



RSPBA North West England Branch

GM 6th January 2019 at Padgate Community Centre.

A quorum **was** attained within 30 minutes of the 13:00 start time of the meeting.

Present Officials

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

Bands in attendance: -

- Warrington
- Wirral
- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

Apologies: -

- Manchester Phoenix
- J Thomson Chairman

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

Opening

The vice-chairman welcomed those few attending and thanked them for travelling to the venue to progress branch business. A special mention and congratulations were made to those who were on TV on New Year's Eve, Pipe Major R Brown who performed on ITV with Jane MacDonald and the Scots Guards Association who played in the Bells on Jules Hollands show.

Minutes

The AGM and GM minutes for the 2nd December having been circulated to members, were accepted in full.

Proposal by Warrington

Seconded by Wirral

All others were like minded.

Matters Arising.

The sample drum scores put on the RSPBA Web site had been looked at by some bands. If bands have any feedback pass this on to Theresa the branch MB representative.

Treasurers Report

There has been no movement in the Branch accounts since the last meeting.

The accounts have been posted on the branch web site, it was agreed a copy should be forwarded to headquarters.

Proposal by Oldham Scottish

Seconded by Wirral

All others were like minded.

Bands are due to pay their Levy of £40 for taking part in Branch Activities.

There has been no significant movement on the branch account since the December meeting, the balance being approximately £2278.75.

Directors Report

Next BoD meeting is on the 2nd February 2019.

There is nothing further to report prior to this meeting.

At this time there will be no rule changes presented at the RSPBA AGM as there has been insufficient time to get support from the members / BoD for them to be placed in the Order Paper

Music Board Report

The next MB meeting is scheduled for the 12th January 2019.

There have been requests to add additional tunes to the Prescribed Tunes list. The lists have been updated and the samples scores starting with the Marches have started to be added as completed by the Tunes Working Group.

Prescribed tunes on the web site, instructions included on how to request tunes for consideration, some drum scores also to be added, and that these are guides for the use of the Bands.

The branch could do with a geographical representative on the Pipe Band College.

2019 Branch Competitions / (and workshop).

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. The entry forms are available on the NWE Branch Website.

There was little feedback received by the competition secretary supporting the Oldham Scottish proposal to have the drumming solos at their venue the day after the Solo Piping.

We would look to hold a workshop using the piping adjudicator the day following the solo piping (at Oldham or Warrington depending on premises availability).

The solo piping has been adjudicated by Harry Stevenson or Cameron Edgar since 2013, there was a request for us to use someone different.

We have approached Jim Campbell (who has adjudicated in our branch once back in 2009) as an adjudicator for the Solo Piping and who could run a workshop (covering basic piping, maintenance, tune selection and where to go with education – the content to be driven by those attending).

The proposed dates are:

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Solos – 9th Feb 2019 to be held in Oldham (practice venue of Oldham Scottish)

Trios – 2nd March 2019 to be decided

Mini Band, Quartet and Solo Drumming (possible full band) – 27th April 2019 to be held at St Joseph's Birkenhead (Wirral Pipe Band)

Theresa to forward contact details for Chris so he can arrange transport. Chris to confirm the premises are available with Oldham for both the Solos and Workshop.

Theresa (and Paul) to look at adjudicator options for the Trios and Mini Bands.

AOCB

Please Recycle Unwanted Gifts as Raffle Prizes.

Meeting Closed 14:05

Next GM Saturday 10.30am at the Polish Club, Oldham, before the Solo Piping starts at 12 noon. (At the meeting the date was fixed for Sunday 10th February 2019 at 13:00 but we have had to change it.)

P L Brown
Secretary
NWE Branch