



## RSPBA North England Branch North West England Section

GM 1st December 2019 at Padgate Community Centre.

### Present Officials

- P Brown      Section Secretary
- C Eyre      Section President, Treasurer & Webmaster
- K Thacker    Section Chairman
- T Brown      Branch Music Board representative

### Bands in attendance: -

- Warrington
- Wirral
- Manchester Phoenix

### Apologies

- City of Manchester Pipe Band

A quorum was present and the meeting started at 14:30

### **Opening**

The new NEW Section Chairman welcomed all those present to the General Meeting

The GM Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 were circulated. The minutes were accepted in full on a:

Proposal by Warrington

Seconded by Wirral

All others were like minded.

### **Treasurers Report**

Update as per reported at the NWE Branch AGM.

### **Directors Report**

Update as per reported at the NWE Branch AGM.

Board Members were reminded that 2020 is the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association.

Articles of Association Review is progressing, the final details to be included in the order paper have yet to be verified. Draft details from the Standing Orders and Steering Committee were circulated at the meeting.

### **Music Board Report**

Update as per reported at the NWE Branch AGM.

### **2020 Playing Requirements**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Major	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major	3 <sup>rd</sup> Major	4 <sup>th</sup> Major	Worlds Heats if required Friday	World's heats Saturday if required	World's Finals
Grade 1	Medley	MSR	Medley	MSR	MSR/Medley		MSR/Medley
Grade 2	MSR	Medley	MSR	Medley		MSR	Medley
Grade 3A/3B	Medley	MSR	Medley	MSR		Medley	MSR
Grade Juv.	MSR	Medley	MSR	Medley		N/A	Medley
Grade 4A N/J A	MSR	MSR	MSR	MSR		MSR	MSR
Grade 4B N/J B	2/4 March	2/4 March	2/4 March	2/4 March		2/4 March	2/4 March

- (1) Grade 4A & Nov/ Juv. A- 4 Parts of March, Strathspey & Reel either 4 parted or 2 x 2 Parts each from the prescribed tunes list.
- (2) Grade 4B & Nov. Juv. B – 4 x 2 parts of 2/4 Marches from the prescribed tunes list

### **2020 NEW Section 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 section results will also be announced. The entry forms are available on the NWE Website.

Venues continue to be sought. It is envisaged we will be able to hold some in Manchester however provisionally St Josephs, Birkenhead has been booked.

Chris will contact Cameron regarding his availability for adjudication and to see if he has recommendations for others who may be interested. They will be contacted and requested to be allocated through headquarters.

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Solo Piping.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Trio Piping.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Solo Drumming, Drum Salute, Quartet Piping and Mini Bands

Local Rule Changes for our indoor contest were confirmed.

1. In the Trio Piping, Quartet Piping and Miniband events the Pipe Major is now allowed to play in as many times in any grade as required. *The limit as to how many times a Piper Major could play has been removed.*
2. In the Solo Piping, pipers entering the A Grade MSR, Hornpipe and Jig events will only need one set of tunes which must be submitted in advance with their entry form. *Removes the need to specify two sets, allowing those who are above the B grade standard to enter where they did not have two sets to offer.*

A workshop / contest extension centred around obtaining feedback on a full band performance. It was felt getting just a set of critique sheets at the end of a long day might not be that beneficial.

The aim is to check / advise on the bands development, and as such it would be better to get adjudicator(s) to work with the band for a dedicated period. This would need to be worked up on a Band basis where premises (Padgate) could be booked and the costs / time be shared between those Bands wanting to participate. Paul to see if outreach would offset some of the cost, also look if the college "Pipe Band Musicianship" had something to offer.

#### **From 2019 – still valid**

Theresa ([theresamacd@hotmail.com](mailto:theresamacd@hotmail.com)) and Chris ([riperpiper@hotmail.com](mailto:riperpiper@hotmail.com)) have agreed to support bands training / education needs by passing on skills and knowledge to teach piping and drumming basic skills, pointing individuals and bands in the right direction prior to going to the next step formal education through Headquarters.

Bands can then request formal training / dedicated time through the "Outreach Programme" and Pipe Band College assigned Instructors, subject to meeting the costs involved.

#### **AOCB**

Happy Christmas And New Year to ALL.

Please bring Raffle prizes (recycled Christmas presents) to the next meeting – all donations gratefully received.

Next Section GM meeting will be 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 13:00

Closed @ 15:15

P L Brown  
Secretary  
NWE Section