

WELLINGTON HAWKES BAY



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The Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Hawkes Bay Pipe Band Centre was held on Saturday, 9 September, 2006, at the Secretary's residence, 7 Woburn Place, Palmerston North. The President, Mr Mark Weir, welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Mr R. Todd, Mrs S. Harry, Mrs N. Norman, Mr J. Frater, Mr F. Clark, Mr G. Hibbert, Mr A. Campbell, and Mr B. Treadwell.

Those present included Mrs S. Hancock, Mr D. Corkill, Mr & Mrs G. Weir, Mr R. Irvine, Ms E. Berry, Mr I. Mansfield, Mrs C. Loveridge, Mr K. Tobin, Mr M. Galloway, Mrs M. Marshall, Mr M. Weir, and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were approved. (Mr G. Weir/Mr D. Corkill).

The Annual Report was received and adopted. (Mr M. Weir/Mr K. Tobin). Mr Weir was thanked for his energy on behalf of the Centre, and the Pipe Band movement.

The Financial Report was tabled. The accounts will be audited in due course. It was considered that there were no issues outstanding. (E. Berry/M. Marshall)

The Election of Officers followed.

Patron:	Mr R. Todd	(Mr M. Weir/Mr K. Tobin)
President:	Mr M. Weir	(Mr R. Irvine/Mrs M. Marshall)
Vice Presidents:	Mr R. Irvine Mr K. Tobin	(Mr G. Weir/Mrs M. Marshall) (Mr G. Weir/Mrs M. Marshall)
Secretary:	Mrs B. Hamilton	(Mrs M. Marshall/Mr K. Tobin)
Treasurer:	Ms E. Berry	(Mr K. Tobin/Mrs M. Marshall)
Auditor:	Mrs M. Hawkes	(Mrs B. Hamilton/Ms E. Berry)
Centre Chief Judge:	Mr G. Weir	(Mr D. Corkill/Mr K. Tobin)
Education Officer:	Mr M. Galloway	(Mr R. Irvine/Mr G. Weir)
Publicity Officer:	Mr R. Irvine	(Mr D. Corkill/Mrs M. Marshall)

General Business:

Secretarial Expenses were set at \$500.00.

Treasurers Expenses were set at \$100.00.

(Mr. G. Weir/Mr R. Irvine)

Subscriptions:

Decisions taken at the 2005 AGM mean that Band Subscriptions of \$50.00 per annum take effect from this point. Centre Contest Entry fees will be \$75.00 in the coming year. Band Subscriptions will not rise in the 2007 year. (Mr K. Tobin/Mr D. Corkill)

School Bands are required to pay half the full Band Subscription, which means they will now pay \$25.00. (Ms E. Berry/Mrs M. Marshall)

Associate Membership will rise to \$25.00 now. (Mr K. Tobin/Ms E. Berry)

Flowers are to be presented to Mrs Hawke for auditing the Financial Report.

Youth Band:

The decision in principle to maintain an Education levy was supported.

It was noted that the majority of bands took up the opportunity to use the Vouchers to support members attending the Youth Band Camp. It was decided to proceed with this concept.

A reciprocal combined Youth Band Camp may well be on the agenda for the coming year. It is anticipated that we will meet Central North Island Youth Band for this event.

Any feedback on the Youth Band camps would be valued. It would be good to know if what is being done is useful, and is supporting the bands. We would like to know what else we could be doing..... The emphasis is on trying to teach the concepts rather than specific tunes. Please let us know whether we are fulfilling your band's needs, expectations....

The AGM finished at 1.37pm.

After a short break the meeting reconvened for a **Centre General Meeting.**

Apologies were taken as the same as for the AGM.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed. (Mr D. Corkill/Mrs M/ Marshall)

Correspondence:

Information from RNZPBA, Centre Minutes, PB Foundation, Mr G. Hibbert.

Letters of congratulation were sent to Mrs S. Purvis and Mr R. Macdonald in recognition of recent honours.

A letter was sent to the Drones and Sticks club in Napier inviting attendance at Centre events.

Finance:

Accounts were ratified for payment. (Ms E. Berry/Mrs M.Marshall)

Subscriptions have been received from most bands.

All Bands are to be asked for email addresses so that information can be sent to a wider audience.

Reports:**Education:**

Youth Band Camp is to be held 27-29 October at Otaki Bridge Lodge. The Band will perform on the Sunday. It should be remembered that all band members are invited to attend. The more people able to help out, the better the experience! We are looking for suggestions from bands as to useful tunes to add to the repertoire, and for focus points....so please let us know!!!

Some discussion followed concerning the recent Grant to the RNZPBA which is to be spent on Education and working with our youth. Further information is required about the parameters of

the management of this fund before any firm plans can be set in place. Our location makes us a good venue for a North Island School/Tutorial/Workshop of some sort.

Centre Contest 2007

Venue and Date: Upper Hutt, Trentham Memorial Park, 24 February.

Contest committee under construction.

Now we know the venue we can tweak the arrangement of boards a little. Fine tuning will be applied to timing of events, and the Street March.

The draft programme will be discussed at the November meeting.

Bands who are low on numbers in one discipline are encouraged to take part.

Our Centre Dates are to be listed in the Pipe Band Magazine.

Roll Call of Centre Bands:

Feilding: (Mrs S. Cotton.) Having a quiet winter, but have a full season planned. Juvenile Band as well as main competing band.

Tawa & Districts (Mr G. Weir) Winter programme under way. Enthusiastic team. Renovating hall. Plan to attend Centre contest and may go to Paeroa, but probably not Dunedin.

It was noted that three bands have been approached to participate in a tattoo scheduled for November 3 in Wellington.

Scots College (Mr R. Irvine) Regular band practices and parades. Band in good heart. Playing new set.

Napier (Mr I. Mansfield) Rebuilding, after the winter.

Rangitikei Scots (Mrs C. Loveridge) Winter programme under way. Received money from a trust recently. Plan to compete at Centre and perhaps at Paeroa. Involved in the "Shepherd's Shimozzle" in October, and the Targa rally.

City of Hastings Pipe Band (Mr K. Tobin) Concert at Opera House a great success. Lindisfarne P.B. performed. Blossom Parade coming up. The band is looking at a full season including Dunedin.

NZ Police (Mr M. Galloway) Having a well earned break after their tour. Setting the schedule for next year which includes a full contesting season and another trip to the Worlds.

City of Wanganui (Mrs. M. Marshall) RSA has supported the band with funds to refurbish the drums. Recent reunion brought people back from distant places and brought in donations. Josh Dean helping with drumming tuition. Intend to compete at the Centre contest.

City of Wellington (Mr M. Weir) Band undergoing a reshuffling. Not sure what the year ahead holds competitively.

General Business:

In terms of promoting the Centre, it may well be a useful idea to link a pipe band event to a local festival. A full contest may not be necessary, as a performance event could be run effectively.

Feilding Promotions is keen to promote a pipe band event within a festival weekend..... lots of people around would mean good exposure....

All Music Judges should have a copy of the Music Judges Manual. Contact Association Executive Officer J. Harrison for your copy. Bands should have one as a reference, the Secretary suggests.

Conference Report:

Remits discussion broadly reflected this Centre's discussion. Several of the remits were considered to have several parts and it was suggested that redrafting would be useful in gaining maximum support for the good ideas. Remits will come to Bands in October and need voting upon by November. Some decisions will affect the organisation of the Dunedin Contest.

The AGM of the RNZPBA Foundation saw Mrs M. Marshall elected to the position of Director, and also to undertake the role of Secretary.

The next meeting of this Centre will take place at the Secretary's home on 11 November, commencing at 11.00am. Attendees are invited to bring lunch to eat during the meeting.

Dates for the next year:

Meeting 11 November
Centre Contest 24 February
Dunedin 10 March
Meeting 16 June
Remits meeting 18 August
Conference 1 September
AGM 15 September
Meeting 10 November

Discussion arose around the concept of a workshop for tutors. Providing motivational support, confidence building, providing varieties of methods of teaching was considered a useful suggestion. What do you think? Would you like to participate? Let us know.....

The meeting ended at 3.55pm.

The Secretary

RNZPBA Conference Notes:

Remits:

Remit 1 was broadly supported.
Remit 2: intention is to ensure competent judging panels. Focus is to attract people to acquire judging skills. This remit addresses two issues.
Remit 3 dispensation is available. Lessons learned from the Hamilton Contest should make this less necessary. Not favoured.
Remit 4 This is really 2 remits. Support for part A.
Remit 5 This is a consequential change following Remit 4
Remit 6 Concern that this would lead to a lowering of the standards
Remit 7 Broadly supported.
Remit 8 Clarification supported
Remit 9 This remit has several parts. Some scheduling concerns raised re additional time required for Street March
Remit 10 Not supported. Other forms of sun protection available

- Remit 11 Issue of grading could be separated from amendments. Support for parts of this remit.
- Remit 12 Broad concept of 2 “qualifying pools” for bigger grades was supported. Discussion about numbers in each pool and in final.

The **guest speaker** at Conference was Mr Tony Gill, from the Community Trust.

His tips for successful application included:

1. Effective planning.

Prioritise activities. Plan what expenditure is coming up.

Research what portion of a fundraising programme each charity is likely to be interested in supporting. For instance some Trusts support accommodation while others support travel.

2. Submit past receipts. Account for money spent. This is very important. Show how else you are raising money.
3. Fill in the form properly and fully.
4. Allow time for processing of the application. Allow 6 weeks. Events due to take effect in 3 months is the foreseeable future in Trust terms.
5. Network with local publicans. They like to know money is being spent locally, and that the region is benefiting from funds generated locally.
6. If you need \$10,000.00, don't submit the same application to 4 trusts. Divide expenses into bite-size amounts and approach each trust for a specific portion. Define what you want each application to achieve, i.e. how the portion gained from each trust will contribute to the big picture. Tell each trust what you have requested from the other trusts so they can see the big picture being put together.
7. Don't be afraid to seek advice and resubmit. It is a fluid industry. When your application is being reviewed, money may be scarce, but resubmission may well hit a time when funds are available.
8. The Pipe Band movement was thought to be a sitting duck for funds. It is seen to provide opportunities for children and the community. Pipe Bands add value to community events, and are thus visible in the community. Education of youngsters to enable participation in this organisation is seen as a valuable asset to a community.

Conference discussion:

Hamilton Contest committee debrief was frank, honest and very useful in providing reflection on delivery of a two day contest. The Association was presented with a cheque for \$26,500.00. Wonderful profit.

Dunedin – planning is advancing as fast as possible. Street March will be on the Saturday. Grades 4,3,2 Sets and Medleys on Friday.

2008 National Contest in Papakura - venue may well be Bruce Pulman Park, second weekend in March.

2009 National Contest – an application has been received from Canterbury.

Summer School 2007 180 enrolments have been received. Queenslanders will be shadowing administrators to learn how this event is run. (Will our summer school be the next pavlova?)

There was some discussion around the opportunities available to Centres to use funds provided through the generous grant received by RNZPBA.

This was probably one of the most useful Conferences I have attended. I hope you find these notes interesting and useful.

The Secretary.

