

Minute of RSPBA Dundee, Perth and Angus Branch

Monday 22nd March 2021

Ser	Discussions	Actions	Completed
	Minutes Approved P: D Hunter; S: G McNab / I Hughes		
1.	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> PMc welcomed all to the Branch virtual meeting, catch up post AGM, another Board meeting 17 th April		
2.	<u>Attendance:</u> Gary Mair (GM), Paul McAndrew (PMc), Alison Duthie (AFD), David Hunter (DH) Iain Findlay (IF) Alistair Duthie (AMD) Gwen McAndrew (GMcA), Andrew Brown (AB), Catherine Fleming (CF), Paul Brown (PB), Matt Wilson (MW), Dawn (D), Kathleen Mitchell (KM), Craig Black (CB), Irene Black (IB) Gillie Mcnab (GMc)		
(b)	<u>Apologies</u> Irene Black (IB)		
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u> No matters arising		
5.	<u>Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillie – In touch anybody aware of Bank of Scotland Cup – Drumming on Pad, Fiona Baldwin 2019 if they are could they get in contact straight away with Gillie. • Highland Games cancelled – Strathmore, Cupar, Markinch, Lochore • At the moment Perth still going ahead, but think there will decisions in the not too distant future. • Grant McKellar – Enquiry online tuition – passed to Craig at Dollar passing onto Callum Beaumont. • PMc & GM have not been included in any of the Games decisions to cancel the individual Games committees have done it off their own backs. • 	All All	
6.	<u>Treasurers Report</u> GM intimated to the meeting the following: Total of 3 accounts were submitted.	GM	

7.	<p><u>Music Board (Alistair & Matt)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meetings have been held • Grade 1 Consultation – 2nd online meeting point stakeholders to speak about • Grade 4B/Nov 4B consultations – Set up a team of AMD/MH – they have gone through all questions from Survey, being sent to the relevant people to answer, broken down to: Logistics, Tunes & Grading, in due course info will come back and sent to the relevant bands • Static Starts are going forward for trials whenever we get a competition, this was meant to 1 competition on the lead up to Inverness and Inverness itself, don't think it will happen this year, more likely to be next year – number of bands competing at the previous comp and Inverness allowed a bigger sample of bands so weren't doing it at smaller number of samples • Format Group have now extended to 8 from 4, smaller groups, format group, MB, Directors. • Development showcase event - discussions ongoing • Safeguarding – working away at it – MW on the group – huge minefield with cost implications. • Map Tunes – Complaints about tunes in the lists, Pipe Majors and Lead Drummers don't understand that they can put forward tunes to be put forward to tunes board to be discussed to go onto the lists, information will be forthcoming to all bands. • Dawn – It would be useful to have a stripped back list and with more drum scores added - Drum Scores – tweaking for Map tunes, they are there for guidance and nothing else. • MB as well as the BoD do not know what will be happening with season 2021. • Majors – Prepared for eventuality that it could happen • Dawn – More concerned that contests will go ahead. Should we be encouraging people to travel afar? And, we will not be able to be ready by even July/August (City of St Andrews). • Major concerns – DH – potentially the earliest a band could meet may be 17th May, some bands haven't played in over a year including G1 Bands. • GMcA asked the question: Could the format be changed of what bands will play, announcement will come out shortly once ratified. • PB – in addition to inclusion of possible tunes on Map Tunes list, would it be possible to look at 	AMD	
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	<p>taking out tunes that no one plays anymore – March list too big – downsize it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussion was held around Map Tunes – MW and AMD taking it forward to MB • Situation re International Group – PB raising issues re Marketing and Media, bad press etc and leakage. • COVID 19 – HQ sub group – if everybody knew that it is promoters that are making decisions before RSPBA can release info, it would make our bands accept it rather than bad mouthing the RSPBA all the time. Promoters make the final decision – Negative Promotions. Put out the information to the membership to let them know. • What would be the repercussions if it was vice versa – if there are not enough bands to run the event does the RSPBA have to pay a penalty? • Information sooner rather than later re Majors that are still to be decided on – BoD meeting 17th April 2021. • GMaC - Letter to secretary's re which bands are going to be ready to go out to play – would be a good starting point for MB etc. GM to send a letter to all branch bands • Standards Group – if none of the contests go ahead would it be an idea to run an outside playing event not necessarily a competition but just getting bands together to play, help towards building for the following year. October/November time? Might not be able to depending on Tier System in certain areas. • DH – Solos' as 2day event in November? • Development Showcase – 3 Majors down – stimulate for participation in it, Branch engagement that we are wanting to do something, if we are given the go ahead in the next few weeks our focus turns away from Development showcase back to some form of competition instead of online. Being held back due to safeguarding proper online safeguarding very specific, recommendations would be to have a professional policy writer conclude on them this would require money spent on it, we would require in-depth policies. • Request to Music Board to ask Uddingston Strathclyde to record their winning piece from the composition competition to be used for various things, as the likelihood of them being able to perform it live is looking minimal. MW and AMD to take to MB. 	<p>AMD/MW</p> <p>GM</p> <p>AMD/MW</p>	
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8.	<p><u>Directors report</u> – Went over RSPBA AGM papers</p> <p>Items that didn't get passed at the AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrears of Band HQ fees - Band membership fees in arrears wasn't formalised, it was known to exist, but wanted it formalised this was put to the floor and wasn't accepted – 26 for 30 against, SOSC not in the rules suspend office practice how long would we need to suspend till 2022?!!! No of Directors is dependent on number of bands in branches. Rules are being changed by the minute – 2022 is when it can come back, going to full board for discussion • PMC - Withdrew – SR03 – Competition allowance – Officials RSPBA allowances minors and majors wanted to put into the articles – bands asked as a Charity should we be taking an allowance – couple of bands muted their opinion – it is to be taken back to OSCR for clarification, is this deemed good practice or not. • New Chairman – Kevin Reilly • P MacAndrew – voted back in as Director. • Drum Majors – why were we introducing rule changes for Drum Majors at the Worlds - was all put in place in 2018 for 2019, this was not discussed at MB or taken to Branches, they had put on paper what they had previously proceeded with, this requires to be taken to Music Board, came up under AOCB at AGM 	<p>PMc</p> <p>MW/AMD</p>	
9	<p><u>Education</u> Full College meeting – in the process of exams, 150+ candidates have gone through the process online, in process of the sending out Certificates etc, Preston Lodge, George Watson, High School of Dundee etc are looking at coming on board. We have exams ongoing. PMc asked if there were any resources available in order to run this within Branches? PB to come back to next meeting with information</p>	<p>PB</p>	
10	<p><u>Media</u> Nothing to report DH asked if HQ, when posting on FB, please could they tag Branches, as depending on whose active could be hours before we as Branch see the information. PMc copying in the Marketing and Media Director to tell him of above, HQ level should go through their Marketing</p>	<p>PMc</p>	

	<p>Media. We as Branch tag in the main news. Bands need to tell DH if they want something promoted.</p> <p>Branch President – Mr Jim Mills 80th Birthday – GM to send something from the Branch to mark this special occasion.</p>	GM	
11	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>PB – Nothing to be raised KM – Nothing to be raised CF – Nothing to be raised CB – Nothing to be raised MW – Nothing to be raised Dawn – Nothing to be raised</p> <p>GM - Gillie has not received any information regarding the missing Trophy - AFD to contact HSD</p> <p>When can we get trophies back to HQ? PMc to find out and report back to next meeting.</p> <p>AMD - Nothing to be raised DH - Nothing to be raised Dawn - Nothing to be raised IF - Nothing to be raised AFD - Nothing to be raised GMaC - Nothing to be raised</p> <p>PB - Is there a remote server for HQ? PB to contact Jason</p>	<p>AFD</p> <p>PB</p>	
12	<p>Meeting closed at: 21:30</p> <p>Date of next meeting – Monday 26th April 2021</p>		