



## RSPBA North West England Branch

Minutes of the meeting at Padgate Community Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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

Apologies were received from:-  
Chorley Pipe Band (A Paton)

Bands represented at the GM:-  
City of Sheffield Pipe Band  
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Pipe Band.  
Oldham Scottish Pipe Band  
Warrington Pipe Band 2004  
Wirral Pipe Band

### **Minutes of previous meeting presented in summary**

Minutes agreed.

Proposed: Oldham Scottish Pipe Band  
Seconded: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Pipe Band.  
Voted: Unanimous

### **Matters Arising / Ongoing / Completed from previous meetings**

Henderson Caledonian and the Warrington G3 band will not be renewing their membership of the RSPBA, a sad loss to the branch however a sign of the times. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Pipe Band are to register a new G4 band in 2010.

W Ferguson Trophy is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April by Lothian and Borders, candidates to be notified to branch at the next meeting.

### **Secretaries Reports**

Competition dates notified to headquarters, will arrange adjudicators now the dates have been fixed.

### **Treasurers Report**

As per the AGM

### **Music Board Report.**

G4 requirements – at music board was stated GMFRS requested clarification of map tunes. There is a possibility that headquarters are confusing Greater Manchester Pipe Band (GMPB) and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS).

It is proposed that we hold a PDQB workshop to provide basic theory on Levels 1+2 along with a candidate assessment. This would be followed with further workshops after a period of self study. Then an exam weekend could be arranged.

### **National Council**

Nothing to add to the AGM.

### **AOB**

Competitions :-

Solo Piping 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Trio Piping 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Mini Bands, Quartets, Solo Drumming 10<sup>th</sup> April.

(The Trios and Minibands will both include a G4 MSR contest in addition to the existing G4 March contest)

Draw:-

7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Solo Piping

7<sup>th</sup> March – Trio Piping

28<sup>th</sup> March – Mini Bands, Quartets, Solo Drumming.

Trophies to be reviewed, look at using medals for new/one off events.

No unauthorised raffles etc on the day other than branch approved as these are branch events and we need the revenue.

Obtain raffle prizes (unwanted Xmas gifts) so we can raise funds. R. Brown of GMFRS to write to suppliers with regards to gifts for the events.

Meeting closed at 15:05.

Next meeting will be the on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2010. All bands please send representation.

P L Brown  
Branch Secretary  
Minutes Secretary