

Minute of RSPBA Dundee, Perth and Angus Branch

Sunday 9th Dec 2018

Ser	Discussions	Actions	Completed
1.	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> PM welcomed all to the meeting, it has been a very busy weekend for the Branch having had the SQA exams the day before.		
2.	<u>Attendance:</u> Garry Mair(GM), Paul MacAndrew(PM), Irene Black(IB), Alison Duthie(AFD), Sarah Rathbone (SR), Gillie McNab (GMc), Bruce Cargill (BC), David Hunter (DH) Ian Findlay (IF) Ian Hughes (IH)		
(b)	<u>Apologies</u> Alastair Bryce, Gill Carlin, Craig Black, Craig Stewart		
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay Pal – This matter is still ongoing, we cannot set the limit, the limit will be set by Pay Pal. New Spreadsheet – received email from HQ (Kevin Reilly) he is compiling for RSPBA to be adopted by branches for minor contests. GM to reply to HQ. <p style="text-align: right;">Approved: Ian Findlay Seconded: Bruce Cargill</p>	GM	
5.	<u>Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have not heard from Pat Whelan if we are to receive any monetary support for education purposes within the branch. GM to chase. List of Officials are now complete for 2019, these are to be sent to Jason for the website. Perth Highland Games – 11 Pipe Band sections, anything less than 3 bands competing in a section will mean sections will be amalgamated in order for there to be a competition. Perth Highland Games (Buses) – Suggestion by Games committee that buses be parked at Perth Racecourse, this is highly impractical. GM to write back to Perth Highland Games committee intimating so and that the buses as a minimum requirement be parked as last year. Confirmation has been received from Dundee City Council, the Branch outdoor competition has approval to go ahead in the City Square in May. 	GM Jason GM	

6.	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branch Solo competitions for 2018 has given the Branch a profit of £477.85 • Invoices have been sent to bands for payment of their outreach candidates. • Bank Accounts are currently holding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £83.57 Treasurers Account £1739.93 Business Instant Access £2682.87 No3 Account • Signatories of the Accounts currently are: IB and GM, there requires to be a third. 		
7.	<p><u>Music Board</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to band commitments SR was unable to attend the recent Music Board meeting. • Juvenile questionnaire – “Changing the Juvenile Bands to the Friday instead of the Saturday at the Worlds” 80% of returns have indicated that they do not want play at the worlds on the Friday. • Grading’s – 3 bands accepted. Kilmarnock have moved to 3b this will be monitored. • There is a structural review of the whole day of the Worlds to be discussed by Carl Lees, Julie Brinkshaw and Jill Mckay and be tabled for the February meeting of the Music Board. • RSPBA policy on bullying was brought up – There currently is not a policy in place, Directors have been asked to look at this. • Massed bands at the Worlds discussed the following points were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation timings to be discussed PA System not fantastic and bands cannot hear Prizes to be given out in reverse order (less time consuming) • Playing for Drum Majors raised, DM Reps to attend Music Board meeting to discuss. • Looking at 1 day for Worlds in 2020, discussions are also underway with Glasgow City Council to try to have 2019 as a one day event. • Drummers playing up in bands was rejected by the Music Board. The subject of dual registered Leading Drummers is to be brought back to AGM for discussion. 		
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPBA won National Award “Best Live Event” for World Pipe Band Championships, by Scottish Music Awards. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Policies – Bands can sanction individuals within their own bands if social media being used incorrectly and bringing the Band/Branch/RSPBA into disrepute. • BC – Error in minutes – Branches are responsible for sending individuals to Summer Schools. • VC for meetings – North of Scotland, North of England to be asked if they would like to contribute to the licence cost of this facility as they use it as well as in the future Dundee, Perth and Angus Branch will have the facility to use. PM to take forward • Music Board to maintain a list of Tenor Drummer adjudicators • HQ Building – has been decanted, handed over to the Insurance Company for repairs, handover to take place on the 5th December. • Crowd Funding was suggested – Marketing and Media department looking into this currently. • New building requires better signage as very confusing. • Membership group to be re-instated: Paul MacAndrew Kenny Carruthers Kevin Reilly Walter Gregory Ian Findlay Ted ???? (New Director Lothian) Bruce Cargill • Suggestion that Band Secretaries are given the password to go into their own band lists and update. 	PM	
9	<p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMB – Pipe Band College – Paul MacAndrew a representative as he cannot resign • Adjudicator’s forms have been revised and put back on website as of Sept 2018. • Board of Directors – Proposal that the Pipe Band College has a “Principal of Pipe Band” as a new position • Outreach programmes – payment for outreach tutors to be discussed. • As a Branch we presented the following this year for outreach programme: 37 Candidates presented for exam on 8th December 2018 4 Still to present due to unforeseen circumstances, hopefully will be able to join with another Branch in order for 4 candidates to be presented. • Feedback was given as follows from Exam Day: 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Big Hall available at Crieff High School although it had been booked. ○ 10 mins late in starting ○ Instructions for drummers on front page in relation to note in booklet, were different. There should be summary of course provided to candidates. RSPBA Office checking personnel who have passed previously against what the candidate has applied for. ○ SR raised the matter of Piob 2 years with no provision for help new Pipe Major stepped in. ○ Revised new geographic reps job description – heavy revised pack now will be out this week, Sarah to speak to Pat Wheelan – need to talk to sub group of College – education – why on MB? It is Sub College. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SQA – 5 days tuition, 1 day Exam. Some bands are not supporting candidates from their own bands. Questions were asked if we should be holding ongoing sessions so that individuals are constantly learning, should we provide it. Not every band has the capacity to do this, Skype sessions may be the way forward, possibility to try this as a Branch before going wider – Pipe Major Duthie to be asked to be run a trial session – PM to speak to PM Duthie. There was a case of an adult learner having managed to get through level 3 without having been in a band!!!! 		
10	<p><u>Media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact lists for band secretaries to be available on RSPBA website, local lists, RSPBA Branch – GM to overhaul (Action) ● FB working ● Any change of details to be given to Jason to amend 	<p>GM</p> <p>Jason</p>	
11	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Novice winners of Scholarships for RSPBA Summer Schools are to be given full scholarships as in previous years. ● 2019 Competition Calendar (as at 3/12/18) Dundee Indoor Comp – 20th April Dundee City Centre – (G1, G2, G3/Juv, 4a/Nov Juv, 4b/Nov Juv B) 		

	<p>Markinch -- (G1, G2, G3/Juv, 4a/Nov Juv, 4b/Nov Juv B, Adult and Juv Drum Majors)</p> <p>Strathmore – Sunday 9th June -- (G1, G2, G3/Juv, 4a/Nov Juv, 4b/Nov Juv B, Adult and Juv Drum Majors)</p> <p>Lochore – (G1, G2, G3, Juv, 4a, 4b, Nov Juv A, Nov Juv B, Adult and Juv Drum Majors)</p> <p>Perth – Solo piping as separate under branch, not under CPA, limited Junior and Senior confined to bands playing on the day or from local bands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates for 2019 (that we currently have) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>February</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Feb Branch Meeting 23rd Feb Mackenzie Caledonian Solo's <u>March</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th March RSPBA AGM 10th March Branch Meeting <u>April</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th Apr Kingdom Thistle Solo's 20th Apr Mini Bands 28th Apr Branch Meeting <u>October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th Oct Branch Meeting <u>November</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Nov Branch AGM <u>December</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Dec Branch Meeting 		
12	<p><u>Branch Reps</u></p> <p>G Mc - George Kidd (Coupar Angus) has outstanding trophy from Vale of Atholl Solo's, 3 years outstanding – AFD informed meeting Perth and District trying to get it back for the Vale of Atholl at the same time as they are trying to get kit back.</p> <p>PM – Why are dates of the Music Board not in the public domain for all to see, bands are missing deadlines of meetings for grading purposes, this happened recently when one of our Branch bands submitted their paperwork, missed one meeting by a week and then had to wait till the following meeting, in the meantime the band was practicing tunes not knowing if they were going to be awarded a grade or not and practicing sets of tunes that may not have been necessary wasting individuals time.</p>		
13	<p>Meeting closed at 9:13pm</p> <p>Date of next meeting – Sunday 3rd February 2019</p>		