



## RSPBA North West England Branch

GM 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Padgate Community Centre.

A quorum **was** attained within one half hour after the 13:00 start time of the meeting.

### Present Officials

- C Eyre            President, Treasurer & Webmaster
- K Thacker       Vice- Chairman
- P Brown        Secretary / Director RSPBA
- T Brown        Music Board representative

### Apologies

- J Thomson      Chairman

### Bands in attendance: -

- Warrington
- Wirral
- Liverpool Scottish (Proxy)
- St. Andrew's Bolton

### Apologies: -

- None

A quorum was attained and the meeting started @ 13:20

### **Opening**

The vice chairman welcomed those present and the meeting commenced. Apologies were noted.

The GM Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> September were circulated for consideration. The minutes were accepted in full -

Proposal by Warrington

Seconded by Wirral

All others were like minded.

### **Matters Arising.**

None.

### **Treasurers Report**

There has been no movement since the last update. A draft set of accounts have been produced (paper copy was available at the meeting), these will be circulated along with the minutes for acceptance at the next meeting. A copy will be forwarded to headquarters for their records.

A letter is to be sent to all branch bands requesting payment of the £40 Levy, particularly if they are taking part in branch activities.

There is no anticipated capital expenditure due, such as trophies, stationary etc.

### **Directors Report**

The directors meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

A date will be confirmed as early as possible for the 2017 summer school. If interested keep an eye on the RSPBA web site.

Assessors and instructors notified that they would not be allowed to assess or instruct on behalf of the RSPBA after 31st October 2016 unless they have been accepted by Disclosure Scotland PVG scheme.

AP AGM will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

An offer from PSNI to present a trophy to the best band in the March Past at each major was considered and agreed.

Premises update is ongoing.

SOSC are looking at potential rule changes.

#### Finance Review:

- Fees and prize money at majors no change
- Adjudicator fees local competitions increased to £75.00 All other officials at local competitions fee increased to £50.00 Overseas adjudicators daily allowance for major championships £50.00 per day maximum 3 days.
- An honorary life member has made another contribution to the Juvenile fund It was agreed

Championship Review: Points raised were discussed and all the items raised by all the directors will be taken into consideration when the 2017 Championships are being planned.

The CEO reported the sad death of honorary life member Scottie McClean and confirmed that he would be attending the funeral with W McGregor.

There has been no feedback on the review of Band and Member registrations.

The number of bands in the NWE branch will not be known until the end of November, we need to encourage bands to join the RSPBA, and join in branch activities, use it or lose it.

## **Music Board Report**

The music board meeting was held on the 7th September and the key points were reported at the last Branch Meeting.

It has been agreed to accept 2 qualifiers from 5 qualifying Branch Competitions to the Adult Semi Final for the Worlds Solo Drumming as of 2017 up to a total of 10 places

There will be an amendment to the Juvenile playing requirements for the 2017 World Solo Drumming Competition.

The prescribed tunes available for use in the 2016/17 season are on the RSPBA website. A request to add an indication as to the scale the tune is written (Major or Minor) to the lists to aid in identifying compatible tunes is being considered.

There is to be a Pipe Major / Leading Drummers workshop later in the year to help these individuals in their choice of tunes. Please consult the RSPBA web site for details.

## **2016 Branch Competitions and Workshops.**

Until another venue is available the branch is planning the events for 2017 based on the availability of St Joseph's, Birkenhead. If you are aware of an alternative venue, please let us know for the next Branch meeting.

The entry forms are available on the NWE Branch Website.

Trios will be included as part of the Mini Band competition in place of the quartets, allowing more branch bands to participate. Drum Salute competition also included.

The Solo Drumming will take place alongside the Trios, reducing the number of times we need to request a drumming adjudicator.

Once the Solo Drumming and Trios are completed we will then run the Drum Salute and then the Minibands.

Starting at 10.00am with the Trio Piping and Minibands starting around 1.00pm, the Solo Drumming downstairs in the canteen at the same time as the Trio Piping upstairs. Any timing clashes, ie, pipers required to play for drumming and trios at the same time would be catered for. Tenor drum soloists will be allowed to use pre-recorded music if a snare drummer and piper not available.

The events are open to all branches, to increase the viability of the events and vary the competition. Within each section of the open competition, confined branch results will also be announced.

£75 (£50 and £25) prize fund available for the Drum Salute.

103 Regiment will be asked to help out on the day.

## Proposed Dates

- Solo Piping: Saturday 25th February (St Joseph's, Birkenhead)
- Solo Drumming/Trio Piping/Minibands: Saturday 8th April (St Joseph's, Birkenhead)

Once we have confirmed the venue is available for each event, we will then contact adjudicators.

To complement the event and take advantage of the adjudicators if we can, it is proposed we try and host Piping/Drumming workshops on Sunday 9th April (Padgate Community Centre, Warrington). Bolton St Andrews has asked particularly for some tuition on reed manipulation / maintenance.

Drum Majors workshop: Saturday 4th March (Padgate Community Centre, Warrington). Basic mace movements and body flourish.

## AOCB

Please consider donating Raffle prizes for the competitions.

Need to give 2 weeks' notice in newsletter and Facebook regarding meetings and events.

Need to look at additional branch / band events over and above the single workshop events. Individuals to consider what they can offer, bands to consider what input they would like, and how best this could be delivered to them. Such as attendance at one of their practices, having an open practice where members of other bands could come along and share information and play along.

At the AGM some posts are coming up for renewal, should anyone wish to stand / challenge for these posts please ensure you come along to the AGM.

Post		In Post until	
President	C Eyre	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Chairman	J Thomson	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Vice-Chairman	K Thacker	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Secretary	P Brown	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Treasurer	C Eyre	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Music Board	T Brown	<b>Dec 2016</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 AGM</b>

			<b>Prop: Warrington Pipe Band – 2004.</b> <b>Sec: Oldham Scottish Pipe Band.</b>
Director	P Brown	<b>Dec 2016</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 AGM</b> <b>Prop: Wirral Pipe Band</b> <b>Sec: Oldham Scottish Pipe Band</b>
Trophy Steward, Web Site Design and Competition Secretary	C Eyre	<b>Dec 2016</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 AGM</b> <b>Prop: Greater Manchester ACF.</b> <b>Sec: Greater Manchester Fire And Rescue</b>

Next meeting is the AGM and this will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Closed @ 14:30

P L Brown  
Secretary  
NWE Branch