

# WELLINGTON HAWKES BAY



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The final meeting of 2006 was held at the Secretary's residence, 7 Woburn Place, Palmerston North, on Saturday 11 November, commencing at 11.00am.

The President, Mr Mark Weir, welcomed everyone present.

**Apologies** noted included Mrs S. Harry, Mrs S. Hancock, Mrs M. Lister, Mr F. Clark, and Mr P. Blacklock.

The assembly stood to remember Mr G. Hibbert (Life Member) and Mrs M. Scachill who had passed away recently.

**The Minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted. (Mr G. Weir / Mr R. Irvine).

**Correspondence** included information from RNZPBA, 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. WWCT Reg seeking membership of the Centre, and apologies from the Drones & Sticks Club Pipe Band.

Application for membership by the Battalion Band was accepted. (Mr J. Berry / Mr R. Irvine).

Correspondence was received. (Mr E. Wilce/ Mr B. Treadwell)

**The Financial Report** followed. The books having just been returned from the Auditor, a statement will be included in the Minutes. Reimbursements to the Secretary and the Treasurer were approved (Mrs M. Marshall / Mr K. Tobin) It was noted that two bands have subs outstanding, and that the Regiment Band has paid \$20.00 Associate members' fee. The Financial Report was approved (Mr G. Weir / Mr R. Todd)

## **Reports followed.**

### **Education:**

Mr Galloway reported that the last camp booked did not proceed through lack of numbers. The booking fee of \$320.00 cannot be sustained regularly.

A wide ranging discussion focussed initially on whether the 'product' was the most appropriate for Bands in this Centre, and whether we should be aiming at 'learners' rather than limiting through age to 'youth'. Should we be calling it a Development Camp? There was a strong feeling that education should not be available only to youth, and that the focus should be on education rather than youth.

Repertoire choices should ideally reflect RNZPBA website music. The original incentive of the Youth Band was to give learners a broader picture of banding. Perhaps a series of camps or workshops with specific purposes outlined during planning would be most useful.

Bands are encouraged to apply for funding to support their personnel attending Camps. Bands should contact Malcolm Galloway with feedback, or inform Centre Delegates of the needs of the Band they represent.

Bands need to inform delegates and/or attend the Centre Meeting to discuss the timing of camps, the formulation of a programme for camps in 2007..... Headings for consideration could include timing, Incentive for sending people, range of age attending, topics you want taught, .....

Have your say!

**Centre Contest Saturday, 24 February, 2007** will be held at Trentham Park in Upper Hutt, and will be incorporated into the festival being held there that day. It has been designated the North Island Centre contest component of the proposed Champion of Champions Band Contest.

After some discussion it was suggested that the Street March be the first event of the day, and that it be arranged slightly differently from last year. Tuning areas should be further away from performance areas if possible. The March past was a good prelude to the Massed Bands. It is hoped that a Judge will sound record comments during the performance event again.

A "Time Window" concept will be trialled for the music events. Bands will have a window of opportunity in which to move to the performance arena and completely perform their event before their "window" ends. If a band has not commenced their performance in adequate time to complete within their "window" they will not be able to perform in that event. Lateness will result in default.

#### **Roll Call of Bands in the Centre:**

Tawa & Districts – Gus Weir - the band hopes to attend Paeroa, but will not get to Dunedin. Played at the recent Tattoo in Wellington, and the hall is being refurbished. Parades leading into Christmas are keeping the band busy.

City of Napier – Ian Mansfield - struggling, no drummers, but learners.

NZ Police – Malcolm Galloway – band working hard, planning to tour next year

Scots College – Bob Irvine – many parades coming up. Camp prior to Turakina being planned. Preparing to tour Scotland, not going to Dunedin.

Feilding & Districts – Doug Corkill - working towards the contest season

City of Hastings – Ken Tobin - fundraising concert/dinner planned for mid January at the Angus Inn. The recent concert series made a small profit.

Pipes & Drums of Wellington Scottish – Reg Todd – slowly getting together

City of Wellington - Ted Wilce – would like to attend contests, looking positive

City of Wanganui – Barry Treadwell - practicing towards Turakina. Good growth in a year – very positive.

Marton & Districts – John Berry – weekly practices under way. Plan to compete at Turakina.

5WWCT Regiment Band – want to get back on the map. Played at the Tattoo recently.

Wairarapa Fern & Thistle – John Frater – marking time. Christmas Parades and special celebrations coming up. Combined Brass and Pipe Band venture featuring junior members of both bands. Not competing this year.

Rangitikei Scots - Hamish Loveridge – plan to be at Square Day, Turakina and Hutt Valley. Involved in recent community events e.g. Taihape Huntaway Day. On 11 February an Historic Highland Day at the Murchison Homestead will see the band playing, soloists, artists and the gardens open to the public as a special fundraising event.

Drones and Sticks Club - have completed a successful concert series, and have a full calendar of parades leading up to Christmas. Keen to involve young people in Centre education activities.

**General Business:**

The RNZPBA Funds – The Centre needs to consider how best to use this resource.

A Development camp could be run during the winter months to good effect.

The Secretary is collating responses from Judges and will coordinate with the Chief Judge to compile a team.

Mr Todd gained approval to bring to the next meeting a proposal to establish a Centre Trust Fund in order to protect the Centre Education Fund. This is in line with what other Centres have done. (R. Todd / E. Wilce).

The next meeting will be held on 24 March, 2007.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES ON SQUARE DAY** to the Square, or to 7 Woburn Place.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Briar Hamilton  
The Secretary

**Dates for 2007:**

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

# RETURN OF TROPHIES

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES  
ON**

## **SQUARE DAY**

**DELIVER THEM TO THE SECRETARY'S TENT on the  
Square, OR TO 7 WOBURN PLACE, PALMERSTON  
NORTH**

**Our Records suggest \_\_\_\_\_  
has the following trophies:**

**Please search for, locate, clean, and return these trophies.  
Phone Briar @ 06 356 4375**