



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND PIPE BANDS ASSOCIATION (INC)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **HELD IN PALMERSTON NORTH ON THE 10th MARCH 2016 AT 6.15PM**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	President	A Macgregor (in the Chair)
	Management Board	I Blakeley, Mrs P Wilson
	Management Group Leaders	K Marshall (Contests) C Stevens (Publications and Communication) G Carroll (Promotion)
	Executive Officer	Mrs K Wilson
	Centres represented:	Canterbury, Taranaki, Southland, Auckland, Wellington HB, CNI
	Bands represented:	City of Invercargill, Wellington Red Hackle, McAlpines North Canterbury, Manawatu Scottish No's 1, 2 and 3, Auckland and Districts, Canterbury Cale Grades 2 and 4, Canterbury Cale Grade 1, St Andrews College A and B, City of Nelson, Auckland Police Pipe Band, Chch Metropolitan, City of New Plymouth, Scottish Society of NZ.
	Life Members:	J Shepherd
	Others:	Chris Earl (APBA)

APOLOGIES: I McAteer (Life Member), L Flockton (Life Member), M Hurrell,
M Marshall, N Foster (Life Member), D Stevens, R Smith, A Cameron, M
Venables, B Gilchrist, H Gilchrist.
B Hamilton (for lateness)

The apologies were sustained.

WELCOME: The President welcomed Band and Centre delegates to the meeting, with a special welcome to Life Members.
A special welcome was also extended to the new Australian President Chris Earl.

He then asked the meeting to observe a moment of silence in memory of members who had passed away within the past year.

- Don Sargent (Judge), David Boyle

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Nelson on 13th March 2015 having been circulated were taken as read and adopted.

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MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Elections were not required, Mr A Macgregor being the only nominee for the Presidency and Mr I Blakeley's Board position was not contested.

The Management Board for 2016 therefore is:

- **President: Mr Allister Macgregor**
- **Management Board: Mrs Penny Wilson and Mr Iain Blakeley.**

Mrs P Wilson's Board position will be up for nomination at the end of 2016 as she will not be standing for re-election.

MANAGEMENT GROUP LEADERS:

At its annual review and planning meeting, held in November 2015, the following were appointed leaders for 2016:

Administration & Finance:	Mr Murray Venables
Contests:	Mr Kerry Marshall
Communication & Publication:	Mr Chris Stevens
Magazine Editor:	Mr Liam Kernaghan
Education:	Mrs Sheran Hancock
Promotions:	Mr Grant Carroll

The President thanked everyone for the work undertaken during the year.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Unaudited financial statements for the year had been circulated with the Annual Report. The audit had since been carried out and the auditor's certificate was tabled.

The President thanked the Management Group Leaders and their teams for their input.

Thanks were also given to the Centre Presidents for the work undertaken in each area of NZ.

Main points of note were:-

- Budget - A surplus of \$ 8,634.00 has been achieved
- \$40,000.00 was shifted to the Charitable Trust as recorded at the last AGM. The Charitable Trust was set up 3-4 years ago, income for the Trust is accrued interest only.
- Worlds – great to see a number of Bands once again represent NZ at the Worlds.
- Nelson Contest 2015 was a great success.
- Centre Contests – while running ok – more emphasis is needed from the Board on the North and South Island Contest format.
- Programmes – National Youth Band had another successful year.
- Summer School – proceeded at new venue and with a new format.
- All Programmes were confirmed that they will not be run if funds are not available.

The 2015 Annual Report and Financial Statements were adopted.

A MACGREGOR / K ROBERTSON

AUDITORS: Ainger Tomlin were appointed auditors for 2016. The process for auditing the 2015 accounts was once again a smooth one.

A MACGREGOR / I JEPHSON

RATIFICATION OF NAME CHANGES, RESIGNATIONS & NEW MEMBERS:

The following resignations were recorded with regret:

City of Napier

Queenstown and Southern Lakes Highland Pipe Band

Delegates were reminded that a Band must be financial at the time of registering their intention to resign.

The following new members were recorded:

Wellington Red Hackle Pipe Band (Grade 4)

Napier Pipe Band (Grade 4)

R MILLER / I JEPHSON

The following name changes were also recorded:

City of Sails Pipe Band (Grade 4)

As informal changes – no ratification was required at the meeting.

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Kevin Nally presented an application to hold the 2018 National Contest in Rotorua.

Promotional information to support the proposal was circulated at the meeting.

Following the presentation and discussion, J Shepherd moved:-

“That the City of Rotorua Pipe Band run the 2018 NZ National Contest on the suggested dates of the 8th and 9th March 2018.”

J SHEPHERD / C FRASER

2016 ANNUAL PLAN:

The Plan for 2016, having been circulated, was summarised by the President who began by stating that the key strategies for this coming year were:

- Membership – key focus on maintaining numbers
- Technology – ensuring the Association utilises availability
- Centre Review – travelling Roadshow during 2016
- Contest Group – implementing review of the Rules
- Project Activities – are to be user pay
- Education Group – very active year
- Judges Forum 2016 – will be online
- Communications and Publications – Liam Kernaghan was thanked at the meeting for his effort in producing the magazine
- Contest Group – Feilding Contest format is innovative for 2016, the Board supports this innovation and will review the Contest format after the event.
- International adjudicators are very supportive of our National Contest, both keen to judge and attend. Live streaming of this year’s Nationals is exciting.
- A decision on the format of Nelson 2017 Contest will follow from 2016 weekend.

- Admin and Finance – Xero is underway now, proving more efficient for all concerned.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

The Board proposed that the annual subscription paid by Member Bands remained as previous year set at \$390.50 + GST, rebated to \$331.10 if paid by 30 June 2016.

College Bands would continue to pay 50% of the full subscription. The capitation levy also remained at \$20.35 + GST per playing member reduced to \$13.95 + GST if paid by 30 June 2016.

The Annual Plan for 2016 incorporating the subscription and capitation levies was adopted.

A MACGREGOR / M ROBINSON

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Mr Chris Earl, the new President of the Australian Pipe Bands ‘Association thanked the RNZPBA for hosting him at our National Contest and spoke about his goals and aspirations moving forward from 2016. Australia’s Contest Planning is confirmed out to 2024. Chris spoke about his excitement of the weekend ahead, in relation to incorporating the highland dancing and wider circle of Scottish life which encaptures a greater circle of families to the National Contest.
2. Briar Hamilton – spoke about the Centres representation at Conferences and how Bands Centre membership is a choice.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm

CONFIRMED: _____

DATE: _____