



The Pipe Bands' Association of Southern Africa

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held online
on Monday 17 April 2023

Present

Joshua Hogg (Chairman)
Rory Bellingan (Minutes)
Malcolm Chadwick

Apologies

Charles Canning
Andy Dippenaar
Robert du Toit
Angus Nixon
Grant Scheffel

1. Welcome

- The Chairman, Joshua Hogg, opened the meeting at 18h00.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- Proposed : Rory Bellingan
- Seconded : Joshua Hogg

3. Matters Arising

- It was noted that issues arising from the minutes of the last meeting would be dealt with during the course of the meeting.

4. Open Format Contest

- It was noted that only one response had been provided after Joshua Hogg had sent a letter to all bands with respect to the Open Format Contest and requesting comments thereon.
- It was discussed doing the OFC at the forthcoming Jeppe Gathering.
- It was agreed by the members of the meeting to do so but without incurring any cost.
- OFC would go ahead at the Jeppe Gathering without any form of platform.
- Rory Bellingan tasked with providing a layout specifically related to the Jeppe Gathering.

5. Membership

- Rory Bellingan confirmed that all registration forms and payments had been received.

6. Gathering Bids 2024

- Rory Bellingan confirmed that all previous documentation on gatherings bids had been saved on the Google Drive.
- Documentation to be revised and gathering bid document to be sent out.

7. Pirates Gathering

- Based on feedback received, it was concluded that the Pirates Gathering had been a successful day.
- In particular, many people, both audience and participants, commented positively on the new format tried on the day where band and dancing competitions alternated. Certainly, something that can be done again.
- There was a suggestion that more stalls could add to the excitement of that day as well as considering some post-gathering entertainment – the venue lends itself to this.

8. Adjudication

- The Trainee Adjudicator programme kicked in at the Pirates Gathering and was very successful. It was agreed to ensure that this happens at each gathering going forward with the intention of setting up the PDQB exams later in the season.
- A Trainee Adjudicators' seminar, as well as refresher for existing adjudicators, was proposed for Saturday, 20 May 2023.
- The proposal of having two ensemble adjudicators per event, where one is from a drumming background and one from a piping background, has been put on hold for the moment while we consolidate our judging panel.
- Adjudicators for the Jeppe Gathering to be made aware of the OFC that is going to be tested on the day.

9. South Coast Highland Gathering

- Rory Bellingan confirmed that all is on track for the big weekend ahead.

10. Closing

- Joshua Hogg thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 19h25.