



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

Minutes from Branch Meeting Sunday 13th March 2011 in Glencarse Village Hall

1. Chairman:

Paul opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Present were Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Nigel Kellett, Irene Black, Barbara Stronach, Neil Myles, Bruce Cargill, Jim Mills

2. Apologies:

Gillie McNab, Scott Phillips, Teresa Walker, Isobel MacKay

3. Minutes from last meeting:

A couple of changes:

- Section 4. Action Dec-A5, wording change from “branch bands members” to “branch secretaries”
- Section 7. Change final sentence of first bullet point to “The police will monitor and action accordingly.”

Approved: Bruce

Seconded: Neil

4. Matters Arising:

- Section 7. National Council Report. Gary to write to all bands reinforcing that they must not leave the field from any contest Massed Bands unless instructed, and may be liable to sanctions if they do so. Also, they should ensure they know any tunes specifically requested by contest organizers to be played at Massed Bands.
- Section 9. RSPBA policy on disclosures. RSPBA confirm they will provide no advice, only a link from the website to the Disclosure Scotland website.
- Branch Solos. Despite increased cost for the Kinross venue it was decided to go ahead as planned in November in Kinross, and potentially increase the entry fee and entry on the door. The attendance and profit/loss for each event will be reviewed at the end of the year with a view to deciding on most appropriate venues for next year.

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status
Feb-A1	Bruce to propose alternate Medley and MSR playing through Championships at next Music Board meeting	Bruce	Outstanding
Feb-A2	Re: Dec-A1. If this competition goes ahead, the Branch will consider donating a trophy in Rankin McWilliam's memory.	Paul	Outstanding
Feb-A2	Gary to write to HQ supporting the nominations of Gordon Hamill and John Hughes for Chair and Vice-Chair respectively	Gary	Complete
Feb-A4	Nigel to send Mini-Band entry form to Barbara for one final check, then forward on to Neil and RSPBA for posting to both websites	Nigel	Complete and posted to websites
Feb-A5	Gillie to ask Vale of Atholl if they could support the Trio Piping (open) contest even if not the Mini-Band event	Gillie	Complete. It looks like the Vale may be able to attend after all, and L&B Police also confirm they are coming
Feb-A6	Gary to send a letter to HQ expressing the interest of the Branch in running a PDQB course	Gary	Complete. Letter has been sent, but no reply as yet.
Feb-A7	Gary to ask HQ to provide unattached adjudicators if possible for the Mini-Bands and Trio event, 2 piping and 1 drumming	Gary	Complete. Adjudicators will be Jim Semple (Piping), David Clark (Piping) and Alasdair Aitken (Drumming)
Feb-A8	Gary to continue to work with Angus council to see if some subsidies can be provided towards the cost of hiring the Academy	Gary	Outstanding Application form in progress, see below

Mini-Bands discussion.

- The committee reviewed the draft application form to Angus council for assistance in the expenses associated with the event, and made various agreed changes to the wording of the application. Gary will re-draft and send to Barbara for a final review before submitting.
- To date, 2 entries have been received. Gary passed the cheques to Irene.
- Adjudication decision. On the toss of a coin it was decided that Jim Semple will be piping judge for the Mini-Bands (along with Alasdair Aitken for drumming) and David Clark will judge the Trio piping.



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5. Correspondence:

- Email received from a lady, Susan Jensen, in Canada looking for information on the hitherto City of Dundee Prize Pipe Band. The information was passed to Jim Mills who agreed to organize a suitable reply with whatever information he and his contacts at MacKenzie Caledonian can find.
- During the meeting, Nigel received an email from Inveraray & District Pipe Band apologizing that they will not manage to make the Branch Mini-Bands contest.

Treasurers Report:

[Confidential – available in separate document]

6. National Council Report:

Paul reported as follows.

- Branch constitution. With the change of the RSPBA to Company Limited by Guarantee, there will be certain changes required to branch constitutions. These will be clarified later.
- All adjudicator's expenses (apart from fees) to be requested from all branch competitions (Strathmore, Perth, Pitlochry, Crieff) and forwarded on to HQ for info.
- Potential relocation of HQ. The RSPBA have produced an informal draft document describing the possible options for a move to a larger, purpose-built site. Paul will make this available to any interested committee members.

7. Music Board Report:

No music board meetings so Bruce made no report this month.

8. AOCB:

- Neil mentioned a couple of websites that may be of use to bands for assisting with fundraising. Neil will keep the committee informed as to how well this works for Perth & District, and if it looks useful, we may provide some "hints" on the website.
- Bruce suggested adding to the Branch website the information that the new rule book will shortly be available on the HQ website, and adding a link as and when it is.
- All bands are to be made aware that Registration cards and band prints must be carried at all RSPBA contests. There will be spot checks by National Councilors at competitions this year with potential disqualification for bands not carrying their membership cards and prints and/or fielding players not on their band print.
- Branch solos. Paul showed a mock-up of a certificate to be presented to place-winners for future solo contests instead of medals. It was agreed that this would be acceptable.



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9. Action Items

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Mar-A1	Mini-Bands: Gary to contact Kath McAndrew for catering during the Mini-Bands event	Gary	April	New
Mar-A2	Mini Bands. Gary to send re-draft of application form to Barbara for review	Gary / Barbara	April	New
Mar-A3	Mini Bands. Nigel to print off some entry forms and send to L&B Mini-Bands and take to AD&G Mini-Bands to promote the event.	Nigel	April	New
Mar-A4	Jim to organize a suitable response to Susan Jensen from Canada, looking for information on the old City of Dundee Prize Pipe Band.	Jim	April	New
Mar-A5	Gary to contact local companies in Forfar to ask for anything that can be sold as part of the event catering	Gary	April	New
Mar-A6	Gary to write to all bands to remind them to carry Band registration cards and band prints at all contests, and to make them aware of the rule changes (sections 3 and 6)	Gary	April	New
Mar-A7	Gary to send new RSPBA logo to Nigel and Neil for amendment of Entry Form (Nigel) and update of website (Neil)	Gary Nigel Neil	April	New
Mar-A8	Paul to send compilers sheet to Nigel for potential modification to include Actual Grades when playing up	Paul / Nigel	April	New
Mar-A9	Gary to contact all local branch competitions to forward Adjudicator's expenses to HQ.	Gary	April	New

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

10. Next meeting:
Sunday 17th April 2011 at 7.00 pm
Please note the earlier time, to try and avoid finishing so late

Paul closed the meeting at 9.00 pm