



**Minutes from Annual General Meeting held on
Sunday 5th November 2017 in the Glencarse Village Hall**

1. Welcome

Paul welcomed everyone at 7.00pm to the 2017 AGM.

2. AGM Presence and Apologies:

Bands Represented:

Paul McAndrew (Branch Chairman)
Gary Mair (Branch Secretary)

Perth and District (Irene Black)
Mackenzie Caledonian and Mackenzie Caledonian N/J (Jim Mills, Branch President / Ali Bryce)
Vale of Atholl (Gillie McNab)
Communities of Cardenden (Andrew Downie)
Carnoustie and District (Bruce Cargill)
RAF Central Scotland (Ian Hughes, Willie Tait)
Glenrothes (Iain Finlay)
Edradour, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl (Owen Sweeney)
Badenoch & Strathspey (Sarah Rathbone)

Apologies:

Carnoustie & District (Paul Winter), City Of St Andrews (Dawn Waddell), City of Discovery (Stewart Findlay), Edradour, Pitlochry & Blair Atholl (Claire Scott), City of Brechin (Craig Black), Badenoch & Strathspey (Chris Rathbone), Keltie & Blairadam (Andrew Keatings), Tulliallan Pipes & Drums (Debbie Mulholland)

3. Adoption of minutes from 2016 AGM

Proposed by Mackenzie Caledonian, Seconded by Glenrothes.

4. Matters Arising from 2016 AGM

None

5. Reports – copies of all reports appear in annex

Chairman's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Irene Black provided a summary of finance status.

Music Board Report

6. Director's Report

7. Election of Office Bearers & Review of Branch Levy

Election of Office Bearers

Nicola Liddell stood down as Minute Secretary and Web Liaison

Annual elections completed as follows:



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President: Jim Mills	Chairman: Paul McAndrew	Vice-Chairman: Iain Finlay
Treasurer: Irene Black	Secretary: Gary Mair	Minute Secretary: position vacant
Music Board piping rep: Bruce Cargill		Music Board drumming rep: position vacant
Director 1: Paul McAndrew		Director 2: Ian Finlay

All Office Bearers are starting year 2 of 3-year appointments

Jim Mills expressed his thanks to the committee and all stating it was an honor and a post he thoroughly enjoys.

Webmaster – role almost disappeared as Jason Lafferty manages website on behalf of Branch.

Facebook – Stewart Findlay has advised by email that he is happy to continue with this role.

Magazine Rep – Gary Mair acknowledged an email received from Craig Black expressing he is prepared to carry on for a further 12 months but asked if there were any other volunteers for this role thereafter. All in favour of Craig Black continuing for a further 12 months.

Committee members

Existing committee were elected en mass (Office bearers plus Paul Winter, Craig Black, Gillie McNab, Ali Bryce, Owen Sweeney, Sarah Rathbone, Chris Rathbone, Ian Hughes, Andrew Downie).

Office Bearers and Committee members proposed by Glenrothes; Seconded by Carnoustie

Branch Levy

Annual Branch levy payments to increase to the following:

Adult bands	£55.00
Novice Juvenile / Juvenile	£45.00
Associate member bands	£55.00

Proposed by Glenrothes; Seconded by Badenoch & Strathspey

8. AOCB

- **Branch Music Board Representation** – Gary Mair to ask RSPBA HQ if it is possible to have MB representation from 2 pipers as opposed to 1 piper and 1 drummer.
- **RSPBA “Approved List Of Tunes”** – a vote in favour of bands to play from approved lists of tunes for Branch events was unanimous.

9. Chairman’s Closing Remarks

Paul McAndrew thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

10. Next meeting

Next Branch meeting scheduled to take place on Sunday 4th December 2016, 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Next year’s AGM scheduled to take place on Sunday 4th November 2018, start time 7pm.



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Chairman's Report

Branch AGM – Sunday 5th November 2017, Glencarse Village Hall

Can I extend a warm welcome to all the band representatives that have taken the time to come 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, especially Gary Mair for all the work that he carries out as our Branch secretary throughout the year, the branch really wouldn't function without all the work he does.

As a Branch, we have seen band numbers increase again this year with the reallocation of Badendoch & Strathspey from The North of Scotland Branch, and a new band at Queen Victoria School .

On a negative note I am sure you will be aware that again this year we had to cancel 2 minor contests in the branch due to lack of entries and late withdrawals, whilst I appreciate that there are generally good reasons for this, I really need to stress that both the branch committee and the event promoters have a massive amount of work and expense leading up to these events, and it really is soul destroying for all involved when this happens. We have already finalised the contests in the branch area for the 2018 season, and I would urge all Branch bands to attend where possible, this will help to ensure that we continue to have local contests in future years.



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On the education front I am delighted to say that the Branch are currently running a PDQB Outreach course which see 50 students attending 5 all day classes in Piping, Snare Drumming & Bass/Tenor, the students are due to sit their SQA exam on Saturday 9th December 2017 at Creiff Community Campus and I'm sure we all wish them the best of luck. I would like to thank the RSPBA for facilitating this course and providing the tutors and examiners, special thanks to Tam Brown for putting the team of tutors together, and for Alasdair Duthie from Perth & District for delivering an addition theory session last weekend.

Finally congratulations to all the branch bands that competed in the 2017 season both with and without success (I'll not steal Gary's Thunder for the role of Honour). And good luck for 2018

Thank you.

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Secretary's Report

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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, at the time of writing this report, our Branch has 36 bands, namely: -

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| Grade 4B | Alyth & District, Badenoch & Strathspey, City of Brechin, City Of St Andrews, Communities of Cardenden, Coupar Angus Burgh, Crieff High School, Kelty & Blairadam, Mains of Fintry, Strathearn, Tulliallan Pipes and Drums, Vale of Atholl; Queen Victoria school, Dunblane (14 bands) |
| Grade 4A | Kinross & District, Methil & District, Perth & District, Glenrothes & District 2010, RAF Central Scotland Pipes and Drums, (5 bands) |
| Novice Juvenile (B) | Dollar Academy, MacKenzie Caledonian NJ; (2 bands) |
| Novice Juvenile (A) | Lochgelly High School; (1 Band) |
| Grade 3B | Arbroath, Bowhill & District, Carnoustie & District, City of St Andrews, Strathmore; (5 bands) |
| Grade 3A | 6 th /8 th Dundee Boys Brigade; City of Brechin, Edradour Pitlochry & Blair Atholl, Vale Of Atholl (4 bands) |



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Juvenile	Dollar Academy; (1 band)
Grade 2	City Of Discovery, Lochgelly High School FP, MacKenzie Caledonian; (3 bands)
Grade 1	Vale of Atholl (1 band)

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 2017 Championship events. The 2017 Roll Of Honour is listed below and is also on the front page of the Branch website.

British Championships

Novice B Queen Victoria School - 2nd
Novice B Mackenzie Caledonian - 6th
Novice A Dollar Academy - Champions
Novice A Lochgelly High School - 6th
Grade 4B Vale of Atholl - 5th
Grade 4A Bowhill and District - 2nd
Grade 4A Kinross and District - 4th
Grade 4A Glenrothes and District 2010 - 5th
Juvenile Dollar Academy - Champions
Grade 3B Vale of Atholl - 3rd
Grade 2 Mackenzie Caledonian - 3rd

United Kingdom Championships

Juvenile Dollar Academy - Champions
Grade 2 Mackenzie Caledonian - 3rd
Grade 2 City of Discovery - 6th

European Championships

Novice B MacKenzie Caledonian - 6th
Novice A Dollar Academy - 2nd
Grade 4B Vale of Atholl - 6th
Grade 4A Bowhill and District - 2nd
Grade 4A Perth and District - 6th
Juvenile Dollar Academy - Champions
Juvenile Drum Dollar Academy - Champions
Grade 3A Vale of Atholl - 3rd
Grade 2 Mackenzie Caledonian - 3rd
Grade 2 City of Discovery - 4th

Scottish Championships

Novice B Mackenzie Caledonian - 4th
Novice A Dollar Academy - 3rd
Novice A Drum Dollar Academy - Champions
Grade 4B Kelty and Blairadam - 2nd



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Grade 4A Bowhill and District - 4th
Juvenile Dollar Academy - Champions
Juvenile Drum Dollar Academy - Champions
Grade 3A Vale of Atholl - 5th Grade 2 Mackenzie Caledonian - 4th

World Championships

Novice B Mackenzie Caledonian - 4th
Novice A Dollar Academy - 2nd
Juvenile Dollar Academy - 2nd
Grade 3A Vale of Atholl - 6th
Grade 2 Mackenzie Caledonian - 5th

RSPBA Champion of Champions

Novice A Band Dollar Academy - Champions
Grade 4A Drum Kinross and District - Champions
Juvenile Band Dollar Academy - Champions

Branch Competitions

Branch Competitions in 2016/17 were on the whole successful but it was disappointing again with the cancellation of some competitions.

Starting at our Branch Solo Competitions, once again the Branch would like to extend their thanks to Andrew Brown from Carnoustie & District Pipe Band for his help and support in negotiating the use Craigie High School in Dundee not only for Branch Solos but also indoor Trios, Minibands & Full bands competitions, Branch RSPBA Tuition events and more recently hosting the City Of Brechin solo piping and drumming competitions.

Overall entry numbers for “the Solos” were up on 2015 to 93 competitors excluding drummers in the World Solo Drumming Qualifier event. [The World Solo Drumming Championships qualifier for 2018 will be held as part of Kingdom Thistle Solo Competition, date to be confirmed but anticipated around late March - early April 2018.] Our 2017 Branch Solos will be held in Craigie High School on Saturday 18th November, closing date for entries is Friday 10th 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).



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In April, we held our Trio Piping and Mini-Bands Event at Craigie High School. At this year's competition the indoor full bands competed in concert format. All feedback from the bands was appreciated and the general consensus is that concert format will be repeated in 2018 for both full bands and Minibands.

The Loch Leven contest was replaced by an outdoor competition in Dundee City Square. Overall it's felt that the event was a success albeit that there were teething problems but the competition is expected to go ahead in 2018 and we will do everything we can to improve on 2017.

The second Sunday in June saw Strathmore Games held at Glamis Castle. Performance numbers were down on 2016 (from 18 to 13). A trial Quartet competition had 4 performance (3 from the same band) – perhaps it wasn't the most successful of outdoor competition formats. We are hoping for greater numbers in 2018 as Strathmore Highland Games is expected to be the Sunday before Belfast (at the time of writing this report, SHGA have not published the Games' date).

On a negative note, 2017 saw the cancellation of pipe band competitions either through lack of entries or withdrawals at Thornton Highland Games, Inverkeithing Games and Crieff High School competition with Perth Highland Games opting not to hold a competition (Perth Highland Games being subsequently cancelled).

The Benarty Competition at Lochore Meadows saw a drop in entry numbers as compared to 2016 from 27 down to 17 performances with only 1 Drum Major. Hopefully 2018 can see a change in fortune.

The 2017 Pitlochry Highland Games was held on their traditional date on the second Saturday in September. Work is in hand with the support of RSPBA Headquarters to have this event open to all bands as opposed to invitation only.

2018 will see a Branch competition on the weekend prior to every Championship with the exception of Dumbarton where the competition on the Saturday before will take place in Burntisland. All of the competitions that fall the weekend before a Championship will be for all Grades plus Drum Majors.



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Diary dates for 2018 are as follows: -

- Trios, Mini-Bands & Full Bands (indoor) 21st April
- Dundee City 13th May (provisional)
- British Championships 19th May
- Markinch Games 3rd June
- UK Championships, Belfast 16th June
- Strathmore Games 10th June
- Benarty, Lochore 23rd June
- European Championships, Forres 30th June
- Scottish Championships, Dumbarton 28th July
- Perth Games 12th August
- World Championships, Glasgow 17th & 18th August
- Pitlochry Games 9th September

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Music board Representative annual report.

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

1) Grading's

From the branch perspective the following bands were regarded on standards at the end of the 2017 competition season.

- Methil and district from Grade 3B to Grade 4A
- Dollar Academy Novice Juvenile A to Juvenile.
- Bowhill and District Grade 4A to Grade 3B

2) Education

The new pipe band Musicianship course part 2 is being successfully rolled out.

RSPBA has decided to update the structured learning books so that they fall in line with the SQA and PDQB requirements for each level

3) Musicboard requested the higher to lower transfers are to be 42 days before the player can play to allow proper time for the transfers to be checked before the players are registered to play, this was agreed at the Association AGM and implemented over the past season

4) The Music Board are proposed realignment of all bands in all grades, has been delayed due to a request from the APMG to look at the Grade 4B playing requirements, a questionnaire is to be sent to all grade 4 B bands, once the wording of the question has been carried out. time scale.

Bruce Cargill

01/11/2017



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Directors's Report

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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 again been a very busy year, during which time I have attended all the Major Championship events, I have continued with my role of checking band registrations and have continued my participation on the registration working group, Standing Orders and Steering Committee and represent the Board of Directors on the Education Management Group.

You may be aware that the RSPBA headquarters in Washington Street had a significant fire earlier in the year, the board have agreed that the repairs will become part of a major refurbishment project which will hopefully be completed in 2019.

I can confirm that for 2019, 2020 & 2021 the Major Championships at Glasgow, Dumbarton and Paisley have been awarded, however the final 2 have still to be completed, these will not be at Forres or Belfast at this current time.

Finally can I urge band secretaries to attend the RSPBA AGM in Glasgow in March 2018 or if unable to go at least ensure that they allocate their vote by proxy, as this really is your only chance to vote on issues which will affect your bands.

Should anyone have any issues they wish to discuss or be raised at a national level please get in touch either directly with myself or Iain Finlay, or by attending the branch meetings.

Thank you.

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