



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

2015 Branch AGM Minutes Sunday 1st November 2015 in Glencarse Village Hall

1. Welcome

Paul welcomed everyone at 7.10 pm.

2. Presence and Apologies

Bands Represented:

Kinross (Nigel Kellett)
Mackenzie Caledonian and Mackenzie Caledonian N/J (Jim Mills)
Perth (Neil Myles, Irene Black)
City of Brechin (Craig Black)
City of Discovery (Greig Ogilvie, Stewart Findlay)
Arbroath RBL (Morag Mackenzie)
Mains of Fintry (Richard Smith)
Carnoustie (Bruce Cargill)
6th/8th Dundee Boys Brigade (D. Marr)
RAF Central Scotland (Ian Hughes)
Edradour Pitlochry & Blair Atholl (Owen & Jayne Sweeney)

Apologies:

Paul Winter (Carnoustie), Dawn Waddell (City of St Andrews), Nicola Liddell (Coupar Angus), Neil Nicholson (Mackenzie) Ian Finlay (Glenrothes), Gillie McNab (Vale of Atholl)

3. Adoption of minutes from 2014 AGM

The minutes were proposed for adoption with the following changes:

- 'Agenda' in title should read 'Minutes'
- 'Boys Brigade' should read 'Boys Brigade'

Proposed: Mackenzie

Seconded: Mains of Fintry

4. Matters arising from 2014 AGM

None

5. Reports

Chairman's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Proposed for adoption: City of Discovery

Seconded: City of Brechin

Music Board Report

Additional comment: Our Branch has permission again to hold separate 4A and 4B contests at any minor contests we choose in 2016

Media Report

Copies of all reports above in annex

6. Director's Report

Copy attached in annex

7. Election of Office Bearers and Review of Branch Levy

Branch Levy

- We are looking at adopting an on-line entry system for branch competitions
- And then also looking potentially at on-line payment for competitions, which would incur a small admin charge
- The idea is therefore to increase the levy from £40 to £45 per adult branch and £30 to £35 for juveniles to cover this payment admin cost

Proposed: Kinross

Seconded: Mackenzie

Election of Office Bearers

The whole existing committee is standing down this year due to the merger with some of the previous Fife Branch bands

Elections all completed as follows:



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President , Jim Mills Proposed: Kinross Seconded: Perth	Chairman , Paul MacAndrew Proposed: Mackenzie Seconded: City of Discovery	Vice-Chairman , Nigel Kellett Proposed: Mackenzie Seconded: City of Brechin
Treasurer , Irene Black Proposed: Carnoustie Seconded: Arbroath RBL	Secretary , Gary Mair Proposed: Mackenzie Seconded: Kinross	Minute Secretary , Nigel Kellett Proposed: City of Brechin Seconded: Arbroath RBL
Director 1 , Paul MacAndrew Proposed: 6 th / 8 th Dundee Boys Brigade Seconded: Arbroath RBS	Director 2 , Ian Finlay Proposed: 6 th / 8 th Dundee Boys Brigade Seconded: Arbroath RBS	
Music Board piping rep: Bruce Cargill Proposed: City of St Andrews Seconded: Kinross	Music Board Drumming Rep: Greg Ogilvie Proposed: Mackenzie Seconded: Arbroath RBL	

Co-opted members:

Magazine Rep: Craig Black will be the liaison from now on. All bands encouraged to submit articles to Craig.

Webmaster: Nicola Liddell

Will be nominated at next committee meeting

Committee (Lay members)

Gillie McNab, Stewart Findlay, Paul Winter all happy to stay on

8. AOCB

Adoption of Branch Constitution

- Our Branch Constitution had never been formally adopted. This constitution has since been circulated to all bands
- What happens in the event of non-payment of branch fees? Suggestion is that a rule change is proposed to ensure that bands can be sanctioned for non-payment of fees (either local or national)
- Suggestion is that locally, we agree to have no more than 2 committee members from any one branch band.

Proposal to adopt this constitution to move forward:

Proposed: City of Discovery

Seconded: Kinross

Child Protection Policy

- This document was circulated to all branch bands. At the last meeting it was agreed we would contact the RSPBA to see if they vetted instructors and tutors. This was done but the response was not entirely satisfactory.
- Links have been added to local authority organisations for guidance.
- Suggested we make a Word copy of this document available for any branch bands who wish to take it and modify it for their own purposes.

Proposal to adopt this child protection policy as a branch document:

Proposed: City of Discovery

Seconded: Kinross

Branch Solo Contests at Craigie High School

- Estimated times to start at 9.30 am, aiming to be finished by 5.30 pm
- Owen Sweeney mentioned a meeting this coming Tuesday evening to look at a possible new contest in Crieff (at the High School campus) on Sat 27th August 2016. Possible funding streams in particular are still to be explored.
- Gary indicated that there are still a couple of solos trophies to come in from Carnoustie and Mackenzie.
- Also received an email from a new competing Strathearn Pipe Band, practicing in Dunblane, who have now registered with the RSPBA.
- Paul mentioned that sponsorship has been secured for the branch contest for the Worlds Solo Drumming, which will be held at the Branch Solos.
- All entries will now be moved online, and all the contests coming under our remit will need to be more or less 'standardised'.

9. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Paul thanked everyone for taking the time to come and helping out.

10. Next meetings:

Next Committee Meetings: **Sunday 15th November**, **Sunday 6th December**

Next year's AGM: **Sunday 6th November 2016**



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Chairman's Report

Can I extend a warm welcome to all the band representatives that have taken the time to make it along to the Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch of the RSPBA AGM this evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee for all its hard work over the past 12 months, special thanks must go to Jim Mills our President for his continued efforts to promote the branch at local and national events. Also a massive mention for Gary Mair who carries out the work of Branch secretary, which is no mean feat throughout the year, the branch really wouldn't function without all his hard work. Also many thanks to Nicola Liddell for her work on redeveloping the website and facilitating some of the new developments on the IT front you'll hear about as the meeting progresses tonight.

As a Branch, we have seen band numbers increased during the year with the reallocation of a number of bands from Fife Branch, we will review this over the next few weeks in collaboration with the bands and Lothian Branch Representatives prior to the 2016 season.

Massive well done to the branch bands who have been successful in the 2015 season, , to the other member bands who have had a more trying year, keep up the hard work, it will pay off in the end.

Thanks to all of the Branch bands for their continued support at both Championship and local competitions, we will discuss this evening which contests will form the Branch Championships for the 2016 season.

Thank you.

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Secretary's Report

Chairman, Committee members, Band Members, can I add my welcome to that of the Chairman and to thank you for taking the time this evening to make it along to our AGM.

As a Branch, band numbers increased during the year with the joining of a number of bands from Fife Branch. At the time of writing this report, our Branch has 26 bands, namely: -

Grade 4B Alyth & District, City of Brechin, City Of St Andrews, Coupar Angus Burgh, Mains of Fintry, RAF Pipes and Drums – Central Scotland, Vale of Atholl; (7 bands)

Grade 4A Bowhill & District, Carnoustie & District, Kinross & District, Perth & District (4 bands)

Novice Juvenile (B) MacKenzie Caledonian NJ, Kelty & Blairadam, Lochgelly High School; (3 bands)

Novice Juvenile (A) (0 Bands)

Grade 3B Arbroath, City of St Andrews, Strathmore (3 bands)

Grade 3A City of Brechin, Edradour Pitlochry and Blair Atholl, Peter Vardy Glenrothes & District 2010, Vale Of Atholl (4 bands)

Grade 2 City Of Discovery, Lochgelly High School FP, MacKenzie Caledonian; (3 bands)

Grade 1 Police Scotland – Fife, Vale of Atholl (2 bands)

Thanks to all of the Branch bands for their continued support at both Championship and local competitions.

Congratulation to several of the Branch bands for their successes at 2015 Championship events. Listed below is all of the championship results but if I could maybe mention some "highlights":-

Arbroath Pipe Band – Grade 4A British Champions & 3rd European Championships.

City of Discovery – Grade 3A European Champions and runners-up at World Championships.

Carnoustie & District – Grade 4B European Championships runners-up, Scottish Championships runners-up and 5th place at World Championships.

British Championships

NJ – Kelty & Blairadam final qualifiers;

4B – Carnoustie 3rd; Vale of Atholl & Bowhill final qualifiers;

4A – Arbroath – 1st; Perth – 4th

3A – City of Discovery – 3rd

2 – Mackenzie Caledonian – 5th

UK Championships

4B – Carnoustie – 6th

2 – Mackenzie Caledonian – 4th

European Championships

4B – Carnoustie – 2nd; Vale of Atholl – final qualifier

4A – Kinross – 2nd; Arbroath – 3rd; Perth – 5th

3A – City of Discovery – 1st; Brechin – 4th; Vale of Atholl – 6th

2 – Mackenzie Caledonian – 6th

Scottish Championships

4B – Carnoustie – 2nd; Bowhill – 4^h; Vale of Atholl final qualifier;

4A – Kinross – 4th

3A – City of Discovery – 4th

2 – Mackenzie Caledonian – 6th

Worlds

4B – Carnoustie – 5th; Bowhill final qualifier;

4A – Kinross and Bowhill final qualifiers

3A – City of Discovery – 2nd

2 – Mackenzie Caledonian – 4th

1 – Fife Police – final qualifier

A review of our Branch Competitions saw both good and not so good entry numbers.

The year started with Branch Solo Competitions held at Craigie High School in Dundee and at this point I would like to thank Andrew Brown (Carnoustie and District) for his help and support in securing this venue for a number of our Branch events.

Entry numbers for 2014 Branch Solos were down on 2013 (from 111 to 80) – we hope to reverse that trend this year. The venue for 2015 will once again be Craigie High School on Saturday 14th November. Please can I ask that all entries be returned to me no later than Friday, 6th November. (If anyone has trophies to return, I'll be happy to accept them at the end of this evening's meeting or see me before you leave and I can arrange to collect).

In April, we held our Trio Piping and Mini-Bands Event at Craigie High School. On the day there were 24 miniband and 9 trio performances, slightly less than in 2014. Craigie High School will be the venue for 2016, Saturday 23rd April.



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May saw the 4th year of the Loch Leven contest held within the grounds of Kinross Community Campus with 2015 with 31 plus an "Open". I'd like to thank Nigel Kellett for once again organizing the competition. The likely date for next year's contest is Saturday 14th May.

The second Sunday in June saw Strathmore Games held at Glamis Castle. This was unfortunately the day after the UK Championships in Belfast however with 18 band performances across Grades 4, 3 and 2, the event was successful. For 2016, it is likely that the same scenario will happen again in that Strathmore games will be the day after the UK Championships.

Once again, Perth games proved popular being the Sunday prior to the World Championships. In excess of 70 performances plus adult and juvenile drum majors competed and thankfully the weather was much better than in 2014. Perth Games Committee are aware that in 2016, the Games day will be the day immediately after the World Championships and that numbers therefore are predicted to be well down.

Crieff Games Committee took the decision not to hold a contest in 2015 but to invite bands to play at the games but not to compete. The Committee have confirmed that the same approach will be taken in 2016.

After a glorious day weather-wise last year, there were high hopes for a good day to end the season at Pitlochry. Those that were there on the day have hopefully fully recovered and dried-out. Throughout the year, there were a number of meetings with Pitlochry in an effort to open the contest to any band that wished to enter. The games Committee remain to be convinced that a pipe-band contest run along the same lines as any other contest can work for them. As a Branch, we continue to bang on Pitlochry Games' door to be able to extend the competition to any band rather than invitation only.

The Branch ran a successful first day of the RSPBA Outreach programme in September 2014 with some 33 musicians across piping, snare and tenor drumming disciplines. However, a follow-up day didn't happen – sorry about that. We had hoped to repeat Day 1 again on 31st October this year with a follow-up day on Sunday 22nd November. However – maybe due to short notice – take-up was very low and both days had to be cancelled. I will try to arrange dates early in the New Year before the outdoor competition season.

Lastly, whilst we are here to help you, the Branch would not exist without your support. Please take our thanks back to your bands and we wish you every success for the new season. Thank you.

Provisional diary dates for 2016 are as follows: -

Branch Mini-Bands	23 rd April
Loch Leven	14 th May
British Championships	21 st May
Cupar Highland Games	4 th June
Markinch Games	5 th June
UK Championships, Belfast	11 th June
Strathmore Games	12 th June
Lochore	18 th June
European Championships, Forres	25 th June
Thornton Games	2 nd July
Scottish Championships, Dumbarton	30 th July
World Championships, Glasgow	12 th & 13 th August
Perth Games	14 th August
Pitlochry Games	10 th September

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Treasurer's Report

**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION - DUNDEE PERTH & ANGUS BRANCH
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

INCOME		2014/2015	2013/2014	EXPENDITURE		2014/2015	2013/2014
BROUGHT FORWARD		£	£			£	£
	Treasurers Account	1182.57	209.47				
	Treasurers Account No 3	3380.53	654.66		West Carse Hall (Ex meetings)	120.00	82.50
	Business Instant Access	3629.96	5522.51		RSPBA Magazine(2yrs Subs)	0.00	0.00
AFFILIATION FEES	City of Discovery	40.00	0.00		Honorary x 3 (2 years)	0.00	0.00
	6/8 Dundee Boys Brigade	30.00	30.00		Crieff Highland Games 2013	0.00	262.50
	Alyth & District	40.00	30.00		Trophy Engraving (Perth)	35.70	20.00
	Arbroath RBL	40.00	30.00		Namehog (Website)	215.93	43.00
	Carnoustie & District	40.00	30.00		Scotia Web Design	580.00	0.00
	Coupar Angus Royal Burgh	40.00	30.00		Solos Craigie High School	461.82	1313.20
	Crieff High School	0.00	30.00		Trios & Mini Bands	368.55	1220.36
	Kinross & District	40.00	30.00		Trios & Mini Bands Damage to School	200.00	0.00
	City of Brechin (2)	80.00	60.00		Strathmore Pipe Band Contest	190.00	255.00
	MacKenzie Caledonian (2)	70.00	55.00		Perth Pipe Band Contest	60.00	117.60
	Mains of Fintry	40.00	30.00		Tutor Training Class	0.00	73.04
	Perth & District	40.00	30.00		Summer School	480.00	0.00
	Edradour Pitlochry & Blair Atholl	40.00	30.00		Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest	2317.76	3344.07
	Vale of Atholl (3)	120.00	90.00		Miscellaneous	0.00	324.00
	Bank Interest Business Instant Access	2.51	2.55		Treasurers Expenses	23.00	10.00
	Namehog	107.96	0.00		Carnoustie Contest Cancelled	1000.00	20.00
	Solos Craigie High School	668.50	1459.00				
	Trios & Mind Bands	602.50	1449.15		Treasurers Account	290.36	1182.57
	Crieff Contest Entry Fees	0.00	125.00		Business Instant Access	4732.47	3380.53
	Crieff Highlabnd Games (2014)	0.00	0.00		Treasurers Account No.3	1665.15	3629.96
	Carnoustie Pipe Band Contest	0.00	1020.00				
	Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest	2353.75	3330.55				
	Pitlochry Highland Games (2014)	248.00	224.00		Cashed from 30.09.14	345.54	0.00
	Strathmore Pipe Band Contest	190.00	294.00				
	Perth Pipe Band Contest	0.00	0.00				
	Donation (D Fullerton)	0.00	137.00				
	Uncashed cheques as at 30.09.15	60.00	345.54				
		£13,086.28	£15,278.33			£13,086.28	£15,278.33
I have examined the above income & expenditure account together with the books & records supplied and I hereby certify that the accounts are in agreement with the information supplied.							
						<i>Antoine B. Blonach</i> 20/10/2015	

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Music Board Representative Report:

The music board met on 4 occasions during the off-season, main points off business discussed were

Grading's

From the branch perspective the following bands were regarded on standards at the end of the 2015 competition season.

City of Discovery from Grade 3A to Grade 2

Methil and District From Grade 4A to Grade 3B

Arbroath RBL from Grade 4A to 3B

Carnoustie and District from Grade 4B to Grade 4A

RAF Central Scotland Pipes and Drums from Grade 4A to Grade 4B

Education

The new pipe band Musicianship course part 1 has been rolled successfully.

From a branch perspective we are in the process of working towards training the tutors to set up courses to allow our band members to participate on the SQA & PDQB qualifications that are now available.

RSPBA has provided the Structured learning books to Association members free of charge on the internet. These have been heavily down loaded

2 day world's

The two day worlds will continue.

4) The Music Board are proposing a realignment of all bands in all grades, a working group has been set up and this project is hoped to be finalised and in operation for the 2017 season. This may result in new grades being formed, which if this happens will require changes to the rules hence the time scale.

Bruce Cargill

04/11/2014



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Media Report:

In the absence of a webmaster since the resignation of Neil Myles reported at the 2014 AGM, it was proposed a review of the Dundee, Perth & Angus (DPA) website would be looked at to facilitate its easy maintenance going forward. In February 2015, the committee set out to approach Jason Lafferty (Scotia Web Design Ltd) to quote on updating the existing site. It was subsequently agreed in March 2015 to redevelop the DPA site, based on the Lothian and Borders Branch model, and work was successfully completed for the planned 'go-live' at the beginning of May. Nicola Liddell was laterally nominated as Branch Web Liaison as a one-point of contact for all web related business across the branch.

In October 2015 the committee sought to introduce online registrations, in line with HQ, and work to progress this is currently ongoing. A number of queries have been raised by Jason Lafferty and information is being gathered to address these. It is expected work will be completed by January 2016 in time for the season ahead.

We are aware there are some blanks and tweaks to be made on the site. Particularly, "Local Rules and Guidelines" for branch competitions is to be made available (as per RSPBA's constitutional requirements) and once the Constitution document has been finalised and contests agreed, this information will be published.

Nicola is keen to encourage branch bands to submit regular news items and notify the branch of any band amendments, always aiming to ensure the site is kept fresh and up-to-date.

Nicola Liddell

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Director's Report

Can I say that it has been a pleasure to serve the Branch on the RSPBA Board of Directors over the past 12 months. It has been a busy and fruitful year during which time I have attended all the Major Championship events and most of our Branch Minor contests and a few for other branches also. I have continued on the registration working group including presenting to the International conference on the Thursday of the Worlds which was very well received by all in attendance, I have continued conducting registration checks at all major championships and a few minors with improving success. This work is gaining momentum and a presentation will be made at the National AGM in March 2016 as to how we plan to deliver the improvements to the current registration system, this work is being led by Vice Chairman John Hughes.

Can I extend my thanks to John Gibb from the Northern Branch, for stepping in to oversee the Strathmore contest at Glamis, when all of our own officials were in Belfast at the Championship event.

The reallocation of the Fife Bands to neighbouring branches is an ongoing piece of work, and if any band has any strong opinion on where they should be placed, please discuss this with myself and John Hughes from the Lothian Branch.

Can I say finally that should anyone have any issues they wish to discuss or be raised at a national level please get in touch either directly or by attending the branch meetings.

Thank you.

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