



RSPBA North West England Branch

Notes of a discussion at Padgate Community Centre on 5th December 2010

The AGM called for the 5th December 2010 was declared void as a quorum was not attained within one half hour after the 13:00 (1PM) start time of the meeting {rule 14.1}. Five Band Representatives entitled to vote shall form a quorum at Branch Meetings.

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

Welcome

The representatives of the bands in the branch were welcomed by Jeff Thomson the branch chairman to Padgate.

Apologies were received from:-

Chorley Pipe Band
City of Liverpool Pipes and Drums
Greater Manchester Pipe Band

Bands in attendance:-

City of Sheffield Pipe Band
Oldham and Scottish Pipe Band
Warrington Pipe Band 2004
Wirral Pipe Band

While waiting for a quorum to arrive those present discussed the branch membership, as well as the possibility that the branch may lose representation at Headquarters if the membership falls below 12. Paul Brown said he had contact headquarters for the Nov 2010 details for the AGM, these had not arrived and he would chase headquarters again.

Details arrived from headquarters on 22nd Dec 2010.

Bands who have not paid their 2010/11 subscriptions:-

- 1) Bolton Scottish Pipe Band.
- 2) Greater Manchester Pipe Band.
- 3) Henderson Caledonian.

Bands in the branch who have paid their 2010/11 subscriptions:-

- 1) Chorley Pipe Band.
- 2) City of Liverpool Pipes & Drums.

- 3) City of Preston Pipes and Drums.
- 4) City of Sheffield Pipe Band.
- 5) Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Pipe Band.
- 6) Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Pipe Band – 2003.
- 7) Oldham Scottish Pipe Band.
- 8) Scots Guards Association Pipe Band Manchester.
- 9) South Cheshire Pipe Band.
- 10) Warrington Pipe Band – 2004.
- 11) West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service Pipe Band.
- 12) Wirral Pipe Band.

It is important that the paid up bands support their branch and the volunteer officials, it is now time to “**use it or loose it**”.

The 2010 AGM will take place on the 16th Jan 2011.

Treasurer – The 2010 accounts are presented for adoption. A copy has already been sent to headquarters. This has been a good year for the branch; costs have been kept to a minimum by use of adjudicators that can make use of low cost flights.

National Council – The meeting on the 4th was cancelled and rescheduled for the 8th Jan 2011. The NC continues to look at the move to a company, the 2011 season and the hosting of a summer school.

Music Board – there has been a post season meeting and grade revisions have been notified. The MB are looking at the 2011 season, a guide for 4a MAP as well as the tune list is available on the RSPBA Web Site.

Theresa was not in attendance as she was due to be attending a PDQB {piping} exam weekend with RAF Waddington (as held for turn about for the last four years).

2011 Branch Competitions.

1. Solos 19th Feb 2011
Sedgeley Park Manchester is not available. **Venue is still required so we can book an adjudicator.**
2. Solo Drumming (Snare and Tenor) 26th Feb 2011
Venue – SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.
Adjudicator: Adrian Hoy
Also on the 27th Feb 2011 there will be a PDQB Drumming examination day and workshop. Please contact Theresa for details. Exam Candidates to be notified no later than 1st Feb 2011 (Sheffield Drummers have little option).
3. Trios 26th March 2011
Venue – SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.
Adjudicator: Jim Wark
Also on 27th Mar 2010 there will be a MAP, Competition Format and Piping forum/workshop. Please contact Theresa for details.
4. Mini Bands 9th April 2011
Venue - St Josephs Birkenhead.
Adjudicators : Harry Stevenson and Ciaran Mordaunt.

Headquarters have been notified of the above dates and the availability of the adjudicators.

Branch executives for 2010/11

The holders of the posts due for election in 2010 have agreed to be considered again for a further term of office (three years). Member Bands need to approve this at the rescheduled AGM.

Post		In Post until	
President	C Eyre	Dec 2011	City of Sheffield Pipe Band Warrington Pipe Band 2004
Chairman	J Thomson	Dec 2011	City of Sheffield Pipe Band Wirral Pipe Band
Secretary	P Brown	Dec 2011	Oldham and Scottish Pipe Band Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Pipe Band.
Treasurer	C Eyre	Dec 2013	
Music Board	T Brown	Dec 2013	
National Council	P Brown	Dec 2013	
Trophy Steward, Web Site Design and Competition Secretary	C Eyre	Dec 2013	

The Pipe Band Magazine representative is Calum Brown.

Meeting close @14:00 after thanks to the Chairman for his support and input.

P L Brown
Minutes Secretary



North West England Branch
Of the RSPBA

Review of Accounts for the Year Ended
December 2010
Version 1

North West England Branch

Balance Sheet – November 2010

Assets Employed

2010

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Current Assets

Bank Account	1,553.01
Cash in Hand	<u>544.21</u>
	2,097.22

Current Liabilities

Sundry Creditors	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets	2,097.22

Accumulated funds

Balance Brought Forwards	1,349.08
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>748.14</u>
	<u>2,097.22</u>

In my opinion the Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the branch affairs as at 7th November 2010 and of the balance for the period at the end.

This report has been prepared from the details provided to the membership by the branch Treasurer. The records kept are clear and reflect the activities of the branch fully.

P L Brown

7th November 2010

North West England Branch
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ending November 2010

	2009	2010
Income		
Levy	320.00	360.00
Entry (Solos)	0.00	228.00
Drumming Clinic	210.00	0.00
Entry (Trio)	159.50	214.50
Entry (Quartet)	251.50	321.00
Door	0.00	0.00
Donation	40.00	0.00
Raffle/Teas	108.97	223.00
Total Income	1,089.97	1,346.50
Expenditure		
Hall Competition	150.00	130.00
Drumming Clinic	550.00	0.00
Adjudicator (Solo)	0.00	92.48
Adjudicator (Trio)	280.00	64.80
Adjudicator (Quartet)	454.00	311.08
Misc	0.00	0.00
Hall Hire Meetings	40.00	0.00
Expenses	25.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	1,499.00	598.36
Profit/(Loss) for Year	<i>(409.03)</i>	748.14
Income Due	0.00	0.00
Profit for 2010		748.14