



RSPBA North West England Branch

GM 10th January 2016 at Padgate Community Centre.

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

Present Officials

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

Apologies

- J Thomson Chairman

Bands in attendance:-

- Warrington
- Wirral
- Oldham Scottish
- Manchester Phoenix
- St Andrews Bolton

Apologies:-

- None Received.

A quorum was attained and the meeting started @ 13:15

Opening

The vice chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for giving up their time to support their band and the branch.

Apologies were noted.

Members attending from the newly formed St Andrews Bolton band were introduced to those present.

The AGM and GM Minutes of the 29th November were circulated for consideration. The minutes were accepted in full on a:-

Proposal by Warrington

Seconded by Oldham Scottish

All others were like minded.

Matters Arising.

Details of the Branch Officials have been forwarded to Headquarters.

The branch membership was discussed. A couple of bands are being approached with respect to seeking their membership of the RSPBA with a view to keeping the branch a viable concern with full representation at Headquarters.

Treasurers Report

Bands are paying their Levy as the opportunity allows. The outgoings so far are for the up and coming solo competitions. (£100 + £150) The balance sheet is circa £2300.

Directors Report

Progress is steady with background activity supporting the delivery of education and competitions by the RSPBA.

For a full update remember to attend the AGM in March, or at least review the Order Paper which should be received by Band Secretaries by the end of February.

Probable Rule Changes to cover Critique sheet moving from duplicate to triplicate form and to allow the adjudicators to confer / pass comment during the contest I.e. after each band played.

Details of branch competitions are to be listed on the RSPBA website. Details of our events has been forwarded for inclusion on the website but also to all the other branch directors.

There is investigation taking place into providing more accessible and immediate communication to members using a news page on the website regarding RSPBA business. Should cover a range of topics (education, music board business, premises etc).

Ongoing business is looking at Premises (update or move), review of the web site as well as looking at membership management / registration

Music Board Report

There has not been a music board meeting since the last report was made.

The board is continuing to look at competition formats, as well as looking at extending the list of prescribed tunes.

2016 Branch Competitions.

Those present discussed progress in setting up this year's branch competitions.

All will be held at St Joseph's School, Birkenhead. The entry forms are available on our Branch website. www.eyrewaves.co.uk/rspba

This year we will not be hosting a Quartet piping competition. Instead we will be holding a Trio Piping competition on the same day as the Minibands, so allowing more branch bands to participate.

All our competitions this year are open to all branches to increase the viability of the events and vary the competition. But in each event confined branch results will also be announced.

The calendar has been forwarded to Headquarters:-

27th Feb Solo Piping

28th Feb Solo Drumming

16th April Trios and Mini Bands

17th April Drumming Workshop (at Padgate Community Centre, Warrington)

The allocation of Adjudicators Cameron Edgar and Adrian Hoy has been confirmed by Headquarters.

We are working on the adjudicator allocation for the Minibands/Trio Piping/Drum Salute.

AOCB

A question was asked regarding what piping instruction the branch would consider hosting. After a discussion it was decided to plan any event after bands come forward with their requirements.

Please bring Raffle prizes to the next meeting – all donations gratefully received.

Next GM meeting will be 21st Feb 2015 – draw for the Solo competitions.

Closed @ 14:45

P L Brown

Secretary

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