

Minute of RSPBA Dundee, Perth and Angus Branch

Glencarse Village Hall,

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7:00pm

Ser	Discussions	Actions	Completed
1.	<b><u>Chairman's Welcome:</u></b> Welcome to the last meeting of the year, We welcome the owner of Inver Tay Homes sponsor of the City Square event.		
2.	<b><u>Attendance:</u></b> Alison Duthie (AFD), Alistair Duthie (AFD), Irene Black (IB) Paul McAndrew (PM), Gary Mair (GM), Jim Mills (JM), Gillie McNab (GMc), David Hunter (DH), Ian Hughes (IH), Inver Tay Homes (Eddie Wighton), Willie Tait (WT), Iain Findlay (IF)		
(b)	<b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Gill Carlin (GC), Craig Black (CB)		
3.	<b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB not able to make first geographical rep meeting due to Band practice.</li> </ul>		
4.	<b><u>Approval of previous minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous minute was accepted:</li> </ul> <p>Proposed: David Hunter (DH) Seconded: Iain Finlay (IF)</p>		
5.	<b><u>Dundee Competition:</u></b> Inver Tay Dundee Competition – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posters - Anyone with the original posters are to dispose of them as there are errors. There are 3 large posters and a few small ones for people to take away and advertise this event.</li> <li>• Programmes – Come and try stall to be run by Dundee City Pipe Band. There are adverts in the programme. All committee members to proof read, GM to circulate, return any comment to DH before 5:00pm 29<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• Draw – Completed and on web this week.</li> <li>• Novice B and 4B competition have separate competitions.</li> <li>• 10:30 Start</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>GM/DH</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dollar Juv may not play in Grade 3 due to it being MSR and not medley as per there first Major competition.</li> <li>• Times will be published against bands.</li> <li>• Take out Open and leave Grade 1 on programme.</li> <li>• Problem with insurance – RSPBA public liability insurance doesn't cover outwith Glasgow, we have obtained a quote for ourselves, North of Scotland branch gave us contact details for the firm that they use online, "Event Insure" minimum £5 Million at least, this will cover volunteers, employers liability at the cost of £426.00 (one event, one day). London event – Walter was £900+. All other events in schools are covered by council Insurance. We as a branch do not want to join in with RSPBA as it will be too expensive for us as a branch to pay a portion for one event. Insurance email to be forward to IB to pay, we require this to be carried out asap in order to get the certificate back asap to give to council to grant licence for our Dundee event. All committee unanimously agreed to go with this company.</li> <li>• Correspondence with Army (Mike Dunnigan A Coy 7 SCOTS) fencing will be collected from PKC 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> May, GM to give Mike the direct contact with PKC. TA providing transport to collect and gazebo's.</li> <li>• Parking – Dundee High School grounds we do not have this year. Require to look at alternative parking, we have the option of underneath Caird Hall – 80 cars, 2 bands coming with bus, same final tuning area at the bottom of Reform Street as in previous years.</li> <li>• (Eddie Wighton) - V&amp;A – Two Bands to play out in front, Slessor Gardens – Pulling people up to competition.</li> <li>• Register on the day – Programmes available at this point.</li> <li>• First Aid different this year – Angus Red Cross.</li> <li>• Fountains will stay on as was going to cost too much money to switch off, we need to remember to take generator.</li> <li>• Aim to set up from 8:00 am, tables for adjudicators – wooden ones.</li> <li>• Judges - Tom Brown (P1), Peter Snaddon (P2), Jennifer Hutcheon (E), Mick O' Neill (D)</li> <li>• Dancers – To be confirmed for lunchtime stint 1:40 – 2:00pm, EW to organise.</li> <li>• Kenny Forbes to be asked to lead Massed Bands</li> </ul>	<p>IB</p> <p>GM</p> <p>Eddie Wighton</p>	
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	<p><b><u>Correspondance:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue arose re new registrations with HQ and the transfer of info to Branch IT – Jason to be made aware- GM</li> <li>• Strathallan now a Branch Band</li> <li>• Email into IB from Mains of Fintry Pipe Band. Enquiry re branch fees, they did not pay last year due to non-playing and are not playing this year. They are wondering how much they are due if anything. There is a three year laps policy, it is not written down but it is custom and practice we require it to be written into policy, it’s the way RSPBA work. With the current situation they find themselves in they will have</li> </ul>	<p>GM</p> <p>IB</p>	

	<p>to pay two years. We as a committee have taken on board the comments and a new procedure will be put in place to send out a reminder to bands in November. There requires to be a tab on our branch website to pay “fees only” Jason to be advised. IB to send email to Mains of Fintry with reply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitlochry Highland Games this year the piping competition will remain in same format, GM received a letter from Ian Graham. There will be a maximum of 23 bands, application form was attached, but will have to be re written as it does not meet rules and regulations.</li> <li>• The original form had the following requirements: G1 – 2 x 5-7 mins tune selection, G2 4-6 mins no MSR, G3/G4/Juv/Nov J 3-5 mins tune -No MSR</li> <li>• There are clear playing requirements for minors – PM to have a look at the form and send to Ian Graham.</li> <li>• Bands with Drum Majors will be asked to play for the DM display later in the day.</li> <li>• Split the lower bands into individual gradings instead of being together, this is to go back to IG.</li> </ul>	<p>PM</p> <p>PM</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Treasurers Report:</u></b></p> <p>IB reported to the meeting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurers 141 a/c £</li> <li>• Business Instant a/c £</li> <li>• Treasurers No3 a/c £</li> <li>• Petty Cash a/c £</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total £</li> </ul> <p>Outreach – Michelin Hall? Still waiting to hear from. Kingdom Thistle IB sent a bill for World Solo drumming - £506 BACS to pay. IB to chase Paul Brown. Light night cheques now sent out Strathallan School now a branch band Stockbridge have still not paid monies due for outreach programme for Euan Morrison – IB to chase. Laura-Anne and Andrew are now at Mackenzie, Jim Mills to chase at band practice. Mini bands – took in - £448.00 profit. Damage to the school – A band member had an accident and reversed truck into wall and has done damage to the wall at the school, repairs will be claimed through the persons work insurance.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>JM/IB</p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Music Board:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMD had his first Music Board meeting</li> <li>• AMD gave a briefing of the meeting.</li> <li>• Various items were discussed however the following points were made:</li> </ul> <p>Policies and Procedures to be looked at as we are currently working from old ones or nothing, AMD tasked with pulling documents together.</p> <p>Situation with one of our branch bands and there gradings was discussed has now been resolved.</p> <p>Leaking of information from the Music Board to the press &amp; media, case in point AMD talked to David Wilton (PM Mackenzie Caledonian) on the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April on his way back from RSPBA re information that he was to pass on, DW did not release to his band until next day, at this point there were only Music Board members and DW that knew the information, yet it was on a media site by 11:30pm on the Saturday night. Media and Press policies to be looked at.</p>	<p>AMD</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>Director's Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website – lot of information not available to general public, converting the RSPBA website inline with our Branch Website – Web Designer been given the go-ahead. If less than £1000 he can go ahead.</li> <li>• Summer School, Piping Principal, Drumming Principle, Pipe Band Principle posts have all been interviewed for, announcement due shortly.</li> <li>• We are required to submit our dates for the Outreach programme for 2019.RSPBA did not received original email. We have been given the go-ahead from Directors on 27.04.19. We are going to use Dundee, Lochgelly and Crieff as in previous years. GM</li> <li>• Worlds – Board of Directors documented clarification 2 days current rule 4.68 fourth and fifth breaking of tie, MSR preference, interpretation of rule minute “competitions” not “competition” – press release due to come out, two day “Worlds” for the foreseeable future.</li> <li>• Premises update: Picture shown to all, work is going well, there is currently a time delay- 2.5 weeks, Heritage skylight company went into liquidation,</li> </ul>	<p>GM</p>	

	<p>had to contact Heritage Scotland for approval to go with another company. Having to replace all slates can't use the 50% they thought they could re-use. Floor joists rotten and had to be replaced, 10% overspend in a £1 million project is thought. RSPBA are looking for funds available from Branches, Branches are asked to look at their funds to see if they are in a position to help out, do we have that we can give? Discussions will be held round this, terms and conditions to pay back would be required to be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marketing and Media have been tasked at generating money for refurbishing etc. DH asked who the contact at HQ was - Kevin Reilly (Director) – DH has a contact to pass on for furnishing the offices.</li> <li>Income from sponsorship monies. Monies are tight at certain times of the year due to revenue only being generated mainly May – September each year.</li> <li>Results – Rumours – Statement – may be an alternative method but the current one is what will be standing.</li> <li>Livestreaming – Social Media Company, “The Big Rab Show” will not be getting permission from the RSPBA. Drone Chorus – has been commissioned by RSPBA, they produce really good quality.</li> <li>PM Sending out to secretaries, 21 suggested changes to the articles and rules of Association. May not need to go to Companies House but will need to go to RSPBA AGM in 2020, require feedback. Two attachments – Summary &amp; Full Rule (12 pages)</li> </ul>	DH	
9	<p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craig unfortunately unable to attend due to having had a Band practice.</li> <li>100% pass rate for outreach programme from Dundee Perth and Angus Branch.</li> </ul>		
10	<p><u>Media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report at this time.</li> </ul>		
11	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A standardise summary sheet to be sought for local competitions from Kevin Reilly. GM to write.</li> </ul>	GM	
12	<p><u>New Action Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IH – RAF Central Scotland band members asking about the playing location at the indoor mini</li> </ul>	PM	

	<p>band competition, it wasn't easy with the over hang (balcony) as it was giving a different sound for various bands, could we please turn the bands around, discussions were held round this, PM to ask McKenzie Caledonian to try out various areas at there band practices and report back to this forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFD – asked the question “Do we have any rules and regulations in place round other competitors parents taking photos of other children whilst they are playing” the answer given was that “As this is a public event we do not have any control over this kind of situation.</li> <li>• Good Luck to all bands this coming season – PM/GM</li> </ul>		
13	<p>Meeting closed at 21:42 Date of next meeting – September 2019</p>		

Approved