



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

**Minutes from Branch Meeting No 6  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Glencarse Village Hall**

**1. Chairman's welcome:**

Paul opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcomed everyone, and thanked them for coming out.

**2. Presence and Apologies:**

**Present:** Paul McAndrew, Irene Black, Bruce Cargill, Jim Mills, Paul Winter, Owen Sweeney, Gillie McNab, Ian Hughes, Willy Tait

**Apologies:** Gary Mair, Nicola Liddell, Stewart Findlay, Ian Stevenson

**3. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:**

**Actions from minutes in October 2015**

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Oct-A3	Bring up at Directors Meeting the need to ensure that all RSPBA instructors are PVG checked	Paul	<b>CLOSED.</b> Meeting took place on 9/12/15. Suggestion to run in the branch along a 'hub and spoke' principle, having one person in the branch responsible, and then one person in each band to report in to this person. Paul to circulate document to the committee. Now superseded by action below.

**Actions from minutes in December 2015**

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Dec-A1	Gary Mair to review wording of potential introduction of rules in line with comments received from Perth & District.	Gary	<b>OPEN.</b> Gary going through L&B rules to see what we can develop that fits with our constitution.  Gary to circulate proposed new document.
Dec-A4	Irene Black to monitor bands who enter all 6 Branch Championships to offer complimentary branch levy where relevant	Irene	<b>OPEN.</b> Ongoing to end of season
Dec-A5	Paul McAndrew to review A/B breakdown for Grade 4 at Lochore, Markinch & Thornton contests	Paul	<b>OPEN.</b> Paul has made the suggestion and is awaiting feedback from the various contests. March: Latest is the entry forms don't seem to have the A/B split, so leave action open for the moment
Dec-A7	Nigel Kellett to simplify results sheets (unlock cells + as discussed with Gary Mair)	Nigel	<b>OPEN.</b> Nigel still to simplify and send back out to Irene etc
Dec-A9	Outreach Programme / General tuition to be considered and discussed at next meeting.	Paul	<b>CLOSED.</b> Clarified that the previous Outreach money can be used to fund branch education. If we provide venue, then HQ will fund the tuition team. Consider possible dates in March next year, possibly in Dundee, for central location, ease of parking. Suggest all levels, rather than just P/M.s and L/D's Dealt with in Education section below.
Dec-A11	Potential Branch change of name – Paul McAndrew to raise again if no update received at next Board of Directors meeting	Paul	<b>OPEN.</b> Still no news on this



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#### Actions from minutes in February 2016

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Feb-A1	Potential education events. All to take back to their own bands to discuss what they want to see. Suggested P/M and L/D event at end of season, followed by event for all levels early next year	ALL	<b>OPEN</b> Still to be actioned, all to go back to their own bands and send any thoughts in to Gary
Feb-A2	Put info about Branch Solo spectator fee on website	Nicola	<b>CLOSED</b> done
Feb-A3	Copy Derek Potter on committee minutes from now on	Nigel	<b>CLOSED</b> done
Feb-A4	Purchase an overhead projector for the branch and claim back 10%	Gary	<b>OPEN</b> Prices available, but not yet actioned
Feb-A5	Nigel, Ian, Paul and Gary to approach potential piping & drumming related sponsors (and campus officials) for potential sponsorship	Per action	<b>OPEN</b> Jim also to approach a potential sponsor
Feb-A6	Circulate document on PVG proposal to committee	Paul	<b>OPEN</b> Still to be circulated Also CEO of disclosure Scotland keen to come along and talk to bands Gary to send email to Pat Whelan, copy Ian Embelton, inviting to October meeting, then to bands

#### Further matters arising:

- None

#### 4. Approval of previous minutes

**Approved:** Paul Winter

**Seconded:** Jim Mills

#### 5. Correspondence:

- Mini-Bands. There is now a new Head Teacher, who we have invited to come and present the trophies.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report:

- Irene presented the accounts, contained in a separate (confidential) document
- There was some debate about the Paypal online payment as certain bands, particularly service bands, have great difficulty with anything other than a cheque. It was agreed that if those bands only send a cheque in then we can pay on their behalf from the branch.

#### 7. Music Board Report:

- Bruce reported as follows:
  - No meeting of the Music Board since last Branch meeting
  - Initial meeting of Re-alignment project group, just some basic tasks allocated to start with

#### 8. Director's Report:

- Paul reported as follows:
- AGM yesterday, both proposals were carried, triplicate sheets and consultative adjudication trial at 2 majors. Some discussion about the pros and cons of this
- RSPBA showed a profit of £114K this year
- Presentation from Vice Chairman on the way forward on online registrations. On discussion, although there are a number of issues to work through this is nonetheless seen as a potential big improvement.



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- 4 new bands in our branch, 3 x Dollar bands and Tulliallan, this is because the Stirling Branch has been temporarily suspended due to insufficient activity
- Live Streaming debate. Possibly bring this to one of the big minors, such as Bridge of Allan or Perth

#### 9. Education

- Suggested dates for Easter Break Weekend School 2017: Suggested either 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April. This appears to tie in with all the schools in the various areas. Possibly 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> seems most logical, probably at Craigie High School, non-residential.
- **Recruitment:** Owen reported that he made a 20 minute demonstration at a local primary school and has a couple of new learners as a result.
- **Retention:** Small discussion about strategies for how to improve this

#### 10. Media Report:

- **Branch Website:** No news
- **RSPBA Magazine:** No news
- **Branch Facebook page:** No news

#### 11. AOCB:

- Branch contests this year will be:
  - Loch Leven
  - Markinch
  - Strathmore
  - Lochore
  - Perth
  - Crieff
  - And the plan is that all of these will be part of the Branch Championship, but need to clarify for Markinch and Lochore as their entry forms do not currently have the Grade 4 A/B split
- Loch Leven contest
  - Nigel reported that he has met with the concurrent event organisers and that the Road Runners are considering moving their finish line over to the hard standing closer to the road. Also no problem to have spaces available for sponsors if they wish to put a gazebo up to promote their products.
  - There was a small discussion about potentially moving the ring to the far end of the grounds where there is a small, landscaped amphitheatre, but it would be problematic for providing power so on balance stay where we are
- Crieff contest, Owen reported that fund raising has been set up. £1,000 pledged so far. Confirmed that Crieff High School will not pay a levy for the contest

#### 12. New Action Items

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Due By	Status *
Mar-A1	Clarify what our education costs have been (school hires for Outreach etc) so we can claim back our 10%	Gary	October	New

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

#### 13. Next Branch Meeting Date(s):

Next meeting to take place on on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016.