



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

Minutes from Branch Meeting Sunday 12th December 2010 in Glencarse Village Hall

1. Chairman:

Paul opened the meeting at 7.45 pm and welcomed everyone.

Present were Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Nigel Kellett, Irene Black, Neil Myles, Bruce Cargill & Scott Phillips

2. Apologies:

Barbara Stronach, Gillie McNab, Teresa Walker, Jim Mills, Isobel MacKay

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Reviewed October + pre-AGM November minutes. Couple of typo faults, no other major changes.

Approved: Neil

Seconded: Bruce

4. Matters Arising:

- Both piping judges felt the day at the solos went really well (David Clunie & Greig Canning)
- Crieff aware they have to send the cheque in, and it should be on its way shortly. (RSPBA organization fee)
- No photos have been submitted to Neil for Remembrance Day parades. All to see if anyone has anything.
- A memorial trophy for Rankin was discussed. One possibility is the Grade 2 Drumming at Crieff which currently doesn't have a trophy. Another option is to run a Grade 4 MSR at Crieff. Paul will talk to Crieff about the possibility of running this extra event.
- Bruce explained that the Music Board is considering increasing the number of bands in the finals when a particularly large field of bands has entered.

5. Correspondence:

- Receipt from Kinross for Branch Solos payment, no other items

6. Treasurers Report:

[Confidential – available in separate document]

A few bands have still not paid their annual levy. Gary to contact them.

7. National Council Report:

Paul reported that the NC meeting was postponed to early January, so nothing to report.

8. Music Board Report:

Bruce reported as follows.

National Council feedback: Re-gradings can be posted to the main website as soon as the Music Board have completed their deliberations, subject to National Council approval.

Music Board hoping to run an advanced course to put more judges in place.

Questionnaire for Grade 1 bands had not been received by HQ, so has not yet been sent. (to elicit Grade 1 views on way ahead)

Grade 4 MAP guidance document should have been distributed but hasn't been yet.

Academy of Pipe Band Musicianship. Some debate as to the remit of this group. (Originally set up as a standalone body to give advice.)

AGM proposed changes. Dual registration rule to ensure that dual registered Pipe Majors playing with N/J or Grade 4 bands must otherwise be registered with Grade 1, 2 or 3 bands. Also a second proposed change that the dual registered function in the lower band must be that of Pipe Major.



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Looking at making crit sheets available to bands who are disqualified for whatever reason, because placings / scores are no longer shown on the sheets. Another proposed change about how to deal with ties, just to bring World Drumming Solos in line with everything else.

Dual Registration trial currently ongoing in Northern Ireland branch for drummers of higher bands to be able to also register as Leading Drummers of Grade 4 bands.. No current comment as interim feedback is not yet back.

Playing requirements for 2011 as per table below:

Contest	Scottish	British	European	Worlds	Cowal
Contest Date	21-May	25-Jun	30-Jul	13-Aug	27-Aug
Contest Venue	Dumbarton	Annan	Belfast	Glasgow	Dunoon
Grade Novice	Selection	Selection	Selection	Selection	Selection
Juvenile	Selection	Selection	Selection	Selection	Selection
Grade 4B	MSR	MSR	MSR	MSR	MSR
Grade 4A	MSR	MSR	MSR	MSR	MSR
Grade Juvenile	Medley	MSR	MSR	MSR	Medley
Grade 3B	MSR	Medley	Medley	Medley	MSR
Grade 3A	MSR	Medley	Medley	Medley	MSR
Grade 2	Medley	MSR	MSR	MSR	Medley
Grade 1	MSR	Medley	Medley	Medley & MSR	MSR

9. AOCB:

- **Website:**

- Neil presented some stats on website visitors.
- Back-up for Neil. Nigel OK to do this and carry out a trial.
- Official photos needed for Gary, Paul, etc.
- “Contact us” section to include Gary and Nigel as back-ups.
- 1 band still has nothing on website. Gary will contact relevant person to remind them.
- All to remind their bands that they can and should review the info on the site and update.
- One commercial organization asking to be added as a link, offering 10% discount to anyone coming to his site from our site. In general, no problems, and any future link requests to be brought to next meeting.
- Anything to be sent to Neil in pdf, jpeg or html formats if possible.
- Neil very keen to keep site up to date with photos, etc. Anyone with items to submit.

- **Mini-Bands:**

- Provisional booking made at Forfar Academy for **Sat 30th April**. This will be the Royal Wedding holiday weekend. But all agreed that we probably need to go with it as there aren't really any other suitable dates.
- Nigel to send draft proposal for rules and entry form for review by committee
- Gary to look into catering facilities in Forfar to see if any additional funding could be raised at the canteen to help fund the event



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10. Action Items

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Due By	Status *
Dec-A1	Paul to talk to Ken MacGregor about the possibility of running a Grade 4 MSR competition at Crieff	Paul	Jan 11	New
Dec-A2	Bruce to request amendment at Music Board to dual registration rules to allow a Grade 4 P/M to also play for Juvenile or Novice Juvenile.	Bruce	Jan 11	New
Dec-A3	Paul to propose alternate Medley and MSR playing through Championships at next National Council meeting	Paul	Jan-11	New
Dec-A4	Nigel to add a link to the DPA site from the Kinross Band site and also run trial download of DPA site	Nigel	Jan 11	New
Dec-A5	Gary to send list of emails for all Branch Bands members to Neil and Nigel	Gary	Jan 11	New
Dec-A6	Nigel to scan different Mini-Bands rules and send round a draft proposal for rules and entry form for Mini Bands.	Nigel	Jan-11	New
Dec-A7	Bruce to send playing requirements for 2011 and copy of pilot scheme for Northern Ireland Branch	Bruce	Dec-10	New
Dec-A8	Everyone to try and send in photos (e.g. Remembrance Day) and/or news items to Neil for website	ALL	Jan-11	New

* Status should be "New", "Outstanding", "Closed" or "Cancelled"

11. Next meeting: Sunday 6th February 2011 at 7.30 pm

Paul closed the meeting at 9.30 pm