



RSPBA North England Branch North West England Section

AGM 4th December 2022 by Zoom Meeting.
Note this is a Report. Produced 15th Feb 2023

Present Officials	
P Brown	Section Secretary.
C Eyre	Section President, Treasurer & Competition Secretary.
Vacancy	Section Chairman.

Bands in attendance: -

- Scots Guards Association Manchester.

Notice was given that the Annual General Meeting of the North West Section, North of England Branch of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association would be held on the 4th December 2021 following the 30th October 2022 Extraordinary Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was advertised by Email, the Website and the Sections Facebook page.

The meeting started at 13.15pm giving time for members to join the 13:00pm meeting.

The intent of the meeting was to consider the future of the Section due to lack of participation / engagement by the members and any progress made following the 30th October EAGM.

A quorum was NOT attained. The meeting progressed with those present to enable matters discussed to be reported.

Opening

The secretary welcomed those who joined the meeting.

Those present had a brief discussion on the section's activities, and progress taking place within their Bands.

The Pipe Major of Warrington (Jonathan) had attempted to obtain feedback from the Pipe Majors of Bands in the Section, he had informed the President (Chris) that he had received only three responses, and these were mixed but contained no support from members wishing to step forward to take up a committee post.

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All the office bearer posts within the Section become vacant at the 2022 AGM, the current incumbent post holders remained reluctant to remain in post without positive support from the Bands and Members of the Northwest England Section.

Discussion continued how to move forward, after discussing several options it was agreed that the Bands who remain in the association would be best served by North of England Branch as there is little support for the Section, as evidenced by attendance at the meetings Scheduled over the last couple of years.

It was agreed the Section would be moth balled in the absence of any committee stepping forward to manage the bands as a separate entity, as the core is now below critical mass, and it is difficult to move forward.

As previously reported there has been no income or expenditure incurred by the Section over the last two year.

Generally, on winding up any funds would go to a similar organisation or parent body. It was thought this action should not be completed hastily; it was recommended that the funds could be used in support of a combined North of England Branch Indoor Contest.

This would be a variation to the 7th November 2021 aspiration of the Section planning to continue with its own Solo Piping contest and were looking to having a Branch contest for the Drumming and Mini Bands, to share the costs and create a larger pool of entries to make the event viable at a central location.

A single contest could allow the Section Trophies to continue to be awarded to those bands from the West who participate in the Branch event, or the Branch could look to hold two events one in the East and one in the West. The involvement of Chris and Paul in this would need to be agreed by the Branch.

It was agreed the North of England Branch Chairman and Association Chairman would be notified of this decision.

Closed @ 14:00

P L Brown

Secretary

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