



RSPBA North West England Branch

Minutes of the meeting at Padgate Community Centre on 7th November 2010

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

Oldham Scottish Pipe Band

Bands represented at the GM:-

City of Sheffield Pipe Band

Wirral Pipe Band

Warrington Pipe Band 2004

Greater Manchester Pipe Band

Minutes of previous meeting presented in summary

Minutes agreed.

Proposed Warrington Pipe Band 2004

Seconded Greater Manchester Pipe Band

Voted Unanimous

Matters Arising / Ongoing / Completed from previous meetings

The points from the previous minutes will be discussed at the relevant section in the minutes.

Secretaries Reports

The RSPBA responded with contact details for the two members following our enquiries. The details held are no different to the last details available to the bands concerned.

Treasurers Report

The accounts are being reviewed and a copy will be sent to headquarters. The finances for the year have been the best for a number of years. The main savings have been on the

travelling costs for adjudicators. Each of the competitions was in the main profitable (only short fall was the mini bands £32.08).

The Branch levies are payable by bands on or before the AGM.

Music Board Report.

Meeting on 2nd October, only 2 bands downgraded from G1 to G2, a lot of bands moved up. No impact on this branch or English bands.

The Grade 4 competition split has been correctly implemented in England. A few promoters in Scotland split the G4 into separate A and B competitions and this is not what was intended.

There will be a summer school held in 2011, possibly at George Watson College from 17th July.

The Music Board have issued a document “ performance of MAP in RSPBA Contests”, this has been expanded to include the G4 MSR.

20th November 2010 is the next meeting, please contact Theresa with any points that need to be raised.

National Council

Last meeting held on 16th October 2010.

The vice Chairman will act as Chairman until the AGM. Bands should consider their representation at the AGM, both Branch and RSPBA, as they need to be involved in the decision making, particularly the nomination and voting in of officials that will act on their behalf.

The branch AGM will be on the 4th of December 2010, unless the RSPBA management have a specific message they need to make to the attendees, I will advise headquarters they do not need to attend our Branch AGM this year.

The NC are progressing with the business of the association, reviewing the 2010 season with a view to improving the problems in the 2011 season (mainly associated with the organisation and running of the majors).

Adjudicator and Education requirements are being reviewed on a number of fronts. How do we obtain new adjudicators and train them, running of training for the SQA Piping and Drumming qualifications, through headquarters, branches and bands.

A number of the rules in the constitution are to be reviewed in light of events that have occurred in the season to make them easier to understand for both the bands and the officials.

The 2010 AGM allowed the RSPBA to progress to be a company; there is still some way to go. The Band Secretaries will hold the band vote at the AGM. The current proposals do not change the status of individual bands and their own charitable status.

Details of 2011 events will be posted on the RSPBA web site.

Branch Competitions

There will be a couple of Drum Major days held at Sheffield, Theresa to arrange venue and advertise when she has spoken to Adrian Dunn.

Theresa spoke to the adjudicators from last year, they would be more than willing to attend. Need to confirm details before contacting headquarters.

The proposed dates for the branch competitions are

1. Solo Piping: 19th Feb 2011 - Sedgeley Park Manchester
2. Solo Drumming, (snare drum – Novice and Intermediate), (Tenor drum - open):
26th Feb 2011 – SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.
3. Trios 26th March 2011 – SYF&R Training Centre Sheffield.
4. Mini Bands and Solo Drumming (snare - Open): 9th April 2011 - St Josephs Birkenhead.

Need to look at inviting bands from other branches in to the open competition (both band and solos)

AOB

There is a new Registration form for secretaries on the RSPBA web site.

Paul Brown
Secretary