



The Pipe Bands' Association of Southern Africa

Minutes of the Exco Committee

13 February 2023

Present

Joshua Hogg
Malcolm Chadwick
Rory Bellingan
Grant Scheffel
Andy Dippenaar

Apologies

Charles Canning
Angus Nixon
Rob Du Toit

Chaired by: Joshua Hogg

Minutes: Grant Scheffel

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Joshua Hogg opened the meeting at 18H00 on Zoom.

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from 16th January were approved.

- Feedback From Previous meeting
- There has been some progress on the Hall of Fame – but will give further feedback in the upcoming weeks.
- Central Repository now in place – and access passed to stakeholders.
- Mailing List and Group communications in place and working well.
- New Website in progress with Andy working on designs and concepts. Estimated at +/- 3 weeks to complete design and an additional 3-4 weeks to implement designs.

3. Correspondence

Noel Pratten – Raised Online Drum Majors competition/Cape Gatherings - Joshua will respond as to the previous decisions and plan for 2024 gathering bid as previously discussed and will further be emailed out before the pirates gathering.

Adrian Haddow – Raised his Concerns about Open Format/Recording of Bands - There has been several emails and questions raised by Adrian to Rory and Joshua. Currently there are open emails to Adrian between the EXCO and discussing further. For 2023, the PBASA believes, that in our environment, we don't want to get stale and hence wanting to try new things in a smaller environment. Joshua to draft some ideas around this to further distribute to the bands and emphasize it something new to try at 2 gatherings and not changing the existing system and based on success or changes and adjust it for the new year. Rory and Joshua to put details together and EXCO to share with the bands from there.

Beverly Leahy – PBASA and Highland Dancers (OBHD(SA) & GHDA) - Received official email welcome and mentioned like the piping fraternity the numbers are down for dancers and open email to encourage and collaborate between with the PBASA. The dancers also offered adult dancers to attend our events. Joshua to reply with ideas.

4. Matters Arising

Vaal Gathering - contacted Rory with regards to the original Venue - but doesn't seem possible in 2023 and will relook again in 2024.

It was noted by Andy, Grant and Rory that we did not want to flood members with emails and for announcements would try consolidating a weekly email. PBASA Entries and Masterclass emails to remain separate to members.

Confirmation was given to send Masterclass Schedules and confirmed the registration form is correct. Masterclass details being firmed up and emails and promotion to be sent this week. Catering to be dealt with on the day as needed and sponsored by the PBASA. Cutoff date for registrations 22nd Feb 2023.

Rory has sent the latest financials for January to EXCO for review.

Rory to work with Joshua on some further ideas to send the bands on the new proposed competition formats and educate on the plan going forward.

Joshua and Malcolm to get costs on recording of the gatherings and what it would cost to buy or hire the equipment or alternatively hire someone to record these. The idea would be to share these with overseas judges to provide feedback and pointers to bands to assist them in growing.

5. Other Items

With the meeting drawing to close the other agenda items were held over for future discussion. It was suggested these be picked up over emails as required.

6. Closing

The meeting was closed at 19h30 by Joshua Hogg and the next meeting date set for 06th March 2023 @ 18h00.