



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

Minutes from Branch Meeting Sunday 4th November 2012 in Glencarse Village Hall

1. Welcome & Chairman's Remarks

Paul welcomed everyone, noting a full house of attendance.

Paul expressed his congratulations to the Standing Committee for a good job well done over the past year.

Congratulations also to Neil for developing and maintaining the Branch website, which is looking good; to Gary and Nigel for organising the new Loch Leven outdoors contest; and once more to Gary for becoming a RSPBA Steward. On that subject Paul stressed that volunteers are still very much sought by the RSPBA to become Stewards.

2. Presence and Apologies

Bands Represented: Alyth & District; Carnoustie & District; Kinross & District; MacKenzie Caledonian NJ & G2; Mains of Fintry; City of Brechin G3 & G4; Perth & District; Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl G4 & G1

Apologies: Bruce Cargill (City of Brechin)

3. Adoption of minutes from 2011 AGM

Proposed: MacKenzie Caledonian

Seconded: City of Brechin

4. Matters arising from 2011 AGM

City of Brechin to be known from now on as just City of Brechin, not MacDonald Energy City of Brechin.

The RSPBA Standing Orders (general rules) have been changed, and are in fact changed after every AGM. All members to ensure they have the latest copy if holding a printed version. These are always available for download from the RSPBA website.

Section 12 AOB. The minutes are now on the Branch website

The 2 day Worlds agreed format is now available, and is being handed out today. (Note, officially it is just a trial for 2013, but as long as everything goes well it is likely to become the standard in the future)

The response on the historical data questions is that HQ have no capability to archive Band histories.

5. Reports

Chairman's Report

As per typed copy, in Appendices

Secretary's Report

As per typed copy, in Appendices

Treasurer's Report

Irene presented the financial statement (in Appendices) and invited comments and questions.

Nigel pointed out that Forfar mini bands received a grant last year, not this year which explains the surplus last year and not this year. And the Kinross contest received a grant this year, hence the surplus shown. Essentially, it is difficult for these contests to turn a profit without some form of assistance.

Adoption of the Treasurer's Report:

Proposed: Vale of Atholl

Seconded: Alyth

Music Board Representatives Report

Piping Report:

As per Bruce Cargill's report, in Appendices

Drumming Report:

[None, as the Branch does not currently have a Drumming Representative to the Music Board]

6. Director's Report

As per typed copy of Chairman's Report, in Appendices

In addition, Paul presented the proposed format for next year's 2 day Worlds, and also a list of Major Championship and Branch contest dates, all of which are also included in Appendices



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7. Election of Office Bearers and Review of Branch Levy

Office (Current bearer)	Elected Office Bearer	Proposed by	Seconded by
President (Barbara Stronach)	Barbara	City of Brechin	Kinross
Chairman (Paul McAndrew)	Paul	McKenzie Caledonian	Carnoustie
Vice-Chairman (Nigel Kellett)	Nigel	Carnoustie	McKenzie Caledonian
Secretary (Gary Mair)	Gary	City of Brechin	Perth
Treasurer (Irene Black)	Irene	McKenzie Caledonian	Mains of Fintry
Minute Secretary (Nigel Kellett)	Nigel	Carnoustie	Mains of Fintry
Music Board Rep: Piping (Bruce Cargill)	Bruce	McKenzie Caledonian	Kinross
Music Board Rep: Drumming [currently vacant]	[No proposals]		
Magazine Representative (Barbara Stronach)	Barbara	City of Brechin	Mains of Fintry
Committee Members (Neil Myles, Jim Mills, Gillie McNab, Ian Campbell, Theresa Walker)	Gordon Barton to be added	Perth	Carnoustie
	Theresa Walker has resigned	N/A	N/A
Proposed creation of post of Webmaster , to exist informally until such time as the Constitution is updated	Neil Myles	Kinross	Alyth

Branch Levy

This is currently set at £30 for adult bands and £25 for novice juvenile

A general vote was taken which resulted in favour of keeping the branch levy the same for this year, rather than increasing it.

8. AOCB

Crieff Contest: Due to a clash on 25th August next year with another Highland Games also sponsored by Crieff Games' chief sponsor, the Games have been provisionally moved to Sunday 18th August which clashes with Day 2 of the Worlds. A Pipe Band contest cannot therefore go ahead on that day. Owen Sweeney indicated that the Pipe Band Convener is keen to hold the contest on the 25th but is concerned about the risk of having fewer bands. Apparently they are keen to have a meeting with the Branch to try and resolve it. This has not yet happened, but the Branch is very keen to help with this.

Player Membership Database: Nigel (Kinross) asked where we are with single player membership and player database. Paul will bring this up again at the next Director's Meeting and advise.

Thanks: Gillie expressed her thanks for her present from the Committee following her accident.

Branch Solos Venue: Paul suggested that as Kinross now has an Outdoors Branch contest, we should probably consider changing the venue for the Branch solos in order to have a more balanced spread across the Branch area. Owen requested clarification on what is required for a venue. It was confirmed that we need 3 competition rooms, 3 final tuning rooms, and around 12 to 14 band rooms. It also helps the contest to break even if we can have a catering area available for the Committee to provide own catering. (i.e. sandwiches etc.)

9. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Paul thanked everyone for attending, and reminded all that any branch member is welcome to attend and listen to Committee Meeting proceedings, with the exception of the Finance section.

10. Next meeting:

Next Committee Meeting: Sunday 2nd December at 7.00 pm

Next year's AGM will be Sunday 3rd November 2013



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Secretary's Report

Branch AGM – Sunday 4th November 2012, Glencarse Village Hall

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.

The 2011 – 12 competition season seems to have passed by very quickly and once again, Branch bands and Branch band members have had a busy time competing in both major and minor contests at “home” and overseas.

As a Branch we currently have 17 bands -

Grade 4 Alyth, Arbroath, Carnoustie, City of Brechin, Coupar Angus, Crieff High School, Kinross, Mains of Fintry, Perth, Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl; (10 bands)

Novice Juvenile 6/8th Dundee Boys Brigade, MacKenzie Caledonian NJ;

Grade 3 City of Brechin, Edradour Pitlochry and Blair Atholl, Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl; (3 bands)

Grade 2 MacKenzie Caledonian; (1 band)

Grade 1 Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl (1 band)

Reviewing our Branch area competitions, the year started with Branch Solo Competitions held in Kinross at Loch Leven Community Campus. Competitor numbers were comparable with 2010 (101 entries in 2010, 94 in 2011) although the distribution of entries varied with a drop in numbers in novice piping but slightly greater numbers in tenor drumming. Despite a financial loss on the day, (details will be given in the Treasurer's Report), I think that it's fair to say that the event was still enjoyable and we look forward to this year's Branch Solo Competitions on Saturday 24th November, once again at Loch Leven Campus, Kinross. (If anyone has trophies to return, I'll be happy to accept them at the end of this evening's meeting).

In April, we held our Trio Piping and Mini-Bands Event at Forfar Academy. We received some 31 miniband entries – that was down somewhat from the 44 that had entered the previous year. In 2013 we will return once again to Forfar Academy for the mini-bands, the date for your diaries is Saturday 27th April.

May saw the inaugural event at Loch Leven Community Campus for a new outdoor pipeband contest. A healthy entry of some 25 bands competed over Grades 2 to 4 plus an “Open” competition. At this point, can I record particular thanks to Nigel Kellett for a huge amount of work undertaken not only to get the project off the ground but also to secure funding and prize money which as we all appreciate, is very scarce to come by. Plans are already underway for next years competition which will be on Saturday 11th May.

Crieff Games in August attracted 21 competing bands, which was quite encouraging, knowing that there was also a competition in Edinburgh on the same day. The date for the 2013 Crieff Games Pipeband and Drum Major Competition is still under discussion – a topic that will be covered during this evening AGM.

Away from competitions, the Branch website continues to expand and we are indebted to Neil Myles and Nigel Kellett for their help in maintaining the website. The website carries a wide range of information not only on Branch events but also Branch band activities – for example Mains of Fintry performing in Poland (in November 2011), several Branch bands playing as part of the Queen's visit to Perth in July this year and City of Brechin's fund raising charity day out white water rafting in September – not for the faint-hearted !!

If I can ask that bands try to keep details and information up to date and if there are changes necessary, please let us know as quickly as possible so that the website can be updated.

Another notable success within the Branch was that of Ailis Sutherland from City of Brechin who won the PM Willie Fergusson Competition held as part of Lothian and Borders Branch Solo competitions in February this year. As far as we are aware, this is the first time that a solo competitor from the Branch has won this competition – congratulations to Ailis.

As with all of the bands within the Branch, there is a large draw on funds for hosting competitions, venue costs, trophy repairs etc so any ideas for fund raising that anyone would like to bring along to Branch meetings would be very welcome.

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 2013 are as follows: -

Forfar Mini-Bands	27 th April
Loch Leven	11 th May
British Championships, Bathgate	25 th May
Strathmore Games	9 th June
European Championships, Forres	29 th June
Scottish Championships, Dumbarton	27 th July
Perth Games	11 th August
World Championships, Glasgow	17 th & 18 th August
Cowal Championships	31 st August

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Dundee Perth and Angus Music board Rep report 01/11/2012

The music board held 4 meetings over the last year, September, November, January & April
Main business at each meeting is summarized below.

September

Main item was Band Grading's and 1st look at possible set up of the 2 day world championships.

November

1st priority of the day dealing with any appeals from the previous meeting grading decisions.

2nd Further discussions on the 2 day worlds, It was announced that the promoter and the BBC both preferred Saturday , Sunday contest.

January

Music board was visited by the chairman to present his vision of the 2 day worlds after a lot of discussion it was agreed that all grade 1 bands would play in 2 heats on the Saturday and the top 6 from each heat would go through to the final on Sunday.

It was also agreed that each grade 1 band could play the MSR and Medley of their choice on the Saturday, on the Sunday would play their second MSR and second Medley on the Sunday.

All grade 2 and grade 3 bands would play either MSR or Medley in the qualifiers and the alternate in the finals.

April

Drum Majors have issues that have been passed to the Board of directors which were never sent to the music board to be addressed, to this end the Drum Majors have been invited to join the education group to work towards the education of Drum Majors through workshops etc.

2 day worlds format agreed including number of adjudicators & non reintroduction of MAP adjudication as there needs to be education of the adjudicators and further workshops with the grade 4 & N/J bands.

At the board of directors meeting on the 29th of April the chairman rail roaded through a change to the world format adjudication in that at the suggestion of APMB members he has introduced a trial of the MAP adjudication and heats system, this was not agreed by the music board. As competition format is the remit of the music board why was this proposal forced through at the April board of directors meeting?

And on a personal note why would we trial this at the biggest contest run by the RSPBA?

It would appear that this was forced through due to issues with a lack of adjudicators, if this is the case then the board of directors is failing in its duty of care to the membership by not ensuring that enough training is being carried out to ensure an adequate supply of judges for the future?



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