



## RSPBA North West England Branch

GM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012 at Padgate Community Centre.

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}.

### Present Officials

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

### Apologies

- T Brown Music Board representative

### Welcome

In opening the meeting at 13:55 Jeff Thomson the branch chairman commenced the GM after a short interval following the branch AGM.

### Apologies were received from:-

- Scots Guards Association Manchester
- Bolton Caledonia
- City Of Sheffield Pipe Band

### Bands in attendance:-

- Black Thistle
- Chorley
- City of Liverpool
- Greater Manchester ACR
- Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service -2003
- Oldham Scottish
- Warrington
- Wirral
- Manchester Phoenix

### Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> November were accepted.

### Matters Arising

The RSPBA have been asked to deliver a course on Grade 4 playing requirements, selection of tunes, making sure they are right for the band capabilities as well as suitability for competition.

The initial response was for the delivery of a two and a half day programme. Theresa and I thought that this was not what we wanted as an introduction and would be possibly the next step for some bands or the branch, as more planning and cost would be involved.  
(See "Grade 4 Workshop Plan")

In actioning our feedback it is proposed to hold a single day "Introduction to MAP – A P/M's Perspective" on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 9:30 to 16:30 at Padgate.  
(See "MAP – A One Day Introduction")

Please let us make this venture a success and use it as a spring board for more education.

Chris Eyre has arranged for a Drumming Workshop to be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at the Polish Club – Oldham Scottish venue. Guidance for Grade 4 side drummers on approach for building appropriate beatings for a selection of MAP tunes.

#### Treasurers Report

As per AGM funds are currently £2,233.52. The branch levy of £40:00 per band for 2012-13 to be paid ASAP and is required if members are to participate in branch activities.

#### Directors Report

As per AGM next Directors meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

#### Music Board

No update.

#### **2013 Branch Competitions.**

Theresa and Chris have contacted several different adjudicators to come and give you their views on the standard of playing within the branch. Confirmation of adjudicator usage has been received from headquarters, travel is now being arranged.

1. Oldham Scottish Pipe Band are to host the Solo Competitions.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Solo Piping – Harry Stevenson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Solo Drumming (snare and tenor) – David Brown
2. Greater Manchester ACF are to host the Trio Piping at Holcombe Moor on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March – Jim Wark.
3. Wirral Pipe Band are to host the Mini Bands /Quartets/ Open Drumming at St Josephs, Birkenhead, on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Piping - William Garrett and Drumming – Adrian Hoy

There should be more than three entries in a category for that to go ahead. Entries are to be in 2 weeks before the competition for a decision to be made. Entry forms on website.

Raffles go down well if not all alcoholic prizes, please see what you can donate after the festive period.

## **AOCB**

Can the minutes be distributed by Email, Chris Eyre to perform a bulk delivery when they are uploaded to the website. Bands to ensure Chris has the right contact details available.

Manchester Phoenix thanked Theresa for her support in their promotion to 3B.

P L Brown  
Minutes Secretary