

Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

Midlands Branch

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Chairman: Mr D. Frith

Vice Chairman: Mr J Wright

Treasurer: Mr R. Anderson

Secretary:

MINUTES OF 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15th DECEMBER 2010 AT
THE St MARY AND St JOHN SCHOOL, ERDINGTON, B23 6BQ.

Bands in attendance: West Midlands Fire Service. Birmingham Irish. Wolverhampton.
Beeston. Ashbourne.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.15 pm.

The minutes of the 42nd AGM were accepted subject to the recording of the following amendments: Proposed: Birmingham Irish. Seconded: Wolverhampton.

1. Music Board report: **Northern Ireland Branch ONLY** is holding a trial of a Leading Drummer and 2 drummers from a higher grade to play with a lower grade band at local contests only.

Should read: **Northern Ireland Branch ONLY** is holding a trial of 1 drummer from a higher grade band to play with a grade 4 band at local contests only. This is an extension of the rule that allows a piper from a higher grade band to play as Pipe Major or Assistant Pipe Major of a grade 4 band.

2. Election of officers. Vice Chairman – Bill Grigg. Should read Vice Chairman – John Wright.

Branch Officers reports: Full transcripts of Officers reports were published under the heading - **Midlands Branch. Annual report and accounts.** Each report was subject to a vote of acceptance. Reports will be posted on the news page of the branch website.

Secretary's report: Proposed: Birmingham Irish. Seconded: Beeston.

Treasurers' report: Proposed: WMFS. Seconded: Beeston.

Education Officers report: Proposed: Wolverhampton. Seconded: Birmingham Irish: A vote of thanks to Nicky was taken. A call for more pipers to attend the current course was made and for bands to submit further names to Nicky.

Music Board report: Proposed: Birmingham Irish. Seconded: WMFS.

Chairman's report: Proposed: Beeston. Seconded: Wolverhampton.

National Councillors report: Proposed: WMFS. Seconded: Birmingham Irish.

All votes of acceptance were unanimous.

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Once again John stated that he would like to step down as branch representative on the Music Board. It was noted that John is the sole Music Board representative for the branch.

The election of Officers standing down under the two-year rule then took place.

The Vice Chairman took the chair for the election of Chairman.

Chairman: Davie Frith. Proposed: Birmingham Irish. Seconded: Wolverhampton.

The Chairman then resumed the chair.

Treasurer: Bert Anderson. Proposed: Birmingham Irish. Seconded: Beeston.

The vote for election to each post and ratification of all Officers was unanimous.

It was agreed that the vote for the election of National Councillor should take place at the 44th AGM.

Ric thanked those present for the presentation of the finest on the occasion of his retirement as Secretary.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.