of this and agreement around the table for Gary Mair to propose this to the Branch bands explaining how
     to sign off on proxy vote. It is hoped by doing so the Branch will have a strong voice. It was noted that there are
     approx. 500 bands within the RSPBA but less than 67 votes were recorded on the day; very few bands actually
     represented.

9. Chairman’s Closing Remarks
   Paul McAndrew thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

10. Next meeting
    Next Branch meeting scheduled to take place on Sunday 4th December 2016, 6.30pm for 7.00pm.
    Next year’s AGM scheduled to take place on Sunday 5th November 2017, start time 7pm.
Chairman’s Report

Branch AGM – Sunday 6th November 2016, Glencarse Village Hall

Can I extend a warm welcome to all the band representatives that have taken the time to make it along to the Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch of the RSPBA AGM this evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee for all its hard work over the past 12 months, special thanks must go to Jim Mills our President for his continued efforts to promote the branch at local and national events. Also many thanks to Gary Mair for all the hard work that he carries out as our Branch secretary throughout the year, the branch really wouldn’t function without all the work he does throughout the year.

As a Branch, we have seen band numbers increase again this year with the reallocation of a number of bands from Stirling Branch.

Well done to the branch bands that competed in the 2016 season both with and without success.

On a negative note I am sure you will be aware that we had to cancel contests in the branch this year due to lack of entries, whilst I appreciate that there may have been good reasons for this, I really need to stress that both the branch committee and the event promoters have a massive amount of work and expense leading up to these events, and it really is soul destroying for all involved when this happens. We have already finalised the contests in the branch area for the 2017 season, and I would urge all the Branch bands to attend where possible, as we are beginning to face the prospect of no minor contests in future years if these are not supported.

Thank you.

Paul McAndrew, Branch Chairman
Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch, RSPBA  e-mail paul.mcandrew@rspba.org
Chairman, Committee members, Band Members, can I add my welcome to that of the Chairman and to thank you for taking the time this evening to make it along to our AGM.

As a Branch, at the time of writing this report, our Branch has 34 bands, namely:

Grade 4B
- Alyth & District
- Bowhill & District
- City of Brechin
- City Of St Andrews
- Communities of Cardenden, Coupar Angus Burgh
- Crieff High School
- Kelty & Blairadam
- Mains of Fintry
- Strathearn
- Tulliallan Pipes and Drums
- Vale of Atholl
- Queen Victoria school, Dunblane (13 bands)

Grade 4A
- Kinross & District
- Perth & District
- RAF Central Scotland Pipes and Drums (3 bands)

Novice Juvenile (B)
- Dollar Academy
- MacKenzie Caledonian NJ (2 bands)

Novice Juvenile (A)
- Lochgelly High School (1 Band)

Grade 3B
- Arbroath
- Carnoustie & District
- City of St Andrews
- Methil & District
- Strathmore (5 bands)

Grade 3A
- 6th/8th Dundee Boys Brigade
- City of Brechin
- Edradour Pitlochry and Blair Atholl
- Peter Vardy Glenrothes & District 2010
- Vale Of Atholl (5 bands)

Juvenile
- Dollar Academy (1 band)

Grade 2
- City Of Discovery
- Lochgelly High School FP
- MacKenzie Caledonian (3 bands)
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Grade 1 Vale of Atholl (1 band)

Thanks to all of the Branch bands for their continued support at both Championship and local competitions.

Congratulation to several of the Branch bands for their successes at 2016 Championship events. If I could maybe mention some “highlights”:

- Lochgelly High School – Novice Juvenile B European and British Champions, European Drumming Champions & Novice Juvenile B Band Champion of Champions
- Dollar Academy – Novice Juvenile A Scottish, UK and European Champions & Novice Juvenile A Band and Drumming Champion of Champions, World Championships runners-up;
- Dollar Academy Juvenile – British and European Champions
- Bowhill & District – Grade 4B Scottish Championships runners-up;
- Dollar Academy Juvenile – World Championships runners-up;

A full run-down of Branch band successes at all of the 2016 season Championship events can be seen on our Branch website.

Congratulations in particular to Lochgelly High School who have recently been up-graded to Novice Juvenile A.

Branch Competitions in 2015/16 was a mix of successful events and disappointment in having to cancel 4 competitions.

Starting at our Branch Solo Competitions, I'd like to thank Andrew Brown from Carnoustie & District Pipe Band for his help and support in enabling the Branch to use Craigie High School for both the Branch Solos and also the minibands.

Overall entry numbers for “the Solos” were similar to the previous year (111 in 2013, 80 in 2014 and 74 in 2015). The day also included a World Solo Drumming Championships qualifier for 2016 with 5 competitor entries. The venue for 2016 will once again be Craigie High School on Saturday 19th November. Please can I ask that all entries be returned to me no later than Friday, 11th November. (If anyone has trophies to return, I'll be happy to accept them at the end of this evening's meeting or see me before you leave and I can arrange to collect).

In April, we held our Trio Piping and Mini-Bands Event at Craigie High School. A new trial at this year’s competition was an indoor full band competition in circle format. Without exception, every band that replied felt that the competition idea was good and that it should stay. There was an equal split with some bands liking circle format whilst others felt that concert format in that particular venue would be better possibly not using the stage but concert format across the back wall of the hall. There was a consensus that a full compliment of adjudicators was a good idea and also suggestion to have minibands on the floor of the hall, again with a full compliment of adjudicators. On the day there were 20 miniband performances, 6 trio performances and 14 full band performances.

May saw the Loch Leven contest held within the grounds of Kinross Community Campus and once again I’d like to thank Nigel Kellet for organizing the competition. There has been local sponsorship for this competition since year 1 however this has now significantly reduced and the competition will not take place in 2017.
The second Sunday in June saw Strathmore Games held at Glamis Castle. Despite this being the day after the UK Championships in Belfast there were still 18 band performances across Grades 4, 3 and 2, the same number of performances as in 2015. For 2017, as well as band and solo piping competitions, Strathmore Highland Games have asked for our thoughts on holding a quartet competition comprising 2 pipers, snare and tenor drummers. Any feedback is welcome.

On a negative note, this past year saw the cancellation of 4 pipe band competitions either through lack of entries or withdrawals. These competitions were Thornton Highland Games, Perth Highland Games, Inverkeithing Games and Crieff High School competition. It’s understandable that not every band can compete in a busy calendar and maybe we, as a Branch have to review our competition arrangements to better suit bands. Again, any feedback is welcomed.

Of all of the season’s outdoor competitions held within the Branch perhaps the one that shows most improvement in terms of band numbers and growth is Lochore. This year there were in excess of 27 performances including three Grade 1 bands plus a drum majors competition. In the past prize money hasn’t been an influence but perhaps this is changing?

The 2016 Pitlochry Highland games was thankfully held in fine weather but band numbers were down with only 14 bands competing on the day. The games Committee remain to be convinced that a pipe-band contest run along the same lines as any other contest can work for them. As a Branch, we continue to bang on Pitlochry Games’ door to be able to extend the competition to any band rather than invitation only.

Lastly, whilst we are here to help you, the Branch would not exist without your support. Please take our thanks back to your bands and we wish you every success for the new season. Thank you.

Provisional diary dates for 2017 are as follows:-

- Branch Mini-Bands 22nd April
- (Loch Leven 13th May) – maybe discontinued 20th May
- British Championships
- Markinch Games 4th June
- UK Championships, Belfast 10th June
- Strathmore Games 11th June
- Lochore 17th June
- European Championships, Forres 24th June
- Thornton Games 1st July
- Scottish Championships, Dumbarton 29th July
- World Championships, Glasgow 11th & 12th August
- Perth Games 13th August
- Pitlochry Games 9th September

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Music board Representative annual report.

The music board met on 4 occasions during the off-season, main points off business discussed were

1) Grading’s
From the branch perspective the following bands were regarded on standards at the end of the 2015 competition season.
   - Lochgelly High School from Novice B to Novice A
   - Dollar Academy Novice Juvenile A to Juvenile.

2) Education
The new pipe band Musicianship course part 2 is being rolled and is currently being presented to candidates this winter.

RSPBA has provided the Structured learning books to Association members free of charge on the internet. These have been heavily downloaded

3) Music board are requesting that higher to lower transfers are to be 42 days before the player can play to allow proper time for the transfers to be checked before the players are registered to play

4) The Music Board are proposing a realignment of all bands in all grades, a working group has been set up and this project is hoped to be finalised and in operation for the 2018 season. This may result in new grades being formed, which if this happens will require changes to the rules hence the time scale.

Bruce Cargill
04/11/2016
Directors’s Report

Branch AGM – Sunday 6th November 2016, Glencarse Village Hall

Can I say that it has been a pleasure to serve the Branch on the RSPBA Board of Directors over the past 12 months. It has again been a very busy year, during which time I have attended all the Major Championship events, I have continued with my role of checking band registrations and have continued my participation on the registration working group, Standing Orders and Steering Committee. I now represent the Board of Directors on the Education Management Group.

Can I extend my thanks to John Gibb from the Northern Branch, for stepping in to oversee the Strathmore contest at Glamis again this year, when all of our own officials were in Belfast at the Championship event.

The reallocation of the Fife and Stirling Branch to neighboring branches has been completed.

Finally can I urge band secretaries to attend the RSPBA AGM in Glasgow in March 2017 or if unable to go at least ensure that they allocate their vote by proxy, as this really is your only chance to vote on issues which will affect your bands.

Should anyone have any issues they wish to discuss or be raised at a national level please get in touch either directly with myself or Iain Finlay or by attending the branch meetings.

Thank you.

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

Minutes from Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 6th November 2016 in the Glencarse Village Hall

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**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION - DUNDEE PERTH & ANGUS BRANCH**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

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**Expenses**

£13,025.28

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West Carse Hall (Ex Meetings) | £123.75 | £120.00
Summer School | £360.00 | £480.00
Honorarium | £0.00 | £0.00
Trophies Purchased | £150.00 | £35.70
Namehog(Website) | £0.00 | £215.93
Scotia Web Design | £719.00 | £580.00
Perth Pipe Band Contest | £0.00 | £60.00
Solos Contest | £649.90 | £461.82
Trios & Mini Bands | £571.95 | £368.55
Trios & Mini Bands Damage to School | £0.00 | £200.00
Strathmore Pipe Band Contest | £210.00 | £190.00
Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest | £2,043.58 | £2,317.76
Carnoustie Contest Cancelled | £0.00 | £1,000.00
Markinch Pipe Band Contest | £315.00 | £0.00
Lochore (Benarty) Contest | £289.12 | £0.00
Treasurers Expenses | £25.00 | £23.00
Auditor | £40.00 | £0.00
Treasurers Account | £252.81 | £290.36
Business Instant Access Account | £4,570.03 | £4,732.47
Treasurers Account (Pipe Band Contest Account) | £2,417.24 | £1,085.15
Cash in Hand | £35.00 | £0.00
Cashed from 2014/2015 | £60.00 | £345.54
Pay Pal Charges | £4.56 | £0.00

£12,996.74 | £13,086.28

I have examined the above income & expenditure together with the book & records supplied and I hereby certify that the accounts are in agreement with the information supplied.

Signed [Signature] 7/10/16