



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

Minutes from Branch Meeting Sunday 11th March 2012 in Glencarse Village Hall

1. Chairman's welcome:

Paul opened the meeting at 7.05 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Presence and Apologies:

Present:

Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Irene Black, Gillie McNab, Neil Myles, Nigel Kellett, Bruce Cargill, Barbara Stronach, Ian Campbell, Jim Mills

Apologies:

None

3. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Jun-A5	Finalise and test the Excel compiling sheets prior to Crieff	Nigel	OPEN. Nigel will try and complete by next meeting.
Sep-A9	Go ahead and re-plate the damaged Crieff trophy (Mill Hills Cup) as long as existing engraving will still be clearly legible	Paul / Gary	OPEN. Cup still with Craigmount. Gary will contact them to get it back.
Oct-A1	Call Pitlochry Games committee to ask if possible to attend one of their next meetings to discuss options for inclusion of branch bands in future contests	Gary	OPEN. Their next meeting is Monday 12 th March. Gary will contact them for news afterwards.
Oct-A9	Bring up the question of whether Juvenile Side Drumming in the World Solo Drumming can be competed by Grading category, like the new World Tenor contest.	Paul / Bruce	OPEN. No suitable occasion has arisen yet to discuss this. Delay until April Music Board meeting.
Oct-A14	Review feasibility of running a new Pipe Band contest in Kinross now that we know the date of 12 th May (to combine the event with the Half Marathon and Feel Good Fair) is a theoretic possibility.	Nigel / Ian	OPEN. Nigel to check whether Police presence is required. Ian to ask for donation for a trophy.
Dec-A3	Review PDQB course options with a view to holding one in the Branch	Bruce Gary	OPEN. Gary will contact Patrick Whelan (Education Officer) mid – end April to take this forward.
Dec-A4	Mention to the Campus the few points for improvement, and also to ask for a price for next year	Nigel	CLOSED
Feb-A1	Request grant funding for two tents for adjudicators	Nigel	OPEN. Grant application almost ready to be sent, includes 2 tents.
Feb-A2	Create Loch Leven contest entry form from the Crieff form	Gary	CLOSED
Feb-A3	Gary to write back to Grant McIntyre indicating that an Education Officer is taking up post on 1 st March. Also give some information on the PDQB qualifications. There is a PDQB website.	Gary	CLOSED
Feb-A4	Gary and Paul to arrange to go up to Forfar Academy to review arrangements for Mini Bands	Gary / Paul	OPEN. Going up this Thursday 15 th March
Feb-A5	Nigel to send something in to Barbara for a magazine article on the Branch Championship	Nigel	CLOSED
Feb-A6	Neil to put photos of all Branch trophies and shields on the website, along with the current holders	Neil	OPEN. Photos of most of the trophies given to Neil at this meeting.
Feb-A7	Check what police presence is required for Loch Leven contest	Nigel	CANCEL. (Action duplicated from Oct-A14)
Feb-A8	Review if there are any trophies available locally to Carnoustie for donation to the Loch Leven contest	Ian / Jim	OPEN. There are 2 trophies sitting in the trophy shop, Ian will get hold of them. Jim will also ask for a shield to be donated.
Feb-A9	Check to see if there could be any further trophies donated for the Mini-Band competition, (specifically Nigel & Gary to pursue a couple of options)	Nigel / Gary	CLOSED. Alex Murphy has donated a trophy, the James Murphy Memorial shield



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Other matters arising: None

4. Approval of previous minutes:

Approved: Bruce

Seconded: Neil

5. Correspondence:

- Request from Anne Hazard at L&B Branch about our competitors for the Willie Ferguson Memorial Contest. Stuart Scott & Hannah Robb have both agreed to go through for the contest in Livingston. Expenses will be offered by the branch, either train or RSPBA approved mileage rate
- Gary has contacted the Courier to come along for the Mini-Bands event
- Response from Angus Council saying our post-grant report is fine, and if we apply for a second year grant there would be no more than 2/3 of first year grant, and third year would be no more than 1/3.
- Farm Foods have donated a small sum to be spent in their shop in Forfar on the day of the Mini-Bands
- Gary has talked or sent letters also to Tesco, Asda, Strathmore Foods and Iceland

6. Treasurer's Report:

Irene presented the latest figures

[figures confidential – available in a separate document]

7. National Council Report:

Paul reported as follows:

- From 2013 to 2015, the British will take place in May in Bathgate, the Europeans in June in Forres, and the Scottish in July in Dumbarton
- Cowal only has a contract until 2013, and beyond that is in doubt for a Major championship due to the planned building of a new primary school on the upper field
- HQ has no paperwork re re-grading of the Vale of Atholl Novice Juvenile to 3B. This needs to be clarified
- Carnoustie technically still has two P/M's – to be corrected
- Complaints about being asked to play early at Majors. Clarification of the rules: If a Director (National Councillor) asks you, with reasonable notice, to play early, you are obliged to do so or you may be disqualified.
- Public Liabilities Insurance. The RSPBA have agreed to cover all branch contests as an addition to the RSPBA's Public Liability Insurance, so no need to ask for anything specific for the Mini-Bands, the new Kinross contest or the Branch Solos. Walter McGregor (RSPBA Director) is aware and will require details of each event prior to it taking place ie location, numbers of persons involved and he will liaise directly with insurers. Initial contact made by Paul McAndrew who has forwarded Gary's email to Walter.
- It is confirmed that the Edinburgh contest will take place on the same day as Crieff this year. It appears that there is no official restriction on holding more than one contest within 50 miles of each other.
- The RSPBA will be enforcing compulsory retirement at 75 for all standing committee members from now on.

8. Music Board Report:

Bruce reported as follows:

- No major news. The Music Board is still to review the music selection for Grade 4A MAP tunes and is happy to review any suitable music that Branch bands would like to submit. Bruce also clarified that the Board may also consider accepting some 4-parted tunes. (as an alternative to two 2-parted tunes)

9. Website Report:

Neil reported as follows:

- No major news, other than one of the branch bands had changed their URL address so all the links were broken. This is now sorted.



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10. AOCB:

- The Gannochy Trust was mentioned as a possibility to explore for the Branch Solos – or indeed for Bands requiring funding assistance. It was generally understood that this tends to be for one-off applications, rather than anything repeated on an annual basis.
- No requirement for anyone in a band to sign for a new player registration. Gary to write to HQ to see if this can be amended. (Signatures are required for release or transfer, so it doesn't make sense that none are required for new registrations)
- The current plan for the Fife Branch is for their Branch Solos to be held 2 weeks before the DPA Solos in November, and their Mini-Bands 2 weeks before ours in April.
- Constitution and Rules. There may be some changes required to the Constitution. Nigel to re-type these and Paul to have them reviewed.
- **Branch Solos.** The Loch Leven Community Campus has confirmed the price for this year, a little higher again than last year. The Committee agreed to this price.
- **Kinross Pipe Band contest**
 - Nigel outlined that a Grant Application is in the final stages of drafting, just to finalise the annexes to it before sending
 - An application to hold a Public Procession has been filed for the Street March, along with the associated Risk Assessment. This is under review by PKC.
 - Also an application for an Occasional Licence has been filed for the Beer Tent, and again this is under review by PKC.
 - Nigel confirmed that a reasonable figure has been pledged by local businesses towards prize money, and we hope this figure will increase still further between now and the contest
 - The main concern at the moment is that very few bands have committed to the contest, and we would particularly ask all Branch bands to try and support this new event if at all possible.

11. New Action Items

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Due By	Status *
Mar-A1	Write to HQ to request the New Player Registration document include signatures from the Band to be joined	Gary	October	New
Mar-A2	Confirm the adjudicators for the mini-bands contest	Gary	April	New
Mar-A3	Re-type and review Constitution and Rules	Nigel / Paul	April	New

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

12. Next meeting:

Addendum to this meeting, to be held briefly during Mini-Bands contest on Sat 28th April
Next full Committee Meeting: Sunday 14th October
(AGM will be Sunday 4th November, for info)