



RSPBA North England Branch North West England Section

GM 27th August 2020 by Zoom Meeting.

Note this is a Report.

Present Officials

- P Brown Section Secretary.
- C Eyre Section President, Treasurer & Competition Secretary.
- T Brown Branch Music Board representative.
- K Reilly Branch Chairman.

Bands in attendance: -

- Warrington
- Wirral

No apologies received.

The meeting was advertised by Email, the Website and the Sections Facebook page. The meeting started at 8:15pm giving time for members to join the meeting.

A quorum was NOT attained, those on the call waited until 8:15 pm before progressing with a discussion.

Opening

The secretary welcomed those who joined the call, it was decided to have a discussion as we need to continue to progress the running of the sections, and look to planning ahead for the Branch and Section Annual General Meetings, and the Indoor Contests that we normally host.

Directors Report

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for the 5th September. The precis details of these meetings are available on the RSPBA Web Site.

Treasurers Report

The Solo Piping and Trio events made a surplus of £35 and £75, respectively. This was in the main generated by the support to the events along with the sale of refreshments and a large participation in the raffle.

No further expenditure is expected. As is customary a set of accounts needs to be produced from the spreadsheet maintained by the treasurer for forwarding to the RSPBA prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Following a discussion, it was felt that the NWE Section AGM should be brought forward from December so both Section AGMs are completed ahead of the Branch AGM. It was decided that we should target the 1st November 2020 at 1pm for the Section AGM and the 22nd November 2020 at 2pm for the Branch AGM.

Without a change to the current Social Distancing guidelines it is anticipated that these meetings will take place online using Zoom,

Music Board Report

The MB held a meeting on the 1st August 2020, Theresa was not present at the meeting due to other commitments. These minutes are still to go before the Board of Directors.

There is to be the 'Grade 1' online conference call on Sat 15th August at 1800h GMT.

On 30th July a MB survey of the Novice Juvenile/Grade 4B bands was undertaken using "Survey Monkey" and the RSPBA contact details for the registered bands. The survey is looking to get support for a pilot on the change to the start of a performance.

The Music Board is recommending that Indoor and Solo contest are reviewed by the Format Group in line with rule 2.16 (The Music Board is responsible for Competition format.....) to update and to have a defined set of rules and principles where local adaptations are likely to continue.

2021 NEW Section Competitions / (and workshop).

The current Government Guidance on Social Distancing and the guidance on events, is making planning for a Competition (or workshop) difficult.

There is a lack of clarity on when Bands may be able to start practicing, particularly indoors where complying with the current social distancing rules is likely to be impossible.

It was discussed at the 5th July Branch meeting that the Section would continue with its own Solo Piping contest, but we would look to having a Branch contest for the Drumming and Mini Bands, to share the costs and create a larger pool of entries to make the event viable.

Considering the uncertainty, we placed a pin in the calendar with a view to hosting our Solo Piping contest on the 13th February 2020. This is likely to be dependent on many items outside of our control: -

- People getting back to practices
- Social Distancing Rules
- Availability of premises – as to date we have used a school.
- Risk Assessment – what would we need to provide.
- Possible payment for a deep clean after our use.

The competition secretary has been working on the format of an online event. The MB believe there are several factors that need to be considered to protect the reputation of the Association and Branch / Section. This subject is to be discussed further by the MB at their next meeting.

If a traditional contest cannot be held it is hoped that an acceptable online format could be agreed by that date.

Next Section Meeting will be the Section AGM on the 1st November 2020. Please note nominations are required for the three official post that become vacant in 2020 within the Section (see table below).

Closed @ 21:05

P L Brown

Secretary

NWE Section

North England Branch Post		In Post until	
Music Board	T Brown	Dec 2022	Appointment rolled over from NWE Section on establishing the NE Branch Nov/Dec 2019; 1 st Dec 2019 Last NWE Branch AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Warrington
Music Board	C Smith	Nov 2021	Appointment rolled over from NEE Section on establishing the NE Branch Nov/Dec 2019
Regional Representative	C Smith	Nov 2021	Appointment rolled over from NEE Section on establishing the NE Branch Nov/Dec 2019
Director	K Reilly	Nov 2021	becomes North England Branch director.

North West England Section Post		In Post until	
President	C Eyre	Dec 2020	26 th Nov 2017 NWE Branch AGM Prop: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Sec: Manchester Phoenix
Chairman	K Thacker	Dec 2022	1 st Dec 2019 Last NWE Branch AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Warrington
Secretary	P Brown	Dec 2020	26 th Nov 2017 NWE Branch AGM Prop: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Sec: Manchester Phoenix
Treasurer	C Eyre	Dec 2020	26 th Nov 2017 NWE Branch AGM Prop: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Sec: Manchester Phoenix
Trophy Steward, Web Site Design and Competition Secretary	C Eyre	Dec 2022	1 st Dec 2019 Last NWE Branch AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Warrington