



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

Minutes from Branch Meeting No 2 Sunday 22nd March 2015 in the Glencarse Village Hall

1. Chairman's welcome:

Paul opened the meeting at 7.05 pm and welcomed everyone to this, the second meeting of the year.

2. Presence and Apologies:

Present:

Paul McAndrew, Gary Mair, Nigel Kellett, Bruce Cargill, Irene Black, Stewart Findlay, Jim Mills, Nicola Liddell, Greig Ogilvie

Apologies:

Gillie McNab, Owen Sweenie

3. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:

Actions from minutes in 2013

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Sep-A5	Investigate recent winners' names and dates of the Open Drumming trophy and arrange to have details added to it.	Gary / Paul	OPEN. (This was the NCR trophy) Trophy now with Paul, now got all dates except 68, 72, 75, 83, 94 and 2000 to 2007. (Plus 2013) Suggestion to now post them onto the website to see if anyone can help.

Actions from minutes in February 2015

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Status *
Feb-A1	Ask if the new proposed levelling of prize money across grades in the majors will also mean a level entry fee for all grades	Paul	CLOSED. But look at levelling local prize money (and entry fees) wherever possible
Feb-A2	Ask Jason Lafferty if he can quote to revamp the DPA website and make it easy to upload news, data etc	Gary	CLOSED. Feedback later
Feb-A3	Add in Education as a standing item for all future agendas	Nigel	CLOSED. In minutes
Feb-A4	Request all 3 Outreach dates from September to December/ January	Gary	CLOSED. Jim Campbell will be coming back to us
Feb-A5	Write to Pitlochry to ask for confirmation on whether or not they can open the contest up to branch bands, and therefore join the branch championship	Gary	OPEN. Ongoing correspondence with Pitlochry. They had a meeting recently and it is looking positive, will need another meeting.
Feb-A6	Check whether the correct trophy was awarded to Kenny Forbes at Crieff	Gary	CLOSED. Kenny has the correct trophy
Feb-A7	Confirm that the Branch supports Gordon Hamill for re-election as Chairman	Gary	CLOSED. (And Gordon Hamill was re-elected)

Further matters arising:

- Strathmore Games. John Gibb will be Director, Owen Sweeney will help with Stewarding, Mike Spain should be able to help with compiling.
- No answer as yet re question on Lomond & Clyde trophy
- Update on Crieff games. Still not officially been told that Crieff is not going ahead. Need to write to Crieff to ask them to confirm officially so it can be removed from the calendar.

4. Approval of previous minutes

Approved: Jim Mills

Seconded: Stewart Findlay



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5. Correspondence:

- Email from Kirkcaldy asking when entry form will go up
- Email about mini-bands, asking if in Forfar. Replied
- Gillie included a link to the Aberfeldy Mod, first Saturday in June
- Asked to agree to a contract to hold meetings here in Glencarse. Done
- Jason Lafferty has replied with info about costs to run website. Morag McKenzie has also provided info
- Member of Stockbridge, from Blackwater Brewery asking if they could put a beer tent up at Crieff
- Edradour will be in touch to advise if the band will be competing or not this year. (Might be a band of learners)
- Strathmore Games confirmed it will just be grades 4, 3 and 2. No DM's (no DM judges available)
- Perth Games general correspondence
- Correspondence from Carnoustie Games committee in relation to the money.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- Irene presented the accounts, contained in a separate confidential document

7. Music Board Report:

- Bruce reported that there have been no recent meetings:
 - Keeping an eye on various bands at the moment

8. Director's Report:

- Paul reported as follows from the last directors' meeting:
 - Some of the standing committees have been altered, including Music Board
 - Gary did the minutes of the Stewards and Compilers meeting
 - Paul nominated the auditor for an honorary life membership, agreed
 - The President, George Usher, was re-elected for 3 years, as was Paul
 - AGM. The two rule changes went through, meaning that Novice Juvenile will be split from next year into A and B grades.
 - Another site still being considered for a new HQ, possibly available from 2019 onwards

9. Education (included as a standing item from this meeting forward)

- Paul has been appointed as Director for Education (but still to find out what this entails!)
- We have sent an email to Jim Campbell requesting 3 dates in September, October and November for a repeat of Day 1 from last year, a follow-up and then the exam. Awaiting his reply

10. Website Report:

- Gary got in touch with Jason Lafferty of Scotia Design, who runs the Branch website
- Jason would need a single point of contact, and has given costs if we wanted to re-build (minuted in the Treasurer's report). All agreed to go with this solution, and Bruce will ask Carnoustie if their sponsors would be happy to donate the reserved money for this in exchange for website advertising
- Ask Jason to allow for electronic entries
- Nicola Liddell is prepared to be the single point of contact for sending info to Jason

11. AOCB:

- **RSPBA Magazine.** Gary will contact Craig Fyall to see if he has been able to contact Ian Campbell yet
- **Grade 4 Branch Championship – 2 trophies needed?**
 - As there will be (at least) 2 contests with separate 4A and 4B contests, we will need to split out 4A and 4B in the Branch Championship. This should be possible, and Jim has offered to donate one of the 2 trophies we will need if required.
- **Nigel: Loch Leven Contest**
 - Very poor take up on sponsorship so far. £1,050 guaranteed so far, out of a nominal £1,800 (ish) required. Gary to apply for cost of hiring campus, adjudicator fees and travel, officials travel and meals
 - Agreed to amend the Kinross contest to make the contest 4B and 4A



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- Judges will be Jennifer Hutcheon, Arthur Cook and Heather Finlay, and Ian Finlay will be Director
- Peter Snaddon and John McInnis will be judges at Strathmore
- There will be no street march, and no best band on display
- **Irene.** Nothing
- **Nicola.** Nothing
- **Bruce.** Perth & District complained at the AGM that they had not received the information about the rule changes in advance. The Branch view is that every band who has a representative at the Branch committee will be aware of anything discussed at the branch.
- **Stewart.** Nothing
- **Greig.** Nothing
- **Jim.** Nothing

12. New Action Items

Mtg-Act	Action	Owner	Due By	Status *
Mar-A1	Request official confirmation from Crieff if contest is not going ahead so it can be removed from RSPBA calendar	Gary	May	New
Mar-A2	Ask Carnoustie committee if they would be happy to donate the reserved money to fund the website in exchange for advertising	Bruce	May	New
Mar-A3	Gary to look into application for grant funding for Kinross contest	Gary	May	New

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

13. Next Branch Meeting: Sun 3rd May, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.

- Reminder of Branch meeting dates for 2015:
- 8th Feb, 22nd Mar, 3rd May, 4th Oct, AGM on 1st Nov, 15th Nov, 6th Dec