



RSPBA North West England Branch

Minutes of the meeting at Padgate Community Centre on 26th September 2010

P Brown	Secretary
J Thomson	Chairman
C Eyre	President, Treasurer & Webmaster
T Brown	Music Board representative
P Brown	National Council representative

Apologies were received from:-
Chorley Pipe Band

Bands represented at the GM:-

City of Sheffield Pipe Band
Wirral Pipe Band
Warrington Pipe Band 2004
Greater Manchester Pipe Band
City of Liverpool
Oldham Scottish Pipe Band

Minutes of previous meeting presented in summary

Minutes agreed.

Proposed Oldham Scottish Pipe Band
Seconded Warrington Pipe Band 2004
Voted Unanimous

Matters Arising / Ongoing / Completed from previous meetings

Nothing to carry forward.

Secretaries Reports

The branch AGM will be held on the 5th December at 1pm. The position of chairman is subject to election. Accounts to be prepared and are due to reach headquarters 14 days before the branch AGM.

Please note the RSPBA chairman has resigned.

Band membership fees to be paid to Headquarters before the end of November.

Correspondence received from a country hotel offering reduced rates for Music conferences.

Treasurers Report

Treasurers report on the year. The finances for the year have been the best for a number of years. The main savings have been on the travelling costs for adjudicators. Each of the competitions was in the main profitable (only short fall was the mini bands £32.08).

The Branch levies are payable on or before the AGM.

Music Board Report.

I have not been to any music board meetings in 2010 as meetings fell on Burns Night and our Mini Band weekend.

NI has held a pilot for dual registration lead drummers, we need feedback on how this works, to see if it will be adopted by the RSPBA.

Separation of G4 into A and B at standard G4 March competition is contrary to MB recommendations, should host a G4 MSR instead. Some branches split to 4A and 4B. This was hosted correctly at Chatsworth. MAP tunes are listed on the Web Site as well as the scores.

World Solo Drumming in 2011 may be a 2 day event.

National Council

There were only a small number of bands represented at the 2010 AGM. It is important for all bands to become involved. The move to a Company Ltd by guarantee requires the National Council to become directors, and the role of representation of the bands will fall to the Band Secretaries.

The out door season has quickly passed, bands in the branch have had mixed fortunes over the season (mainly due to drummers!!).

The National Council (and executive committee) have continued with the business of the RSPBA; managing the finance, pushing the marketing initiative (that I hope you have all seen on the web as well as the trade stand at the majors) and the media coverage of the worlds. The Music board is continuing to progress education and competition format, while the Adjudicators Management Board is looking at ensuring we have resources available to run competitions in the future.

The next meeting is on the 16th October 2010.

Branch Competitions

Trios adjudication, the trios were being chased to get to the line even when a band had consecutive trios playing. The adjudicator was a little impatient on the day. The day did not get off to a good start, new venue new procedures.

The branch events were made viable due to the Travel arrangements with NI. Solo drumming may need a separate day, need to look at the viability of a separate day if entries are high (not easy to estimate). Chris as competition secretary is to survey the bands regarding probable numbers.

The proposed dates for the branch competitions are

Solos 19th Feb 2011

Trios 26th March 2011

Mini Bands 9th April 2011

Theresa will contact possible adjudicators regarding their interest and availability, before contacting RSPBA headquarters to seek formal allocation.

Venues available for consideration are (need to look at travelling etc):-

1. SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.
2. Sedgeley Park Manchester
3. St Josephs Wirral.
4. Fire Training Centre at Chorley

Need to look at inviting bands from other branches in to the open competition

Midlands Branch normally hold a Tenor Drumming course, need to investigate if one in 2011 and could our bands attend.

AOB

Look to running a drum major day 30th April - Adrian Dunn. Theresa to contact may need a couple of sessions.

PDQB – {SQA are the examination board}. Points for college/university accreditation. College of Piping are running dual track examinations for more mature persons not seeking points for entry to university. Exam Day – Sheffield / RAF Waddington 27th Nov / 4th Dec. The branch is to plan an assessment day; bands to contact Theresa if interested.

Post the meeting it was confirmed that R Brown has left GMF&R. If we lose bands we will not have a viable branch.

Transfers (movers and leavers) – gray area with respect to registration, headquarters may not have processed the form. Various discussions on the subject if in doubt send release forms to RSPBA.

Question can we find the K Regan Memorial Trophy from Mr Andrew Markland, trophy should be returned. Write a letter to headquarters regarding location / not competing.

Duncan Henderson has disappeared with pipes and kit, need to know the location. (His registration number: 24043).

Child Protection policies do not need to be a member of the vetting barring scheme.

Next meeting 7th November 2010

14:47 meeting closed.

Paul Brown
Secretary

P L Brown
Branch Secretary
Minutes Secretary