



## RSPBA North West England Branch

GM held on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at Padgate Community Centre.

### *Apologies for the late issue of the Minutes*

A quorum **was** 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  
C Eyre President, Treasurer & Webmaster  
T Brown Music Board representative  
P Brown National Council representative

#### Apologies:-

T Brown Music Board representative  
J Thomson Chairman

### **Welcome**

The representatives of the bands in the branch were welcomed by Paul Brown to the Padgate community centre.

#### Apologies were received from:-

Chorley Pipe Band  
City of Liverpool Pipes and Drums

#### Bands in attendance:-

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

#### 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.
- 13) Greater Manchester Pipe Band.
- 14) Manchester Army Cadet Pipe Band

### Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. The member bands within the branch for 2011 have been confirmed (see above).

Proposed: Oldham and Scottish Pipe Band

Seconded: Wirral Pipe Band

### Treasurers Report

We are continuing to keep costs down as much as possible. Slight increase expected on last years expenditure, due to the flight times resulting in overnight hotel costs as well as hold luggage costs.

### Music Board

Theresa has not attended a meeting in 2011 (last one was on Burns Night) minutes have not been issued. The 2011 calendar has been set.

### National Council

National Council meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb when Paul was in China, minutes have not been received.

The RSPBA AGM report to band secretaries is expected to contain the Memorandum of Association as well as the Standing Orders and Rules.

There are amendments tables to the Standing Orders relating to Dual Registration and Drum Majors.

Please ensure your band is represented at the RSPBA AGM.

### **2011 Branch Competitions.**

1. Solos 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 as Oldham and Scottish Pipe Band have found us a venue (other than Sheffield or the Wirral)  
Draw to be held after this meeting.
2. Solo Drumming (Snare and Tenor) 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011  
Venue – SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.  
Adjudicator: Adrian Hoy  
Draw to be held after the solo piping.
3. Trios 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Venue – SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.  
Adjudicator: Jim Wark

Also on 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2011 there will be a MAP, Competition Format and Piping forum/workshop. Please contact Theresa for details.

4. Mini Bands, Quartet Piping and Open Solo Drumming 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **AOCB**

The next meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011, to allow for an update following the RSPBA AGM as well as the draw for the Trios.

P L Brown  
Minutes Secretary

## **Drumming**

RSPBA NW England Branch is introducing a solo tenor drumming competition. This will be held after the solo snare drumming on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Tenor drum competitors will require a piper and a snare drummer as accompaniment (can be borrowed on the day). Categories as per entry form which is available on the Branch web- site.

PDQB exams in drumming will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 9.30am.

Anyone interested in sitting the exam please notify me ([Theresa@tmacd.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:Theresa@tmacd.freeseve.co.uk)) before 27<sup>th</sup> January as exam papers need to be ordered and registrations completed and sent to HQ along with £30.00 exam fee.

Anyone sitting exams will be entitled to free lunch and attendance of the drum workshop to be held from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. (Times approx).

Anyone interested in attending the workshop only, fee will be £10.00 to include lunch, please let me know so I can arrange lunch for the right number of people.

The workshop content will be influenced by the competition the day before, and those attending the workshop. It is anticipated that everyone can benefit from the independent input available from Adrian.

Also for the first time, we are holding an Open Solo Drumming contest, ie. not confined to Branch bands, on April 9<sup>th</sup> alongside the Minibands contest. Entry forms available on the website.

### **Piping**

The Trio Piping competition will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Entry forms are on the Branch website.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Jim Wark will provide a Pipe Band Competition Workshop from 9.30am to 3.00pm (Times approx). Anyone interested in learning all aspects of what is required to take a band into the competition arena will benefit from this day. All grades will be catered for.

Cost for the day - £10.00 per person, to include lunch.