

**WELLINGTON
HAWKES BAY**



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The third Centre meeting for 2007 was held on Saturday 19 August, 2007, at the Secretary's residence, 7 Woburn Place, Palmerston North, and commenced at 11.00.

Those in attendance included Mrs S. Harry representing Scots College P.B. and Corps of Drum Majors, Mrs C. Loveridge representing Rangitikei Scots P.B., Mr D. Corkill representing Feilding & Districts P.B., Mr P. Blacklock representing P & D. of Horowhenua, Mr F. Clark representing Red Hackle P.B., the Patron Mr R. Todd, Publicity Officer Mr R. Irvine, Mrs W. Weir representing Red Hackle P.B., Chief Judge Mr G. Weir, Mr K. Tobin representing City of Hastings P.B., Mr T. Clark-Stewart representing P & D of Palmerston North and Wairarapa Fern & Thistle P.B., Mr C. Berry representing City of Wellington P.B., Ms T. Dewhurst representing City of Wellington P.B., Mr J. Berry representing Marton & Districts P.B., and Mrs M. Marshall representing city of Wanganui P.B. along with the Secretary and the President.

The President welcomed those assembled for this meeting. A minute of silence was observed for Mr Tom Edwards, a drummer with the NZ Police Pipe Band who died in a traffic accident recently.

Apologies were accepted from Mr E. Robertson, Mrs S. Hancock, Mr T. Wilce, Ms E. Berry. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Correspondence was listed and accepted.

Bands are reminded that Delegates attending Centre meetings should have written accreditation from the Band with them.

Financial Report: Mr Barry Law has supported Elaine in keeping the Centre books in order. The Centre is very grateful for his support.

Our kind thoughts are with Elaine at this time.

Mrs Marshall is to arrange fruit and chocolates to be sent to Elaine.

This meeting recommended that Mr Irvine investigate the possibility of awarding Life Membership to Elaine in gratitude for her exceptional services to the Centre as a dedicated Treasurer.

It was noted particularly that the sponsorship money promised by the Upper Hutt City Council for the 2007 Centre Contest has not been received by the Centre.

Reports:

Centre Band Camp 28/29/30 September @ Scots College

Bands still have 2 vouchers to use to send people to Centre Band Camp. The expiry has been extended to enable them to be used for this camp. (R.Todd, D.Corkill)

Therefore the costs per person to attend camp are as follows:

The first two people from a band attending will each provide a voucher plus pay \$40.00.

Further bands members attending will pay \$100.00 each.

It was moved (M.Weir, G. Weir) that the \$250.00 deposit be paid to Scots College for the Band Camp.

Registrations should go out this week. All Bands are advised to keep an eye out for these and disseminate this information and encourage interest.

Leaders' Seminar:

M. Weir will phone the Education Officer, Robyn Forbes, and discuss the date, time and venue for the seminar. It is very difficult for attendance from far flung corners of this Centre. It is hoped there may be the opportunity to reschedule this meeting at a time and venue more suitable for this Centre's geography.

Pub Charity Funding:

The Taranaki Centre Day was successful.

Expenditure /receipts need to be returned to Mr J. Harrison.

It was suggested that this fund should subsidise all attendees at the Band Camp by \$40.00. Tutors at the Band Camp should have travel reimbursed.

Centre Contest 23 February, 2008 @ Upper Hutt

Bands will receive an entry form and information shortly.

Judges are being finalised. It is hoped that a judge from Australia will be able to attend with airfare and accommodation paid for by the sponsors, Upper Hutt City Council.

The road will be closed for the Street march.

An extra caravan will be provided for the Secretarial staff.

It is hoped that a social event may conclude the day.

The Performance event is an opportunity for a band to gain through inclusion of all band members in a public performance. Although it was suggested that Grade 1 & 2 would probably like to play the item not drawn earlier in the day, lower Graded bands can use this event to perform any music. The hope is to encourage bands to perform in public. Bands will be asked to indicate whether they will perform in this event when they fill out their entry form.

Mr G. Weir presented the Contest Rules for Centre Contests and it was moved (M. Marshall, S. Harry) that these rules be adopted.

Roll Call of Centre Bands:

City of Hastings – K. Tobin – Bruce McLaren is new President

Red Hackle – F. Clark – Band going well. Regular parades. Will do tattoo. New banners

P & D of Horowhenua – P. Blacklock – Ball in 2 weeks. Band hoping to go to Papakura. 12+ pipers – looking good.

Feilding & Districts – D. Corkill - intend going to all contests. Need new members.

Rangitikei Scots – C. Loveridge – slow time, numbers down. Delighted with new kilts. Going to tattoo. Requests for another garden day, but likely to become biennial event.

Marion & Districts – J. Berry – “winter paddock” – fortnightly practices at present.

W.W.C. & T Reg – J. Berry – not competing at present. Playing at Inglesides. New drums.

City of Wellington – C. Berry – building up. Music in place for competitions ahead. No 2 Band will meet Tuesday 19 September.

Scots College – S. Harry – good tour, learnt a lot. Attended Shotts & Dykehead practice, piping schools etc...inspirational for the boys.

General Business:

Remits were discussed. Bands are urged to have their say about these. Exercise your voting rights.

Charitable Trust Document:

To be further tweaked and circulated for Bands to ratify at the AGM.

Constitution:

Likewise to be tweaked and tidied and circulated in preparation for AGM.

Mrs Marshall tabled the information on Insurance policies/cover for Centre Bands. The opportunity is there to save at least 30% of costs. It was suggested that the agent preparing this document be invited to speak at the Centre AGM.

The remarkable success of the Manawatu Scottish Society Pipe Band at the recent World Championships was noted. The band gained first place in the qualifying round, and 9th place in the final. In this placing they beat one of the pre-qualified bands and gained a 5th and 6th placing in piping.

The recent successful tour of Scotland by Scots College Pipe Band was also noted. The superb experience gained by the band will stand them in good stead in their futures.

The contact details of the kilt maker (recommended by Rangitikei Scots and John Patterson) are as follows:

St Kilda Retail Australia
Karen and Doug Manger
166 Giebe Road
P.O.Box 796
Booval Qld4304

Ph (07) 3282 0031

It was noted that the Hamilton Gardens contest is to be held on November 25.

The web address distributed by Mr F. Clark, who displayed a dirk bought for \$25.00, is www.discountcutlery.net

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the **Manawatu Scottish Society Hall** on Saturday 15 September, commencing at 11.00a.m.

The Secretary
Briar Hamilton