

Minute of RSPBA Dundee, Perth and Angus Branch

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Online – Teams

| Ser | Discussions  | Actions                  | Completed |
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| 1.  | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u><br/>                     PMc welcomed all to the Branch virtual meeting, Happy New Year to all.</p>   |                          |           |
| 2.  | <p><u>Attendance:</u><br/>                     Gary Mair (GM), Paul McAndrew (PMc), Alison Duthie (AFD), David Hunter (DH) Gwen McAndrew (GMcA), Paul Brown (PB), Matt Wilson (MW), Irene Black (IB) Gillie Mcnab (GMc), David Wilton (DW), Ian Hughes (IH),</p>   |                          |           |
| (b) | <p><u>Apologies</u><br/>                     Gill Carling, Greig Canning, Craig Black, Joe Wood,</p>   |                          |           |
| 3.  | <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Mills 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday card was sent by GM</li> <li>• Minutes from the previous meeting were approved:<br/>                     Proposer – Paul Brown<br/>                     Seconder – Matt Wilson</li> </ul>  |                          |           |
| 5.  | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A query from HQ has been received regarding reps on Music Board, this has been dealt with and HQ informed</li> <li>• Dundee City Council – ref Dundee outdoor competition – No City square access this year to hold competition in May on the date requested. Discussion was held round the options available. It may come down to the sponsorship from Invertay Homes as to where we can hold the competition as they would like it to remain in Dundee. Other options were discussed including potentially moving to Strathallan, High School of Dundee or Dollar Academy – Discussions to be held over the next few weeks to agree a venue AD, DW, MW to speak with respective schools. We may have to move the date depending, dates to keep in mind as to not clash include:<br/>                     8<sup>th</sup> May – Banchory<br/>                     15<sup>th</sup> May – Dunbar</li> <li>• Strathmore Highland Games – 12<sup>th</sup> June - Meeting to be held by their committee, they may now want a Piping Contest to be run this</li> </ul> | <p><b>AD, DW, MW</b></p> |           |

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|    | <p>year, we will know for definite in the coming weeks – GM to enquire to the outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was held reference Invoice from Jason at Scotia Web Design.</li> </ul>   | GM |  |
| 6. | <p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <p>Treasurers Account [REDACTED]<br/> Business Instant Access - [REDACTED]<br/> Treasurers Account – [REDACTED]<br/> Cash in Hand [REDACTED]</p> <p>Total - [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>   |    |  |
| 7. | <p><u>Music Board (MW &amp; DW)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Novice Juv B &amp; Grade 4B – static starts are to be trialled at minor competitions on the lead up to the Europeans in Inverness in June.</li> <li>• As far as Branch competitions go, Lochore would fall into a minor before the major in order to trial the static start.</li> <li>• Instructional videos are to be available to explain as to what is expected of bands in 4B and NJB.</li> <li>• All bands have been under the same constraints over the last two years, it has been requested that bands remain in their current grade initially for the first two majors before submitting requests to move down a grade.</li> <li>• Bands are to submit their registrations as quickly as possible in order to give HQ a chance to get all registrations completed before the start of the season.</li> </ul> |    |  |
| 8. | <p><u>Directors report –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Patronage has been discussed in Directors meetings and to be in place by the end of the year – lead by Director Stewart Orr</li> <li>• Pat Wheelan back in post.</li> <li>• Tenor Drumming – Qualifications – some who have sat the SQA Tenor Drumming quals have not had their qualification added to their SQA records – AD to check with Cameron Sinclair – as he was one of our Branch Candidates – AD will report back to the next meeting. 280 uncertified students have sat on a desk and even tho individuals from the college have volunteered to help process, it was turned down – not a good reputation</li> </ul>   | AD |  |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APMB have asked for an additional 3-5 mins in between bands in order to process. Seen as a good idea.</li> <li>• There is a committee being implemented to look at “How to manage restrictions” should this be necessary. PMac is going to be on this committee.</li> <li>• World Pipe Band Championships going ahead</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 9  | <u>Education</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues are ongoing with the SQA although they are progressing in the right direction</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 10 | <u>Media</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report at this current time</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 11 | <u>AOCB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MW</b> – Enquired as to who had made comment about the Music Board reps from HQ – this was discussed MW content with the outcome</li> <li>• <b>IH</b> – Informed the meeting of a Youth Tattoo in the pipeline – Stewart Samson &amp; Brig Mel Jameson organising – if bands interested please contact Stewart direct.<br/><br/>Could the dates for competitions please be promulgated.</li> <li>• <b>PB</b> – Lochgelly High School have intimated that they would be willing to host further competitions in the future</li> <li>• <b>GM</b> – Discussions held around the new start for 4B &amp; NJB in relation to our own competitions also what the playing requirements will be for G3 and Juv in with the minors before the majors (Medley &amp; MSR). Discussed slightly to be further discussed at next meeting</li> <li>• <b>AD</b> – No Pipe Band competition at Perth Highland Games this year, just solo’s. The Highland Games arena at Scone Palace is also changing to the front drive rather than down at the back.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 12 | Meeting closed at: 10:03<br>Date of next meeting – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7:00pm  |  |  |