



## RSPBA North West England Branch

GM 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 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
- K Thacker Vice- Chairman
- J Thomson Chairman

### Apologies

- T Brown Music Board representative

### Bands in attendance: -

- Warrington
- Wirral
- WYFS
- Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association

### Apologies: -

- None received.

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

### Opening

The chairman welcomed those attending this Halloween weekend meeting.

It was noted that K Reilly (North East England Director) had had a minor stroke, we all wish him a speedy recovery.

The GM Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> October have been circulated. The minutes were accepted in full:-

Proposed by Warrington

Seconded by Wirral

All others were like minded.

### Treasurers Report

There have been no movements on the account. A draft set of accounts and the treasurer's spreadsheet were issued with the 1<sup>st</sup> October GM minutes. No issues have been reported.

The accounts were accepted in full:-

Proposed by Warrington

Seconded by WYFR  
All others were like minded.

A copy of the accounts to be forwarded to headquarters prior to the Branch AGM

### **Music Board Report**

The Prescribed Tunes page on the Web site has been updated as previously reported, additional tunes have now been added.

The role of Convener remains vacant until the January 2018 MB meeting.

Playing requirements for 2018:-

	1 <sup>st</sup> Major	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major	3 <sup>rd</sup> Major	4 <sup>th</sup> Major	Worlds Heats	World's Final
Grade 1	Medley	MSR	Medley	MSR	MSR	Medley
Grade 2	MSR	Medley	MSR	Medley	MSR	Medley
Grade 3	Medley	MSR	Medley	MSR	Medley	MSR
Grade Juv.	MSR	Medley	MSR	Medley		Medley

The 2018 Pipe Band Championships will take place as follows:

- British Championships - May 19th at Paisley
- United Kingdom Championships - June 16th at Belfast
- European Championships - June 30th at Forres
- Scottish Championships - July 28th at Dumbarton
- World Championships - August 17th/18th at Glasgow

The question of how do bands feel about the prescribed tunes being limited to 2/4 is ongoing. The response from our last meeting will be presented at the next MB meeting (18<sup>th</sup> Nov) - It was felt that the prescribed tune lists should be maintained, irrespective of the idiom but there could be some merit adding 4/4, 6/8 and 3/4 categories.

### **Board of Directors Report**

The next BoD meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, this is the feedback from the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 meeting.

The Education Officer is updating the list of RSPBA approved instructors. All instructors and assessors have to be PVG registered. The RSPBA PVG processes and procedures are being developed there are some outstanding job roles / profiles that need to be completed before these can be put on the web site, which will allow them to be used as a guide by Branches and Bands.

Scottish Fire & Rescue Services transferred from Glasgow West of Scotland Branch to Lothian & Border Branch.

Badenoch and Strathspey transferred from North of Scotland Branch to Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch.

Adjudicators Panel AGM is to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Possible rule change to be presented to the membership at the March AGM if desired by adjudicators to continue with the conferring after a band performance as piloted this year.

Progressing an outline plan for the 2-story refurbishment of 45 Washington Street with the architect. Roof repairs to go ahead immediately.

The bidding process has started for the Majors for 2019 onwards, it was agreed that the Renfrewshire Council bid will be accepted. Work will continue developing the other commitment in principle into formal bids with the promoters.

Fees and expenses are to remain unaltered for 2018.

Do we know if competitions are taking place in Birmingham and Ashbourne in 2018? Was advised Ashbourne is on the calendar.

### **2018 Indoor Competitions**

The chairman has written a letter of thanks to 103 Regiment for their support at this year's events.

The events are open to all branches, to increase the viability of the events and vary the competition. Within each section of the open competition, confined branch results will also be announced.

103 Regiment will be asked to help with stewarding on the day.

The entry forms will be available on the NWE Branch Website.

The venue will be St Joseph's, Birkenhead pending other premises becoming available at a reasonable cost.

The proposed dates are:-

- Solo Piping: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February (St Joseph's, Birkenhead)
- Trio Piping: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (St Joseph's, Birkenhead)
- Solo Drumming, Quartets and Minibands: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April (St Joseph's, Birkenhead). *PMs can decide on entry to Quartets and/or Mini Bands.*

Suggested Chris reviews which adjudicators we have recently used in which event, and we consider for the solos Harry Stephens, for the trios Jim Wark and possibly Cameron Edgar and Ciaran Mordaunt for the mini bands.

### **Workshops**

It was felt a further Drum Majors workshop would be useful, as a follow up to the one held earlier in the year. Need to give Calum notice of the proposed date.

Lothian and Borders are receiving a presentation / seminar to the lower grade bands, Paul to investigate and identify the subject matter with a view to the branch receiving the same information on the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.

NI Branch have requested *seminar/training day for bands in the lower grades around what adjudicators are looking for when judging at these levels* we could ask for the same presentation and perhaps ask for the ensemble review for those bands that want this specific element at a more personal level. Paul will keep an eye out on what is developing.

## AOCB

Warrington have drums available to purchase. Details to be added to web site.

Remember the next meeting is the AGM, please come and give your input. Note the are 5 posts becoming vacant: -

Post		In Post until	
President	C Eyre	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Chairman	J Thomson	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Vice-Chairman	K Thacker	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Secretary	P Brown	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Treasurer	C Eyre	Dec 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 AGM Prop: Manchester Phoenix Sec: Oldham Scottish
Music Board	T Brown	Dec 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 AGM Prop: Chorley, Croft and Culcheth Sec: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue
Director	P Brown	Dec 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 AGM Prop: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Sec: Wirral
Trophy Steward, Web Site Design and Competition Secretary	C Eyre	Dec 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 AGM Prop: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Sec: Chorley, Croft and Culcheth

Next AGM / GM meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 @ 13:00

Closed @ 14:25

P L Brown

Secretary

NWE Branch